

SESSION OF 2011

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 8**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Education

**Brief\***

SB 8 would amend K.S.A. 75-7201 to increase the minimum cost of university technology projects from \$250,000 to \$1.0 million or more, including \$500,000 or more from external sources, before the university is required to obtain the approval of the Department of Administration's Chief Information Technology Officer.

**Background**

The Kansas Board of Regents testified that currently, state university projects that will cost above \$250,000 must be approved by the Department of Administration's Chief Information Technology Officer. Significant changes in technology costs have made this a low threshold for projects and the proposed amendments would reduce the reporting burden and staff costs. Other proponents for the bill included the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas State University, and Emporia State University.

There was no opponent testimony against the bill.

According to the fiscal note, SB 8 would change the definition of "Information Technology Project" related to state universities under the control of the Board of Regents. The bill would increase the minimum cost from \$250,000 to \$1.0 million or more, including \$500,000 or more from external sources, before approval would be required by the Executive

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Chief Information Technology Officer in the Department of Administration. The bill also would exclude infrastructure projects at the state universities from the definition of Information Technology Project. The Board of Regents notes that reducing the reporting burden would result in reduced overhead costs.