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## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 8

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

### **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. Exceptions to provisions of the bill include new equipment, software or data, consulting or other professional services exceeding \$250,000 but less than \$1.0 million which would be required to comply with the information technology architecture adopted by the Information Technology Executive Council and each calendar quarter the state university would be required to file a high-level information technology plan for these projects with the Chief Information Technology Officer including a risk assessment and management plan. In addition, any information technology project exceeding \$250,000 and funded by moneys from the Kansas Universal Service Fund would be required to obtain approval from 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

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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>

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.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill adding the following exceptions. Exceptions to provisions of the bill include new equipment, software or data, consulting or other professional services exceeding \$250,000 but less than \$1.0 million which would be required to comply with the information technology architecture adopted by the Information Technology Executive Council and each calendar quarter the state university would be required to file a high-level information technology plan for these projects with the Chief Information Technology Officer including a risk assessment and management plan. In addition, any information technology project exceeding \$250,000 and funded by moneys from the Kansas Universal Service Fund would be required to obtain approval from the Department of Administration's Chief Information Technology Officer.

According to the fiscal note on the original bill, 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 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.