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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2193

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2193 would update a federal reference in existing state law concerning disability accessibility standards for public facilities. The change would make the state law consistent with the current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Background

A representative from the Department for Children and Families testified in support of the bill, stating the bill would update the state law to reflect federal changes and ensure regulatory certainty. Existing state law does not contain any reference to the 2008 federal amendments to the ADA. A representative from the Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns also testified in support of the bill, saying passage of the bill would create a single state standard for disability accessibility standards.

There was no neutral or opponent testimony on the bill at the House Committee hearing.

According to the fiscal note, the League of Kansas Municipalities has indicated passage of the bill would increase costs for cities, which would have to adjust to a number of significant changes in the 2008 ADA amendments. The League of Municipalities could not determine how many cities would be affected by passage of the bill and, therefore, the exact fiscal effect cannot be determined.

*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>