

SESSION OF 2013

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 164

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 164 would create the statutory mechanism to allow the Department of Revenue (DOR) to contract out to a person, partnership, corporation, local or county government, county treasurer, or other state agency any services associated with vehicle functions. The bill would allow DOR to appoint contractors to perform functions relating to certificates of title, driver's licenses, division issued identification cards, and personal property taxation duties.

For services related to the application, processing, auditing, and distribution of original or renewal vehicle registrations, DOR first must determine that a county treasurer has failed to maintain minimum standards of practice and service, as determined by DOR, before a contractor may be appointed.

The Secretary of Revenue would be authorized to adopt rules and regulations to implement and administer contracts with county treasurers and contractors to perform vehicle functions and establish minimum standards and practices for vehicle functions. Any DOR order suspending or revoking a county treasurer's responsibility to perform vehicle functions must include requirements for the county treasurer's reinstatement.

*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>

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Transportation Committee at the request of DOR. In the Senate Transportation Committee, the Director of Vehicles testified in support of the bill. She explained the bill was introduced pursuant to the recommendations made by the 2012 Governor's DMV Task Force. Proponent testimony also was received from a representative from the Kansas County Treasurers Association.

A representative from AAA Allied Group offered neutral testimony on the bill.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to clarify that DOR could appoint contractors to perform some or all vehicle functions and to provide that DOR could appoint a contractor who is not a county treasurer for vehicle registrations only if it found the county treasurer failed to comply with certain requirements, as outlined in the bill. Further amendments were made to remove "motor" from all references to "motor vehicle," to make the bill consistent with statutory references to "vehicle."

The Senate Committee of the Whole made a technical amendment to the bill.

The House Committee on Transportation received proponent testimony from a representative of DOR. No neutral or opponent testimony was offered.

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The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill indicated passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect.