

SESSION OF 2014

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 99

As Amended by Senate Committee on Ethics
and Elections

Brief*

SB 99 would increase the threshold, from \$100 to \$500 in any calendar year, below which a person spending money on activity that meets the definition of lobbying would not be required to register as a lobbyist. The current exemption of personal travel and subsistence expenses from this threshold amount would remain intact.

Background

According to the Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (KGEC), the bill was recommended by the KGEC in its 2012 Annual Report and Recommendations. The written testimony submitted by the KGEC Executive Director stated the recommendation was made due to inflation, because the threshold amount had not changed since the law's inception in 1974. Orally, the Executive Director testified regarding a specific individual who spent an amount over \$200 on a single newspaper advertisement that met the definition of lobbying, but the individual had conducted no other lobbying activities; the individual had been required to register as a lobbyist.

No other conferees testified.

The Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections adopted a technical amendment to the bill.

*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>

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill, the KGEC reports passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency.