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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2010

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2010, as amended, would require the Legislative Division of Post Audit (LPA) to conduct information technology audits, as directed by the Legislative Post Audit Committee.

Information technology audit work could include assessment of security systems and continuous audits of ongoing information technology projects of any state agency or entity subject to financial or performance compliance audit requirements in current law (e.g. local subdivisions of government or agencies that receive money from or through the State, persons who receive grants or gifts from or through the State, and persons regulated or licensed by a State agency who operate for the benefit of a State institution, with the exception of utilities.).

The bill also would authorize the LPA to communicate the findings of these audits, outside of the regularly scheduled meetings, to the Legislative Post Audit Committee, the Joint Committee on Information Technology (JCIT), and the governmental branch Chief Information Technology Officers (CITOs) in certain circumstances.

Background

Under current law, State information technology (IT) projects have three levels of oversight including the Enterprise Project Management Office with the Office of

*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>

Information Technology Services (OITS), the CITO for each branch of government, and periodic reports by the Legislative CITO to the JCIT.

The bill was introduced by the Legislative Post Audit Committee. The Legislative Post Auditor testified in support of the bill at the House Appropriations Committee hearing. The Post Auditor indicated, despite the three levels of oversight, many recent State of Kansas IT projects had experienced significant cost overruns, including the Department of Labor Unemployment Insurance Modernization Project and the Kansas Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle System vehicle and licensing upgrade project.

The bill was amended by the House Appropriations Committee to clarify that any IT system maintained or administered by a State agency may be audited, in addition to other entities that do business with the State. The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to remove provisions allowing LPA to engage in data mining of electronic records in order to examine records for waste, fraud, and abuse, as well as other issues, as directed by the Legislative Post Audit Committee.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates the bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal impact. According to LPA, any additional audit work performed as a result of the enactment of the bill would be done by its existing staff.