

SESSION OF 2015

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2085**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2085 would amend provisions related to the relationship between the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) in these ways:

- The bill would designate the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) as the director of the KTA. Currently the Secretary is the director of operations for the KTA. The bill also would remove a July 1, 2016, sunset on the Secretary being in that position;
- The bill would remove a July 1, 2016, effective date for provisions authorizing the Secretary and KTA to contract with each other (generally, allowing KTA to contract with KDOT for use of KDOT resources for certain types of work related to KTA projects), allowing the provisions to become effective with the bill; and
- The bill would remove a July 1, 2016, sunset date for a section of law authorizing the KTA and the Secretary to take actions to minimize duplication of effort.

The bill also would change a KTA reporting requirement. Currently, the KTA is to make an annual report to the Governor before March 31, for the preceding calendar year.

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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>

The bill would require the report be made prior to the tenth day of each regular legislative session and to cover the preceding fiscal year.

### **Background**

The Secretary of Transportation and the Chief Executive Officer of the KTA testified in support of the bill. The Secretary provided a listing of joint KDOT and KTA activities since the enactment of 2013 HB 2234 that have resulted in overall cost savings; 2013 HB 2234 provisions allowed increased cooperation between KDOT and the KTA. A representative of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association provided neutral testimony. There was no opponent testimony.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, KDOT indicates passage of the bill could result in operational efficiencies and savings between KDOT and the KTA but KDOT could not estimate the amount of potential savings. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.