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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2112

As Amended by House Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2112 would allow the Board of Trustees of a county law library to authorize the chief judge of the judicial district to use fees collected pursuant to the statute governing the establishment of county law libraries for the purpose of facilitating and enhancing functions of the district court of the county. Johnson and Sedgwick Counties, however, would not be included in these provisions. Further, judges would be prohibited from participating in any such decision to authorize the use of fees.

Background

In the House Judiciary Committee, representatives of the 8th Judicial District and Chase County offered testimony in support of the bill, which had been recommended by the House Judiciary Committee during the 2014 Legislative Session (HB 2651). A representative of the Johnson County Law Library appeared as an opponent. Representatives of the Sedgwick and Douglas county law libraries offered written neutral testimony.

The House Committee amended the bill to prohibit judges from participating in decisions to authorize the use of such fees and to exclude Johnson and Sedgwick Counties.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates passage of the bill would have no effect on county budgets, but would allow unused funding to assist district courts.

*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>