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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2163

As Amended by Senate Committee on Local
Government

Brief*

HB 2163 would expand the definition of “municipality” in KSA 12-2908, which allows contracts between municipalities to include a school district. Currently, only “a city, county, or township” is included in the definition.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Local Government. Proponents testifying in the House Committee included representatives of the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners, the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB), and the League of Kansas Municipalities. Proponents said expanding the definition of municipality in this statute would create more opportunities for cooperative efforts by local governmental entities, thereby enhancing efficiencies, expertise, and cost savings. Contracting was described as a more streamlined method for municipalities to coordinate than *via* interlocal agreements.

There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

The House Committee on Local Government amended the bill to include water districts in the definition of municipalities in KSA 12-2908.

Proponents testifying before the Senate Committee on Local Government were representatives of the Johnson

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County Board of County Commissioners and the KASB. No neutral or opposing testimony was received.

The Senate Committee on Local Government amended the bill to delete all new additions to the definition of "municipality" except school districts. Deleted were library, road, water, drainage, sewer, and fire districts, leaving only school districts in addition to those in current law.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, indicates the Kansas Association of Counties believes passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on counties. According to the League of Kansas Municipalities, passage of the bill could result in some yet-unknown cost savings for districts that enter into interlocal agreements because it would permit those districts to enter into contracts for services with other public entities.