

SESSION OF 2016

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2513**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Appropriations

**Brief\***

Sub. for HB 2513 would provide that the duration of regular sessions of the Legislature held in odd-numbered years could not exceed 75 calendar days, unless by an affirmative vote of the members of each house. The duration of regular sessions of the Legislature held in even-numbered years could not exceed 60 calendar days, unless by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of each house.

The bill also would provide that, in the event the Governor submits a budget to the Legislature in an even-numbered year that does not include a recommendation for all state agencies including the current year and two fiscal years (a Biennial Budget), the session in the even year will be extended from 60 days to 75 days. Such a session could be extended beyond 75 days by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of each house.

**Background**

In the House Appropriations Committee, Representative Kleeb and Senator Holland testified as proponents of the original bill. The legislators stated the *Kansas Constitution* intended the State to have a part-time legislature, however, recent sessions have taken much more time than intended. Emphasis was placed on prioritizing time, and focusing on the

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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>

real issues and needs of the State. There was no neutral or opponent testimony on the bill.

The House Appropriations Committee amended the bill to extend the session from 60 to 75 days in odd-numbered years to allow for review of state agency budgets. The Committee also amended the bill to extend the length of even-numbered year sessions to 75 days if the Governor does not submit a Biennial Budget. The amendments were incorporated into a substitute bill.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill, reducing session length from 90 days to 60 days would reduce State General Fund expenditures by approximately \$1.6 million. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The Governor's Budget Report for FY 2017*.

A fiscal note was not available for the substitute bill.