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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2696**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

HB 2696 would amend language governing where university police officers (UPOs) may exercise their powers as UPOs to mirror similar provisions in the same statute that govern campus police officers (CPOs). The bill would allow UPOs to exercise their powers as UPOs:

- On property occupied by the state educational institution or municipal university, a board of trustees of the state educational institution, an endowment association, an affiliated corporation, an athletic association, or a fraternity, sorority, or other student group associated with the state educational institution or municipal university;
- On property owned or operated by an affiliated corporation; and
- At the site of a function or academic program sponsored by the state education institution.

Similarly, the bill would replace language allowing UPOs to exercise their powers on streets, property, and highways immediately adjacent to the campus of the state educational institution or municipal university with language allowing the exercise of their powers on streets, property, and highways immediately adjacent to and coterminous with these properties. Again, this language would mirror that governing CPOs.

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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>

Further, the bill would allow UPOs employed by the University of Kansas (KU) Medical Center, pursuant to a written agreement between the KU Hospital Authority and the KU Medical Center, to exercise their powers as law enforcement officers on property owned, occupied, or operated by the University of Kansas Healthcare System or the KU Hospital Authority.

The bill would make similar amendments to the statute authorizing state educational institutions to employ UPOs.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced in the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of Representative Davis. At the House Committee hearing on the bill, the Chief of Police of KU Medical Center appeared in support of the bill. A representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Kansas Sheriffs' Association offered written testimony in support of the bill. There was no opponent or neutral testimony.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill would have no impact on KU or the Board of Regents.