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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 313

As Amended by House Committee on Veterans,
Military and Homeland Security

Brief*

SB 313 would amend provisions in the Legislative Post Audit Act governing distribution of information technology audits conducted by the Legislative Division of Post Audit.

The bill would require the completed reports be furnished to both the controlling officer or body and the chief information technology officer of the branch of government in which the entity being audited is located.

The bill would not change existing provisions that require distribution to the entity being audited, the Legislative Post Audit Committee, the Joint Committee on Information Technology, and other persons as required by law or by specifications of the audit, or as directed by the Legislative Post Audit Committee.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Legislative Post Audit Committee. In the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Legislative Post Auditor testified in support of the bill noting the proposed bill would limit the distribution of confidential information technology security audits to the agency, the appropriate branch chief information technology officer, the Legislative Post Audit Committee, and the Joint Committee on Information Technology.

*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 Senate Committee recommended the bill be passed and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Legislative Post Auditor testified in support of the bill to the House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security. The Post Auditor testified the intent of the bill was to limit the distribution of confidential information technology security audits so the information contained in the reports will not be easily available to hackers. There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

The House Committee amended the bill to specify the audit reports would be distributed to the Governor, the Legislative Coordinating Council, or the Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court, depending on whether the agency being audited is in the executive branch, the legislative branch, or the judicial branch of state government.

There was no fiscal note available at the time of the Committee hearings. However, a fiscal note submitted by the Division of the Budget on the introduced version of HB 2442, which was identical to the introduced version of SB 313, indicated the bill would have no fiscal effect.