

SESSION OF 2016

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 395**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 395 would limit the duration of regular legislative sessions held in odd-numbered years to no more than 100 calendar days and in even-numbered years to no more than 60 calendar days. These sessions could be extended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to each chamber.

The bill would amend the statute governing compensation of legislators to set legislator compensation at \$5,400 for regular session in even-numbered years and at \$8,800 for regular session in odd-numbered years. The director of Legislative Administrative Services would be directed to determine payment of these amounts as a sum paid per pay period on a per-calendar-day basis, using the maximum calendar days set for the regular session. The bill would make additional conforming amendments in statutes governing compensation of legislative officers, compensation for legislative business when not in session, and travel and subsistence allowances to reflect the changes described above. The bill also would make technical amendments to standardize style and references.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of Senator King. In the hearing before

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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>

the Senate Committee, Senator King testified in support of the bill. There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the compensation cost for 165 legislators for a 100-day session in odd-numbered years would be \$1,452,000, which would be an increase of \$135,399 over the cost of a 90-day session. The compensation cost for 165 legislators for a 60-day session in even-numbered years would be \$891,000, which would be a savings of \$425,601 from the cost of a 90-day session. Any fiscal effect is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.