

SESSION OF 2016

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 395

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

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.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of Senator King. As introduced, the bill also contained provisions establishing legislator compensation as an annual amount, rather than on a daily basis. In the hearing before the Senate Committee, Senator King testified in support of the bill. There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to remove the legislator compensation provisions.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, 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. (Note: these amounts may change slightly with the amendments by

*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 of the Whole.) Any fiscal effect is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.