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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2170

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2170 would require a bicycle in use at nighttime to be equipped on the rear with either a red reflector visible from 100 feet to 600 feet or a lamp emitting a red light visible from 500 feet. Current law requires both and also a lamp on the front emitting white light.

Background

The Undersheriff of Lyon County testified in support of the bill in the House Committee on Transportation hearing. He stated a light-emitting device (lamp) is the best option when cycling in low light or night conditions and using such a device is common practice for cyclists in Kansas. He also noted the absence of one of these items under current law has been used in the vehicle driver's defense after striking a cyclist from behind. No other testimony was presented.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

*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>