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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 314

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 314 would add “township” to the definition of “municipality,” and would add “township board” to the definition of “governing body” to allow a township, as well as a city or county as in current law, to transfer funds into a special highway improvement fund. Under continuing law, moneys in such a fund are dedicated for construction or reconstruction of highways, bridges, roads and streets, and necessary incidental facilities.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means at the request of Senator Schmidt on behalf of officers of Mission Township. In the Senate Committee hearing, Senator Schmidt and a representative of Mission Township testified as proponents. They requested a township be authorized to create a road construction reserve fund.

No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated, as the number of townships that would use the provisions of the bill is unknown. According to the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Kansas Association of Counties, and the League of Kansas Municipalities, the bill would have no fiscal effect on the state or other local governments. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report*.

*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>