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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2559**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Elections

**Brief\***

HB 2559 would require individuals who receive notices sent by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (Commission) regarding failure to register as a lobbyist or file any required report or statement to comply with such requirements within five days from the date such notice is deposited in the mail. After this five-day period, such individuals would be subject to civil penalties as set in continuing law. Current law provides such individuals have five days from the date of receipt of such notices from the Commission to comply.

The bill would also require lobbyists who receive notices sent by the Commission regarding incorrect or incomplete reports or failure to provide, within 30 days from the date such notice is deposited in the mail, the required information to file an amended report correcting such deficiencies. After this 30-day period, such lobbyists would be subject to civil penalties and revocation of the lobbyist's registration as set in continuing law. Current law provides such lobbyists have 30 days from the date of receipt of such notices from the Commission to file an amended report.

**Background**

The bill was introduced in the House Committee on Elections by Representative Blake Carpenter on behalf of the Commission.

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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>

In the House Committee hearing, the Executive Director of the Governmental Ethics Commission testified as a proponent, stating the bill would provide consistency between lobbyist reporting laws and the Campaign Finance Act so the grace period (5 or 30 days) would begin on the day the Commission notice is mailed.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Commission indicates enactment of the bill would not have a measurable fiscal effect on agency operations. The Office of the Secretary of State indicates enactment of the bill would not have any fiscal effect on agency operations.