

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2098

As Recommended by House Committee on
Insurance

Brief*

HB 2098 would add “and any other legal entity under the jurisdiction of the commissioner” to the definition of “person” in statute pertaining to insurance laws and enforcement. The change would allow for entities that are currently under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Insurance to be more accurately reflected in statute.

The bill would also make technical changes.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Insurance at the request of the Kansas Insurance Department (Department). [Note: A companion bill, SB 18, has been introduced in the Senate.]

House Committee on Insurance

In the House Committee hearing, proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Department. The representative explained the additional language proposed in the bill would help ensure the Commissioner of Insurance can pursue statutory penalties against entities in violation of state insurance law.

No other testimony was provided.

*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>

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Department states that enactment of the bill would broaden the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Insurance to include entities such as utilization review organizations, pharmacy benefit managers, and self-funded workers compensation. The Department states that the broadened scope of enforcement could increase operating expenditures; however, any additional expenditures could be absorbed within existing resources.

Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

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