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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2196**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

HB 2196 would add a subsection to KSA 59-29a06, providing that in commitment proceedings for sexually violent predators, the parties are permitted to call expert witnesses. Consistent with KSA 60-456, which governs testimony in the form of an opinion, the facts or data upon which an expert witness bases an opinion or inference could be perceived or made known to the expert at or before the hearing. Further, the bill would provide that when the facts or data are of a type reasonably relied on by experts in the particular field in forming inferences or opinions on the subject, they would not have to be admissible in evidence for the inference or opinion to be admissible.

**Background**

In the House Committee on Judiciary, a representative of the Attorney General's Office appeared in support of HB 2196. No opponents offered testimony.

The fiscal note for HB 2196 indicates passage of the bill would have no effect on the Judiciary.

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