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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2035

As Recommended by House Committee on
Local Government

Brief*

HB 2035 would change the education requirement for certain contractors who elect to satisfy part of the licensing requirement for their profession with trade-related schooling, as allowed by statute.

The bill would change the educational requirement from 240 hours classroom training to 930 program hours documented by a certificate of completion.

The change would affect plumbers seeking a journeyman certificate; electricians seeking a journeyman or residential certificate; and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) mechanics seeking a journeyman HVAC mechanic certificate in counties or cities that require licensing of those positions.

Background

Representative Weber testified in support of the bill, indicating it was developed by a statewide coalition of stakeholders and tradespeople to update statutory language to reflect current education practices within the industry. He stated technical schools are graduating students from programs based on completion of at least 930 program hours, which includes classroom time and job training. The statutory requirement of 240 classroom hours is not consistent with the way training programs are currently structured. Other

*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>

proponents included representatives of the Kansas Building Industry Association, Kansas Mechanical Trade Stakeholders, and the the Plumbing Association of Central Kansas. Written testimony in support of the bill was received from the Johnson County Contractor Licensing Program.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget indicated the Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities stated the bill would have no fiscal effect on local governments.