

SESSION OF 2013

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2296

As Recommended by House Committee on
Elections

Brief*

HB 2296 would amend the Campaign Finance Act to explicitly authorize campaign funds to be used for donations to a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization or any religious organization. The change would expand current law, which allows use of campaign funds for donations to a community service or civic organization.

Background

Representative DeGraff testified in support of the bill in the House Committee on Elections. He described it as an attempt to clarify existing statutory language regarding donations to a community service or civic organization. He indicated he believed legislative intent was to allow use of campaign funds to support charitable causes, and passage of the bill would allow donations to Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, a church, or a Lion's Club pancake feed, for example.

There was no other testimony on the bill.

The fiscal note submitted by the Division of the Budget said the Governmental Ethics Commission indicated the bill would have no fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures.

*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>