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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2517

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2517 would remove a provision that prevents any person, firm, or corporation that sells or assigns an account to any person or collecting agency from benefiting from wage garnishment.

Background

Before the House Judiciary Committee, a representative of Credit Management Services and a local attorney appeared in support of the bill. A representative of the Office of the Attorney General appeared as an opponent.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates passage of the bill, as introduced, would have a small effect on the number of wage garnishments being issued; however, the Department of Administration indicates any additional garnishments would be processed within existing resources. Additionally, passage could have a fiscal effect on expenditures of the Judicial Branch as collection agencies or individuals to whom accounts are sold would be able to file garnishments, which would require additional time from non-judicial personnel to file dockets and process the garnishments and would require judges to issue orders. The Judicial Branch would receive a surcharge of \$12.50 on garnishments filed through June 30, 2015. Because the number of garnishments that may be filed is unknown, a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined.

*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>