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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 254**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 254 would amend statutes dealing with the State Children's Health Insurance Program and the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program to clarify the operational and rules and regulations authority of the Secretary of Health and Environment over these programs.

**Background**

SB 254 was introduced by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations. In the Senate Judiciary Committee, the chairperson of the Joint Committee, Senator Schmidt, testified in support of the bill, stating that the bill would "clean up" certain provisions affected by 2011 ERO 38, which created the Division of Health Care Finance within the Department of Health and Environment and abolished the Kansas Health Policy Authority while transferring its duties and powers to the Division of Health Care Finance. According to Senator Schmidt, this bill would correct statutory references and references to rules and regulations authority that were overlooked in 2012 HB 2416, the original trailer bill for ERO 38. There was no opponent testimony.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect.

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\*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>