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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 413

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 413 would authorize a two-year legislative pilot project to broadcast live audio and video streaming from four committee rooms during the 2015 and 2016 sessions of the Legislature. The project would begin January 1, 2015, and continue through the 2015 Session and the 2016 Session.

The project would make available in real time the broadcasts over the internet of certain committee meetings in four rooms equipped for such broadcasting of audio and video. The Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO) would be responsible for the two-year project in consultation with the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC), and for the project's implementation in the four designated committee rooms, as approved by the LCC. The Legislative CITO would be required to report on the project following the 2016 Session. Provisions in the bill would expire on June 30, 2017.

Background

Proponents testifying in support of the bill at the Senate Committee hearing included Senator Wolf, Representatives Clayton and Petty; representatives of Americans for Prosperity, the Kansas Association of Broadcasters, the Kansas Parent-Teacher Association, the Kansas Policy Institute, and WIBW Broadcasting Station; and the Legislative CITO. Written testimony favoring the bill was submitted by

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representatives of Game on for Kansas and the MainStream Coalition and a private citizen. No opposing testimony was presented.

According to the Division of Legislative Administrative Services, enactment of the bill would require \$177,920 in additional FY 2015 expenditures, all from the State General Fund (SGF). The expenditures would include \$138,000 in one-time costs of hardware and software, \$28,800 for the salaries and wages of 0.5 FTE position, and \$11,120 for other operating costs, including telecommunications and related network costs. After the first year, annual operating costs would be \$50,390, including salaries and wages of \$28,800 for the 0.5 FTE position, and other operating costs of \$21,590 for telecommunications and other network costs. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not included in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.