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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 413

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 413, as amended, would authorize an initial 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 initial project would begin January 1, 2015, and continue through the 2015 Session and the 2016 Session.

The initial two-year 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 initial 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.

Following a review of the report by the Joint Committee on Information Technology (JCIT), and after approval by the LCC, the bill would direct the Legislative CITO to designate four additional committee rooms to be equipped for broadcasting during the 2017 Session. Finally, the bill would direct equipping all remaining Capitol committee rooms for the 2018 Session.

Provisions in the bill would expire on June 30, 2017.

*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>

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

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to provide that four additional committee rooms in the Capitol would be equipped with broadcasting equipment for the 2017 legislative session, and all remaining Capitol committee rooms would be equipped for the 2018 Session. Such actions would be subject to LCC approval and the designation of certain committee rooms by the Legislative CITO.

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*.