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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2083

As Recommended by House Committee on
Elections

Brief*

HB 2083 would amend the Campaign Finance Act by removing the requirement that treasurers of candidates, political committees, and party committees who report a contribution over \$150 by an individual identify the industry of the individual contributor, in addition to the contributor's occupation.

Background

The bill is the same as or similar to legislation proposed since the 2010 Legislative Session. In 2010, SB 417 was requested by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (KGEC). Last year, 2014 HB 2296 was amended to include this proposed measure (originally introduced in 2014 SB 339) in addition to provisions of other bills. The bill was vetoed.

The testimony on each version has remained constant. A KGEC representative has indicated the requirement to report an individual's industry, which was added to the statute in 2008, appeared not to add useful information and appeared to be confusing to those doing the reporting, resulting in omissions on the reports. No other testimony was received on the current bill.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the bill would have no fiscal effect on the KGEC budget now or in the future.

*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>