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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2553

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2553 would increase from \$20 to \$22.50 the fee assessed in cases filed in municipal courts, other than nonmoving traffic violations, where there is a finding of guilt or a plea of guilty, a plea of no contest, forfeiture of bond, or a diversion. Additionally, the bill would increase from \$2.50 to \$5 the amount of such fee that would go to the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KS-CPOST) Fund.

Further, the bill would remove the names of funds from the statute that prohibits fees from being administered in municipal court cases except in accordance with certain statutory provisions, leaving just the statutory references to the relevant funds.

Background

In the House Committee on Judiciary hearing on the bill, representatives of the KS-CPOST, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association, Kansas Sheriffs' Association, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas Highway Patrol, and various Kansas police departments offered testimony in support of the bill. The representative of KS-CPOST indicated the docket fee increase was needed to maintain current staffing and to update its central registry database, as well as meet other needs. There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

*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>

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill would double the amount of revenue generated from docket fees going to KS-CPOST, resulting in increased revenue in the amount of \$474,862. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.