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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 121

As Amended by Senate Committee on Public
Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 121, as amended, would change the meeting days and membership makeup of the Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight (Joint Committee). The bill would change the number of meeting days by specifying the meetings in the third and fourth calendar quarters would be for two consecutive days in each quarter.

The bill would remove the following membership appointments to the Joint Committee:

- One member of the House Committee on Appropriations appointed by the Chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations;
- One member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means appointed by the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;
- One member of the House Committee on Appropriations appointed by the Ranking Minority member of the House Committee on Appropriations;
- One member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means appointed by the Ranking Minority member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means; and

*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>.

- One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.

The bill would replace the membership appointments removed with the following appointed members to the Joint Committee:

- Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and
- Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate.

The Joint Committee membership would remain at 11 members.

Background

The bill was introduced by Senator Pilcher-Cook. In the Senate Committee, Senator Pilcher-Cook stated increasing the third and fourth calendar quarter meetings to two consecutive days each would allow more people the opportunity to testify before the Joint Committee. She also noted the change in Joint Committee membership makeup would more closely reflect the majority and minority membership in each chamber. There was no opponent or neutral testimony.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to change the makeup of the Joint Committee relating to the appointments by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates the bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal impact. The bill would change the membership appointment process, but not the number of members on the Joint Committee.