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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2361

As Amended by House Committee on General Government Budget

Brief*

HB 2361, as amended, would move administration of the State Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund (SSIF) from the Department of Health and Environment to the Department of Administration. All powers, duties, functions, and employees of the Department of Health and Environment related to administering the SSIF would be transferred to the Department of Administration.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations in response to a recommendation contained within the Kansas Statewide Efficiency Review by Alvarez and Marsal.

The Director of Legislative and Public Affairs for the Department of Administration presented proponent testimony to the House Committee on General Government Budget. The Director stated moving administration of the SSIF to the Department of Administration would be more efficient and centralize administration of state employee benefits.

No neutral or opponent testimony was presented.

The House Committee on General Government Budget amended the bill to harmonize the bill's provisions with those of HB 2360, which would move the State Employee Health

^{*}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

Plan from the Department of Health and Environment to the Department of Administration. The amendment clarifies that all employees of the SSIF Division would continue to be employed by the State after the move and retain all rights and benefits. The amendment also makes a technical change to update referenced statutes.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, there would be no fiscal effect from enactment of the bill. As included in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*, expenditures for the SSIF Division are estimated to be \$21.9 million in FY 2018 and \$22.0 million for FY 2019.