

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 39

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 39 would provide for the development of a mural in the Statehouse honoring the 1st Kansas (Colored) Voluntary Infantry Regiment and establish a fund for such purpose.

The bill would direct the Capitol Preservation Committee to develop and approve a mural in the Statehouse honoring the regiment. The bill would also establish a fund in the State Treasury for creating and installing the mural. The bill would authorize the Secretary of Administration to receive and expend moneys from any grants, gifts, contributions, or bequests made for the purpose of financing the creation and installation of the mural. The bill states no public funds would be expended for the purposes of creating or installing the mural.

Current law directs the Kansas Historical Society and the Department of Administration to develop the mural; since that statute was enacted, the Legislature established the Capitol Preservation Committee to oversee the type, display, and location of artistic displays that are historically accurate or have historical significance.

Background

SB 39 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Senator Bowers.

*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>

[*Note:* A companion bill, HB 2088, has been introduced in the House.]

Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Senator Bowers, a representative of the Kansas Historical Society, and a private citizen. Proponents stated the mural has been in development since 2000 (SB 660, codified at KSA 75-2264), and the bill would begin the process of completing the project. The mural would honor a unique aspect of Kansas' Civil War history.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Black Legislative Caucus.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, enactment would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations because the mural would be constructed with funding from gifts, grants, or contributions.

Kansas Statehouse; state capitol; mural; capitol preservation; Capitol Preservation Committee