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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2565

As Recommended by House Committee on
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Brief*

HB 2565 would amend the statute creating the Correctional Industries Fund to allow moneys in the Fund to be used to purchase workers compensation insurance for inmates assigned to a certified prison industry enhancement certification program (PIECP) customer model industry owned and operated by Kansas Correctional Industries. Subject to PIECP wage-level requirements, inmates assigned to the program would have the same status as inmates assigned to a traditional industries program and would not be regarded as state employees.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice at the request of the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC). In the House Committee, a representative of the KDOC testified in support of the bill, stating it would allow two current Kansas Correctional Industries programs to be certified under the federal PIECP. There was no opponent testimony.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the specific fiscal effect of the bill is not known because the KDOC does not yet have cost estimates from workers compensation insurance providers. Any necessary expenditure increases would be subject to the budget process and incurred entirely by the Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

*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>