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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 339

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ethics and Elections

Brief*

SB 339 would amend the Campaign Finance Act by removing the requirement that treasurers of candidates, political committees, and party committees who report a contribution over \$150 by an individual identify the industry of the individual contributor, in addition to the contributor's occupation.

Background

The bill is nearly identical to the introduced version of 2010 SB 417, which was requested by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (KGEC). The testimony on the prior bill was used at the hearing on the current bill. In that testimony, the KGEC representative indicated the requirement to report an individual's industry, which had been added to the statute in 2008, appeared not to add useful information and appeared to be confusing to those doing the reporting, resulting in omissions on the reports. No other testimony was received.

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

The Division of the Budget fiscal note indicated passage of the bill would result in no fiscal effect.

*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>