

SESSION OF 2014

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 405

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Commerce

Brief*

SB 405 would allow municipalities, as defined by KSA 75-6102 to include counties, cities, townships, and other taxing subdivisions of the state, to purchase products and services on the list certified by the Director of Purchases for qualified vendors. The bill would grant the State Use Law Committee the power to elect its chairperson and would remove the Governor's power to designate one of the private-sector business members as chairperson. The bill also would extend the State Use Law Committee's sunset date by five years, from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2019.

Background

The Kansas Use Law is a means by which state agencies, state institutions, and school districts are encouraged to procure goods and services from qualified vendors registered with the Division of Purchasing, Department of Administration, that employ blind or disabled Kansans. A nine-member committee advises the Director of Purchases in the administration of the program.

Representatives of several vendors spoke in favor of the bill. Proponents supported the five-year extension of the State Use Law Committee, the expansion of product and service purchasing to municipalities, and the chairperson selection method. Representatives of Cartridge King of Kansas and Envision provided written testimony in support of the bill.

*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>

There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

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

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Department of Administration indicates the bill would require additional expenditures of \$1,925 from agency fee funds in FY 2015 for the cost of the State Use Law Committee's meetings, with the Committee required to meet quarterly. The League of Kansas Municipalities was not able to determine what, if any, fiscal effect enactment of the bill would have on Kansas cities. Any fiscal effect associated with passage of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.