

SESSION OF 2015

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2075

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2075 would officially designate the room in the Capitol currently numbered 221-E as the Capitol meditation room. The bill specifies the room would be used solely as a place for prayer and meditation.

Background

Representatives Peck, Rhoades, Powell, and Brunk testified in favor of the bill. Former Representative Siegfried also spoke in support of the bill. A representative of the Capitol Commission provided a short history of the Legislature's meditation room and voiced his support for the bill. Representative Garber submitted written testimony in favor of the bill. The conferees agreed the room is meant to be a quiet space that can be used by anyone who enters the Capitol.

No neutral or opponent testimony was presented.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget states the State Historical Society indicated passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the state budget. As of the date of the House Committee's action on the bill, the Department of Administration had not responded to a request for information on fiscal effect. Because the room currently is maintained in the Capitol, the bill is not expected to have any fiscal effect on the Department of Administration.

*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>