

SESSION OF 2016

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2164**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Local  
Government

**Brief\***

HB 2164 would increase the threshold at which sewer districts contracting for construction of all or part of a sewer system must seek competitive bids. The threshold would increase from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

**Background**

The bill, as introduced, by the House Committee on Local Government would have increased the threshold for competitive bids for sewer district construction to \$15,000. The House Committee amended the bill to further raise the threshold to \$25,000. The Senate Committee on Local Government amended the threshold to \$2,500.

Testimony in support of the bill in the House Committee was presented by representatives of Riley County: the Director of Public Works, the County Counselor, and a County Commissioner. A representative of the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) also testified in support of the bill. Proponents said the \$1,000 threshold impeded timely response to breakdowns in sewer systems, and they noted the \$25,000 threshold would be consistent with state law requiring competitive bids for repairs to county buildings.

No neutral or opponent testimony was presented.

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\*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>

The House Committee amended the bill to raise the threshold for competitive bids for sewer district construction from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Proponents appearing before the Senate Committee on Local Government were the Director of Public Works, the County Counselor, and a Commissioner from Riley County, and a representative of the KAC. No neutral or opposing testimony was received.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to reduce the threshold for competitive bids for sewer district construction to \$2,500.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill (wherein the threshold would have been increased to \$15,000) indicates the KAC estimated the bill could result in counties paying more in construction costs, while the League of Kansas Municipalities did not expect passage of the bill to have a fiscal effect on Kansas cities.