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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2221

As Recommended by House Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2221 would amend the law concerning grand juries summoned by petition, commonly referred to as a citizens grand jury. The bill would allow the person who filed the petition and that person’s attorney to witness the instructions given to the grand jury, after it is summoned but prior to beginning deliberations, regarding its conduct and deliberations.

Background

In the House Judiciary Committee, a representative of the American Family Association appeared in support of the bill. No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on the revenues or expenditures of the Judicial Branch.

*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