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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 502

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Commerce

Brief*

SB 502 would establish an annual Kansas ideas festival by state employees for efficiency savings in state government. The bill would provide for an annual award for excellence in government and a runner-up award to be given at the festival. Other awards would be permitted at the discretion of the Governor. Individual awards would not be permitted to exceed \$20,000, and the total of such awards would not be permitted to exceed \$40,000 in a single fiscal year.

The bill also would require any awards paid under the bill to meet the conditions for and be a discretionary bonus. The Secretary of Administration would be required to adopt rules and regulations to implement the bill.

Background

The bill, introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, was a recommendation contained in the *Kansas Statewide Efficiency Review*. At the Senate Committee on Commerce hearing on the bill, testimony in support of the bill was provided by a representative of the Kansas Department of Administration.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, in consultation with the Department of Administration, the fiscal impact could be covered by existing resources.

*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>