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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 255

As Amended by Senate Committee on Ways
and Means

Brief*

SB 255, as amended, would appropriate \$10.0 million to the Cancer Center Research account of the State General Fund for the University of Kansas Medical Center to enhance research in the areas of laboratory, clinical, and population-based research and to recruit and retain cancer researchers and clinicians to conduct cancer research, education, and outreach programs for Kansans.

The first \$5.0 million in expenditures from the Cancer Center Research account would be required to be matched on a \$1-for-\$1 basis from other moneys of the University of Kansas Medical Center. In addition, the Director of the University of Kansas Cancer Center would be required to submit a report to the Legislature detailing the manner in which such appropriated moneys are used to enhance cancer research, cancer education, and outreach programs.

Background

The bill was introduced by Senator Denning and 28 other Senators.

In the Senate Committee on Ways and Means hearing, a representative of the University of Kansas Medical Center provided proponent testimony, stating the funding would help achieve receiving the National Cancer Institute Comprehensive Cancer Center status. Additional proponent

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testimony was provided by representatives of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and Cancer Alliance Partners Advisory Board, the Executive Director of the Wichita Medical Research and Education Foundation, and a cancer survivor. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by the President of the Kansas Board of Regents and a representative from the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce. There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

The original bill would have created a demand transfer of \$10.0 million into a Cancer Research and Public Information Trust Fund created by the bill. The Committee amended the bill to appropriate the funds into the existing Cancer Center Research account of the State General Fund. The amendment also added the matching requirement on the first \$5.0 million in expenditures from the account.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, the bill would reduce available revenues to the State General Fund by \$10.0 million in each year beginning in FY 2021. The University of Kansas indicates the bill would increase annual expenditures for the University of Kansas Cancer Center by \$10.0 million beginning FY 2021. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.