

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2537

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2537, as amended, would amend a statute governing hearings by the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) to add a provision allowing a person subject to any order, as defined in the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA), issued by the Commissioner to request a hearing on such order. If such a request is made, the bill would require the Commissioner to conduct a hearing in accordance with KAPA provisions.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of a representative of O'Neal Consulting.

House Committee on Judiciary

In the House Committee hearing on February 1, 2022, a representative of O'Neal Consulting testified as a **proponent** of the bill, stating the bill would clarify the right of a person to request a hearing under KAPA regarding an order by the Commissioner. A representative of the Kansas Insurance Department provided written-only neutral testimony. No other testimony was provided.

*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>

Senate Committee on Judiciary

In the Senate Committee hearing on March 15, 2022, the same representative that testified in the House Committee testified as a **proponent** on the bill. Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Insurance Department. No other testimony was provided.

Senate Committee of the Whole

On March 23, 2022, the Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Insurance Department states enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Commissioner of Insurance; orders; hearings; Kansas Administrative Procedure Act