

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2418

As Amended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2418, as amended, would abolish the following acts, boards, and commissions on July 1, 2023:

- Study Commission for the Consolidation of Kansas City, Kansas, and Wyandotte County;
- Consolidation Commission of Topeka, Kansas, and Shawnee County;
- Study Commission for the Consolidation in Greeley County;
- State Emergency Response Commission;
- Transportation Vision Task Force;
- Persian Gulf War Veterans Health Initiative Act;
- Kansas Export Finance Act;
- Community Strategic Planning Assistance Act;
- Natural and Scientific Areas Advisory Board;
- Public Finance Transparency Board;
- Kansas Film Services Commission;
- Kansas Bioscience Authority;
- KAN-ED Act; and
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment Advisory Committees.

*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>

Background

The bill was introduced in the House Committee on Appropriations at the request of Representative Waymaster.

[*Note:* During the 2022 Interim, the Special Committee on State Employee and Board Member Compensation received written testimony detailing the boards and commissions within the State that have not met recently.]

House Committee on Appropriations

In the House Committee hearing on March 16, 2023, written-only **proponent** testimony was provided by the President of the State Board of Regents, expressing support for repealing the associated statutes and stating the Legislature has already decommissioned KAN-ED.

Representatives of the Kansas Chiropractic Association and Kansas Medical Society submitted written-only **opponent** testimony, indicating the bill would abolish committees and councils within the State Board of Healing Arts (Board) that are currently in use.

A representative from the Board provided neutral testimony, requesting the committees and councils within the Board to be excluded from the bill because they are currently used to investigate complaints related to a healthcare professional's compliance with applicable practice acts and provide healthcare professional input to the applicable practice acts and regulations. The representative indicated the Board takes no position on the remaining provisions of the bill.

On March 23, 2023, the House Committee amended the bill to exclude the following committees and councils:

- Podiatry Review Committee;
- State Board of Healing Arts Review Committees;

- Contact Lens Advisory Council;
- Naturopathic Advisory Council; and
- Special Education Funding Task Force.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, enactment of the bill would have a fiscal effect only on the Board. The Board indicates enactment of the bill, as introduced, would require \$710,180 in expenditures and an additional 1.0 FTE position for fiscal year (FY) 2024 to compensate for the absence of its review committees. Of that amount, \$648,000 would be allocated to pay three healthcare professionals to investigate complaints at a rate of \$300 per hour. Additionally, the Board would allocate \$53,980 and 1.0 FTE position to hire an Administrative Specialist, and the remaining \$8,200 would be allocated for operating expenditures. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

[*Note:* The bill, as amended, excludes review committees and councils within the Board from being abolished, which would eliminate the estimated fiscal impact of the bill.]

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