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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2597

As Recommended by House Committee on
Local Government

Brief*

HB 2597 would designate Sedgwick County as an urban area as permitted by Article 2, Section 17 of the *Kansas Constitution*. The designation would allow the Kansas Legislature to pass laws specific to those areas.

Background

The bill was introduced at the request of Representative Carpenter. In the House Committee on Local Government hearing, a representative of the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners testified as a proponent of the bill. The representative provided a history of the designation, and explained that the designation would allow the Kansas Legislature to pass laws specific to Sedgwick county without impacting the operations of other counties.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Department of Revenue indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on state property taxes. However, the Kansas Department of Revenue and the Kansas Association of Counties indicate future powers granted to Sedgwick County by the Legislature could result in future fiscal effects that cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

*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>