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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 261

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 261 would amend law requiring an appraisal prior to the State purchasing or disposing of any real property. The bill would transfer the duty to appoint a disinterested appraiser from the Judicial Administrator to the Director of Property Valuation, the head of the Department of Revenue's Division of Property Valuation. Similarly, if the county assessment value of the real property is over \$200,000, the bill would allow the Director of Property Valuation to appoint three disinterested appraisers, rather than the Judicial Administrator.

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

Background

SB 261 was introduced by Senator Wilborn. In the Senate Committee on Judiciary hearing, a representative of the Judicial Branch appeared as a proponent of the bill and explained the duty to appoint appraisers in these scenarios is far removed from duties tied to judicial administration. Further, the representative indicated the bill represents an agreement between the Judicial Branch and the Department of Revenue for the Director of Property Valuation to assume this role. 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>

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would eliminate staff time and resources used to appoint appraisers; however, those savings are estimated to be negligible. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.