

SESSION OF 2019

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2243**

As Amended by House Committee on Judiciary

**Brief\***

HB 2243, as amended, would amend the Charitable Organizations and Solicitations Act (COSA) to exempt from its registration requirement any charitable organization that is an animal shelter licensed pursuant to the Kansas Pet Animal Act.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of Representative Patton on behalf of Representative Finch. In the House Committee hearing, a representative of Prairie Paws Animal Shelter testified in support of the bill, stating that the value of in-kind gifts, such as dog food and volunteer hours to animal shelters, can put shelters over the minimum donation threshold for annual audit requirements under COSA, which can be costly to the shelter. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to refer to an animal shelter "licensed pursuant to" the Pet Animal Act, rather than "as defined in" that Act.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Secretary of State's Office (Office) has identified approximately 75 registered charitable organizations that may meet the definition of an animal shelter and could be exempt under the provisions of the bill. The Office estimates the exemption could reduce its

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\*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>

revenues by about \$1,125 and reduce State General Fund revenues by about \$1,500 annually. Enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency expenditures.