

SESSION OF 2020

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2548

As Amended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2548, as amended, would authorize expenditures of \$91,886, including \$25,452 from the State General Fund, in FY 2020 to pay the following claims against the State:

- \$924 from the Hutchinson Correctional Facility for damages sustained to the claimant's vehicle by an inmate operating agricultural equipment;
- \$16,426 from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment—Division of Public Health for partial reimbursement of expenses incurred in compliance with a home health agency licensing regulation, which was later suspended by the agency;
- \$1,946 from the Osawatomie State Hospital for damages sustained to the claimant's vehicle when struck by a State-owned vehicle;
- \$2,800 from the Larned State Hospital for compensation of hearing aids that were lost when the claimant was moved to a different room;
- \$1,539 from the University of Kansas for personal injury expenses sustained in a fall;
- \$66,434 in motor fuel tax refund claims. Refunds are allowed for taxes paid on fuel used for school

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buses and off-highway uses including farming, but go through the claims process if not filed in a timely manner; and

- \$1,818 from the Kansas Adjutant General's Department for damages sustained to the claimant's vehicle when struck by a soldier driving an agency vehicle while conducting official duties.

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

Background

The bill was introduced by the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State (Joint Committee). As introduced, the bill would have authorized expenditures of \$90,068, including \$23,634 from the State General Fund, in FY 2020 to pay for claims against the state.

During the 2019 Interim, the Joint Committee met three times and, excluding motor vehicle fuel tax refunds, heard 73 claims, of which 57 claims, or 78.0 percent, were filed against the Department of Corrections or correctional facilities. Of the 73 claims heard, the Joint Committee recommended payment for five claims.

The House Committee on Appropriations amended the bill to add a claim to be paid by the Kansas Adjutant General's Department and to make technical corrections. The claim was submitted prior to the filing deadline but not heard by the Joint Committee due to severe weather on the hearing date.

No proponent, neutral, or opponent testimony was provided at the House Committee hearing.