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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2010

As Amended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2010, as amended, would require the Legislative Division of Post Audit (LPA) to conduct information technology audits, as directed by the Legislative Post Audit Committee.

Information technology audit work could include assessment of security systems, data mining of electronic records, and continuous audits of ongoing information technology projects of any state agency or entity subject to financial or performance compliance audit requirements in current law (e.g. local subdivisions of government or agencies which receive money from or through the State, persons who receive grants or gifts from or through the State, and persons regulated or licensed by a State agency who operate for the benefit of a State institution, with the exception of utilities.).

The bill also would authorize the LPA to communicate the findings of these audits, outside of the regularly scheduled meetings, to the Legislative Post Audit Committee, the Joint Committee on Information Technology, and the governmental branch Chief Information Technology Officers (CITOs) in certain circumstances.

Background

Under current law, State information technology projects have three levels of oversight including the Enterprise Project

*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>

Management Office with the Office of Information Technology Services (OITS), the Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO) for each branch of government, and periodic reports by the Legislative CITO to the Joint Committee on Information Technology (JCIT).

The bill was introduced by the Legislative Post Audit Committee. The Legislative Post Auditor testified in support of the bill at the House Appropriations Committee hearing. The Post Auditor indicated that despite the three levels of oversight, many recent State of Kansas IT projects had experienced significant cost overruns, including, the Department of Labor Unemployment Insurance Modernization Project and the Kansas Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle System vehicle and licensing upgrade project.

The House Appropriations Committee amended the bill to clarify that any information technology system which is maintained or administered by a State agency may be audited, in addition to other entities which do business with the State.

The Division of the Budget fiscal note indicates that the bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal impact. According to the Division of Post Audit, any additional audit work performed as a result of the enactment of the bill would be done by its existing staff.