

SESSION OF 2017

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 33**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Public  
Health and Welfare

**Brief\***

SB 33, as amended, would make changes to the Robert G. Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight (Oversight Committee).

The bill would change the composition of the membership of the Oversight Committee. The membership would remain at 11 and be appointed as follows:

- The Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, and Ranking Minority Member of the House Committee on Health and Human Services;
- The Chairperson, Vice-chairperson and Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare;
- One member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
- One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

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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>

- One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and
- One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.

The bill would change the January and April meeting date requirements for the Oversight Committee to the first and second quarter meetings, respectively. The bill also would specify the Chairperson of the Oversight Committee annually would alternate between the Chairperson of the House Committee on Health and Human Services in even-numbered years and the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare in odd-numbered years.

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

## **Background**

The bill was introduced by Senator Kelly in the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare. At the Senate Committee hearing, Representative Hawkins testified in favor of the bill and proposed an amendment to change the January and April meeting requirements to first and second quarter meetings, respectively. He also proposed an amendment to specify the Chairperson of the Oversight Committee annually would alternate between the Chairperson of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare. A representative of the KanCare Advocate Network testified in favor of the bill stating enactment of the bill would restore the balanced membership structure of the Oversight Committee. No other testimony was provided.

In current law the membership of the Oversight Committee is appointed as follows:

- Two members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- One member of the House Committee on Health and Human Services appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;
- Two members of the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare appointed by the President of the Senate;
- One member of the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the House Committee on Appropriations;
- One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and
- Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*, change the required meetings from January and April to the first and second quarter, and clarify which Oversight Committee member would serve as the Chairperson and the Chairperson's term of service.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates enactment of the bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal effect.