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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 650**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Ways and Means

**Brief\***

SB 650 defers the third year of the four-year phase out of out-district tuition paid to community colleges and Washburn University from FY 2003 to FY 2004. Under the bill, out-district tuition charges would not be fully eliminated until FY 2005.

**Background**

Currently, when a student who is a resident of a county that does not have a community college or municipal university attends one of those institutions, the home county is required to pay out-district tuition to that institution. 1999 SB 345 eliminated this out-district charge over a four-year period beginning in FY 2001, with the state providing replacement funds to cover the revenue lost by the institution. This increases state expenditures by \$2.7 million per year for each year of the phase out. Due to fiscal restraints, the Governor's budget recommendations for FY 2003 do not include the increased funding to implement the third year of 1999 SB 345 and further decreased funding for the community colleges and Washburn University by 3.9 percent.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee recommended the introduction of SB 650 to prevent a further revenue loss to those institutions. Persons testifying or providing written testimony in favor of the bill included representatives of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, the Kansas Board of Regents, and Washburn University. A representative of the Kansas Legislative Policy Group submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

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