

SESSION OF 2003

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE BILL NO. 175**

As Agreed to March 17, 2003

Brief *

SB 175 would make a one-year change to the statute governing the time in which the State General Fund consensus revenue estimate is made. The bill, as amended, would change current law which states that the joint State General Fund revenue estimate shall be prepared on or before April 4 to on or before April 22 during FY 2003 only. The bill would be effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The Director of the Budget and the Director of the Legislative Research Department prepare a joint estimate of revenue to the State General Fund for the current fiscal year and the ensuing fiscal year in November and April. The consensus revenue estimating group includes the Kansas Legislative Research Department, the Department of Revenue, the Division of the Budget, and three selected university economists. During testimony on SB 175, the Director of the Budget indicated that by postponing the revenue estimating date it would allow additional tax returns to be processed and hopefully improve the accuracy of the estimate for individual income taxes, which is the largest portion (approximately 45 percent) of receipts deposited to the State General Fund.

The Senate Committee amendment to the bill changed the State General Fund consensus revenue estimate meeting date from on or before April 18 to on or before April 22.

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The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to still require the main consensus revenue meeting on or before April 4, 2003, but permit that estimate could be adjusted, based on a joint update meeting that would be held on April 22, 2003. The joint update meeting would include any adjustments for the latest income tax collections and from any other source of revenue deemed appropriate by the Director of the Budget and the Director of the Legislative Research Department.

According to the fiscal note on SB 175, as introduced, the bill would have no fiscal effect.