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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 269

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Commerce

Brief*

SB 269 would modify the current formula for unemployment benefits for one year. Under the bill, one week of additional benefits would be given to claimants who exhaust regular benefits and any other federal or state extended benefits from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. The bill clarifies that employers would not be charged for any extended or additional benefits.

Background

SB 269 was introduced by the Senate Ways and Means Committee after a proviso was removed from an appropriations bill which would have codified the Governor's proposal to place a one year moratorium on the first week waiting period for claiming unemployment insurance benefits. At that time, the Senate Ways and Means Committee also introduced SB 270 which would enact the one year waiting period moratorium.

The Senate Commerce Committee held a hearing on both SB 269 and SB 270, at which time the Secretary of Human Resources and a representative of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry offered testimony on the bills. The Senate Commerce Committee endorsed the approach in SB 269, amending the bill to make it more closely reflect the original intent of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

A fiscal note on SB 269 was not available upon publication of this Supplemental Note. However, testimony from the Secretary of Human

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Resources indicated that implementation of the provisions of SB 269 would cost an estimated \$8.8 million.