

SESSION OF 2004

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE
FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2435**

As Recommended by House
Committee on Commerce and Labor

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2435 creates the Hispanic and Latino American Affairs Commission and repeals the current Hispanic Affairs and the Mexican American Affairs Advisory Committees. The new Commission will be in the Governor's Office. Current law designates the Advisory Committees within the Department of Human Resources.

Membership, for three-year terms, on the Commission is outlined in the bill similar to the membership of the current Advisory Committee on Hispanic Affairs. Meeting dates, payment amounts, qualifications, etc., are controlled by the same statutes governing the current Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Commission on African American Affairs is also transferred from the Department of Human Resources to the Governor's Office.

Background

Support was expressed on behalf of several Latino organizations, specifically the Kansas Advisory Committee on Hispanic Affairs. Support was also expressed by the conferee representing the Kansas African American Affairs Commission.

A conferee with the Topeka Independent Living Resource Center advocated proposals related to move the Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (KCDC) out of the Department of Human Resources and into the Governor's Office. A conferee with Statewide Independent

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Living Council of Kansas (SILCK) spoke in support of the concepts within the original bill. The spokesperson with KCDC expressed support for ERO 31 which moves KCDC out of the Department of Human Resources and into the Department of Commerce.

The fiscal note on the substitute bill was not available when the bill passed out of Committee.