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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2178**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Health and Human Services

**Brief\***

HB 2178 would amend the Senior Care Act to establish a program of preventative health services. This bill would include in the legislative findings that are part of the Act a statement that the establishment of the program would be in the interest of older Kansans and of providers of preventative health services. The program of preventative health services would be established and administered by the Secretary of Aging within appropriations made for that purpose.

**Background**

HB 2178 was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Kansas Department on Aging. The Secretary of Aging indicated in testimony to the House Committee that expansion of services provided under the Senior Care Act include preventative services that are designed to delay or avoid the onset of chronic conditions that create the need for costly long-term care. In-home services, such as attendant care, homemaker services, and case management are currently provided under the Senior Care Act. Participants pay for services on a sliding fee basis.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates that the fiscal effect of HB 2178 is dependent upon the amount of funds appropriated to the Senior Care Act program. According to the fiscal note, the Department on Aging is developing a program of preventative health services utilizing existing resources and private grant partnerships.

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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>