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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON  
SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2594**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Appropriations

**Brief\***

Sub. for HB 2594 would direct the State Historical Society to compile experiences of former legislators. Funding for this project would be subject to appropriations. The bill would provide for the Historical Society to conduct audiotaped oral histories, and then follow up with videotaped interviews to be used to produce an educational documentary video to be disseminated by the Historical Society. The bill would provide that the Historical Society may contract with a state educational institution or a municipal university with experience creating educational videos on the experiences of Kansas politicians.

The substitute bill also would charge the State Historical Society with establishing an advisory records retention schedule for legislative papers.

**Background**

HB 2594, as introduced, created a competitive grant program through the State Historical Society to compile experiences of former State Legislators. The bill made an appropriation of \$160,000 from the State General Fund to the State Historical Society in FY 2007, with a reappropriation to FY 2008 of unused funds. Of the appropriation, \$10,000 would have gone to the State Historical Society to cover administrative costs, and the remaining \$150,000 would have been distributed as competitive grants to state educational institutions, non-profit organizations, private colleges and universities, and local historical agencies to compile these histories.

HB 2594 was requested by the Joint Committee on Arts and Cultural Resources. Representative Deana Horst appeared in support

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of the bill, as did former Representative Dave Heineman. Others speaking in favor of the bill included Dr. Bob Beaty, Washburn University, and Jennie Chinn, Executive Director of the State Historical Society. Conferees noted the importance of recording these experiences and noted that many former legislators are now deceased. Dr. Beaty had recently completed a documentary interviewing six Kansas Governors who are still living.

The House Committee on Appropriations recommended Sub. for HB 2594, with the funding for the project subject to appropriations.