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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2602

As Recommended by House Committee on
Higher Education

Brief*

The bill would amend current law to authorize the board of any community or technical college that implements eligible energy conservation measures to enter into a contract or lease-purchase agreement for those measures for a period of time that may exceed ten years. The amendment contained in the bill would give community colleges the same flexibility for financing energy conservation measures as is currently available to municipalities, school districts and state agencies under the statute.

The bill also would authorize the Secretary of Administration to provide administrative support and resources under the facility conservation improvement program if requested to do so by school districts or private or public colleges. Under current law, only municipalities and state agencies are eligible to receive those services.

Background

Proponents of the bill at the House Higher Education Committee hearing included representatives of the Kansas Corporation Commission, Custom Energy, Neosho County Community College, and the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club. No opponents to the bill presented testimony to the Committee.

The Division of the Budget's fiscal note on the bill states that a community or technical college that implements a conservation project under the statute would pay a fee for use of the Facility Conservation Improvement Program. According to the fiscal note, no additional state monies would be appropriated because participating colleges would absorb associated administrative costs, as they would also benefit from reduced energy costs.

*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>