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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2116

As Amended by House Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions

Brief*

HB 2116, as amended, would amend the rule and regulation authority, currently granted to the Insurance Commissioner and the Secretary of Health and Environment, to replace the Health and Environment representative with the Executive Director of the Kansas Health Policy Authority as the designated statutory authority for the health care information database.

Background

HB 2116 was requested by the Insurance Commissioner whose representative indicated that the bill makes technical changes to KSA 40-2252, in accordance with the changes that were made by the 2006 Legislature to KSA 40-2251. The Kansas Health Policy Authority was given the authority to serve as the statistical agent under 2006 SB 577.

The House Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions amended the bill to clarify that the authority would be granted to a designated representative of the Kansas Health Policy Authority. The Committee heard from a representative of the Kansas Health Policy Authority who stated that the original bill would give the authority to its voluntary Board of Directors and the agency is working to clarify its regulatory authority.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Kansas Health Policy Authority.

^{*}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