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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2161

As Recommended by House Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2161 would add Leavenworth County to the list of existing counties (Crawford, Douglas, Franklin, Jefferson, Johnson, Miami, Riley, Sedgwick, Shawnee, and Wyandotte counties) that are allowed to prosecute violations of county codes and resolutions in district court.

The bill is placed on the Consent Calendar.

Background

Testimony in support of the bill was expressed by Representative Kenny Wilk, Leavenworth; David Van Parys on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Leavenworth County; and Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties.

The fiscal note states that HB 2161 has the potential for increasing litigation in the district courts. If this occurs, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates that there would be a fiscal effect on the operations of the court system. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional court cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. Therefore, a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined. In any case, the fiscal effect would most likely be accommodated within the existing schedule of court cases and would not require additional resources.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates the Board of County Commissioners for Leavenworth County would be responsible for any expenses or benefit from any savings associated with the use of a district court for the enforcement of its county codes and resolutions.

^{*}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