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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2497**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Local Government

**Brief\***

HB 2497 would authorize the Secretary of Revenue to provide certain taxpayer information to the State Treasurer for the sole purpose of locating owners of unclaimed property.

**Background**

Current law (KSA 79-3234) prohibits the Department of Revenue's officers and employees from disclosing state income tax information, with some exceptions. HB 2497 would add another exception to that statute.

Representative Ann Mah, who requested the bill, and a representative of the State Treasurer's Office testified in favor of the bill. Testimony indicated the bill would allow the Treasurer's Office to match information reported to the office by holders of unclaimed properties against Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) records to identify the most current mailing addresses for the listed property owners. If the Treasurer's records do not contain any matching information when reported, the Treasurer's Office official said, no KDOR records would be searched. A representative of KDOR indicated that a KDOR official testified in favor of an identical senate bill, 2010 SB 479. No opponents testified.

The House Committee on Local Government adopted a technical amendment to the bill.

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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>

According to the fiscal note, enactment of the bill would require no additional expenditures. The negligible amount of additional staff time needed to facilitate the data match would be accomplished within existing resources. Any additional return of unclaimed property would result in a reduction of State General Fund revenues by what is presumed to be a negligible amount. Any fiscal effect is not accounted for in the Governor's budget report for FY 2011.