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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 13

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 13 would require insurance carriers, providing liability insurance coverage to tribal law enforcement officers for reservation state law enforcement (within the exterior limits of the reservation), to certify with the Attorney General that the tribal officers have the appropriate insurance coverage. In addition, the bill would require the insurance carrier to notify the Attorney General if the insurance coverage is terminated or no longer complies with the insurance requirements.

The bill also would require the insurance policy to be in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 aggregate loss limit.

Finally, the bill would require the tribes to waive their sovereign immunity necessary to permit recovery under the liability insurance, but not to exceed the policy limits.

Background

The Chairperson for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation testified in support of SB 13. No opponents testified on the bill.

The Committee amended the bill to create an insurance cap of \$2,000,000 aggregate loss limit and require tribes to waive their sovereign immunity. Other amendments were technical.

The fiscal note indicates that according to the Attorney General and the Kansas Insurance Department, the passage of SB 13 would have no fiscal effect on their operations.

*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>