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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2144

As Amended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2144 would amend existing law to change the nursing facility reimbursement rate methodology from the three-year average of 2003, 2004, and 2005 to be rebased at least once every seven years to the average of the three most recent calendar years starting in FY 2009.

Background

The House Committee amended the bill to delay implementation of the provisions until FY 2009.

Representatives from the Kansas Health Care Association, Golden Ventures, the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, and Schowalter Villas appeared in support of the bill at the hearing. A representative of the Kansas Department on Aging appeared as a neutral conferee at the hearing.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill indicates passage of this bill will cost an estimated \$8.0 million all funds, including \$3.2 million from the State General Fund, in FY 2008. The three-year increase, holding caseloads steady and assuming the same federal matching rate, would be an increase of \$36.3 million, including \$14.7 million from the State General Fund.

*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>