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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2152

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2152, as amended, would expand the membership of the Commission on Emergency Planning and Response (CEPR) to include the agency head of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas Department of Agriculture, and the Kansas Animal Health Department. The CEPR members appointed by the Governor also would be expanded from seven members to 18 members for a total membership of 25. The additional appointed members would include one representative from each of the following groups: counties; cities; agriculture, crop or livestock; transportation, trucking or rail; energy; law enforcement; fire fighters; county emergency managers; emergency medical services; public works; hospitals; public health; tribes of Kansas; individuals with disabilities; and one representative of the seven regional homeland security councils.

Current law stipulates that three members would represent business and industry. The bill would require one of these individuals to represent broadcasting.

Background

CEPR's purpose is to facilitate a coordinated effort to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from emergencies and disasters in Kansas.

The proponents of the bill was Major General Tod Bunting, Kansas Adjutant General, and a representative of the Kansas Association of Broadcasters. Written testimony in support of the bill was received from representatives of the Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living and the NE Kansas Regional EMS Council.

*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>

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The Committee amended the bill to require one of the three members be appointed from business and industry to represent broadcasting.

The fiscal note from the Division of Budget estimates that \$10,240 would be needed to implement this act for FY 2008. Of this amount, \$8,800 would be required to provide reimbursement expenses to the 11 additional members appointed by the Governor to attend meetings. The remaining balance would be paid to a temporary employee who would take the meeting minutes. The funding source for all costs would be federal funds.