

SESSION OF 2008

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 670**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

SB 670, as amended, would establish the Joint Committee on the 2010 Comprehensive Transportation Plan and would authorize meetings from November 15, 2008 to June 30, 2011, subject to approval by the Legislative Coordinating Council.

The bill would direct the Joint Committee to study, monitor, review, make recommendations, and introduce legislation regarding:

- Conditions and adequacy of the state highway system, including road surface and bridge conditions;
- The condition and extent of the state multimodal transportation system, including infrastructure issues related to such multimodal transportation system;
- The condition and issues relating to the trucking industry, railroads, airports and public transportation; and
- Issues relating to transportation needs to be addressed in the next Comprehensive Transportation Plan legislation, including financing options and priorities for funding.

Three reports would be submitted to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2008, December 31, 2009, and December 31, 2010.

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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>

The Joint Committee would be comprised of eight House members appointed by the Speaker of the House and seven Senate members appointed by the President of the Senate. Proportional representation for the two major political parties would be required. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson would alternate between the House and Senate, with the Speaker and President to designate which members would serve as leaders. The first chairperson would be a Senator serving until December 31, 2008. If a vacancy occurs in the office of any member, a successor will be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the term. If a vacancy occurs in the office of either the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, the Senate President or House Speaker would fill the vacancy, as appropriate. A quorum would be eight members and any action would require a majority of those present to support such action. Staffing would be provided by legislative agencies.

The Joint Committee would be eliminated on July 1, 2011.

## **Background**

SB 670 was supported by Senator Les Donovan, and representatives from the Kansas Motor Carriers Association and Economic Lifelines. A representative from the Department of Transportation appeared as a neutral conferee, providing information about the agency's long-range transportation plan.

The Senate Committee amendment was adopted to add trucking as a focus of the study at the request of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. The Senate Committee made other amendments to adjust the calendar of dates to reflect the November 2008 election and to allow the Joint Committee to introduce bills or resolutions.

The House Transportation Committee added the provisions relating to the office vacancies. The Committee also added the provision pertaining to the state multimodal transportation system and the study of the conditions and

issues relating specifically to the trucking industry, railroads, airports, and public transportation.

The original fiscal note estimates expenditures from the State General Fund could total \$56,544 in FY 2009 and \$63,386 in FY 2010, based on six two-day meetings in the first fiscal year, with four two-day and two three-day meetings in the second fiscal year.