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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1618**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Health Care Strategies

Brief*

SCR 1618 urges the Congress to grant necessary waivers and exemptions from the use of funding for Medicaid, Medicare, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), and any other relevant federal law to bring about the transfer of the \$3.5 billion in federal funds provided to Kansas under such laws to one annual block grant to be used for the purposes of providing health care to the citizens of Kansas.

Background

The Senate Resolution was introduced by Senator Steineger. In testimony before the Committee, Senator Steineger discussed the merits of transferring all federal health care appropriations for Kansas in the form of one annual block grant. Other proponents of the resolution included a representative of Americans for Prosperity Kansas and the C.E.O. of Midway Wholesale. There were no opponents to the Resolution. Written testimony was provided by the Kansas Health Policy Authority.

There was no fiscal note prepared for the Resolution.

*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>