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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2697

As Amended by House Committee on
Elections and Governmental Organization

Brief*

This bill would amend existing law related to campaign finance to require that mandated reports of contributions by an individual of more than \$150 include the type of industry in which the individual works. This would be in addition to the current requirement to report the name and occupation of those contributors.

Background

This bill was requested by the Governmental Ethics Commission. The original bill required the name of the contributor's employer to be reported with other mandated information. The Commission's Executive Director testified that some occupations listed - such as businessman, consultant, or contractor - were too vague to meaningfully assist someone who might be trying to determine whether certain groups might be trying to influence the political process.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The House Committee on Elections and Governmental Organization amended the bill to require reporting of the industry in which the contributor works, rather than the employer.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

*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>