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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2730**

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

**Brief\***

HB 2730 would require the Secretary of Administration to create a searchable public website containing data from the State's central accounting system, and the central payroll system. The website would include financial data from FY 2002 forward. The data would have to be retained on the website for at least 10 years. Data for each fiscal year would have to be available for search within 45 days of the end of each fiscal year. In addition, the website would display specified campaign finance and ethics reports as well as information about the site.

The data would include:

- Annual expenditures, including:
  - Disbursement from the state treasury;
  - Bond debt payments;
  - Salaries and wages, including individual's compensation;
  - Contractual services, amounts paid for commodities, and capital outlay;
  - Debt service;
  - Aid to local units of government;
  - Capital improvements; and
  - Other assistance and benefits;
  
- Annual revenues, including:
  - Receipts or deposits into state treasury funds;
  - Taxes;
  - Agency earnings and revenue for the use of money and property;
  - Gifts, donations, and federal grants, and other revenue or nonrevenue receipts;

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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>

- Annual bonded indebtedness;
- Campaign finance and ethics reports required by the Governmental Ethics Commission;
- A counter showing the number of times the website has been accessed;
- The amount of money spent on an annual basis to implement the bill; and
- Any other information specified by the Secretary of Administration with the advice of the Public Finance Transparency Board.

Data available on the website would not include any information considered confidential under state or federal law. State agencies would be required to provide information for the website at the request of the Secretary.

The bill also would create a Public Finance Transparency Board to advise and consult with the Secretary regarding the creation and maintenance of the website. The 15-member board also would advise the Secretary on further development of the website, including expansion of content.

The provisions of the bill mandating creation of the website and describing its contents would expire on June 30, 2013.

The Secretary of Administration would be required to prepare and submit a detailed report on the implementation and administration of the act to the Legislature at the beginning of the 2015 Session.

The bill would take effect upon its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

## **Background**

HB 2730 is nearly identical to 2007 HB 2457, which was enacted in subsections (c), (d), (e) and (f) of section 163 of HB 2638. At the hearing before the House Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Technology, the bill was supported by the Secretary of Administration, and representatives of Americans for Prosperity and the Kansas Press Association.

The House Committee on Government Efficiency and Technology amended the bill to include a sunset provision for June 30, 2013.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to include campaign finance and ethics reports required by the Governmental Ethics Commission, a counter showing the number of times the website has been accessed, and the amount of money spent on implementing the act in the data required for the website. The House Committee of the Whole amendment also requires a report from the Secretary of Administration to the Legislature before the 2015 Session.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget for the introduced version of the bill indicates no quantifiable fiscal impact from enactment of the bill. The fiscal note indicates that the amount, if any, of additional staff time required by state agencies to respond to inquiries from the Department of Administration or the public about information on the website is unknown. The fiscal note does not address any costs that might result from amendments to the bill.