

SESSION OF 2008

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2847**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Commerce

**Brief\***

HB 2847, as amended, would amend the law regarding licensing examinations for plumbing contractors, electrical contractors and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractors to provide for the use of standard examinations from either the International Code Council (ICC), the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), or Prometric, a subsidiary of Educational Testing Services.

**Background**

Eric Stafford, Associated General Contractors, appeared before the House Committee on Commerce and Labor in support of the bill. Andy Sanchez, Kansas AFL-CIO, shared some concerns regarding the original bill as being overly broad. Greg DeBacker appeared to raise certain issues.

At the hearing before the Senate Committee on Commerce, the bill was supported by Representative John Grange. The bill was opposed by Greg DeBacker.

The Senate Committee on Commerce further amended the bill to clarify its designation of the exams used as of July 1, 2008, as the standard exams for licensure.

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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 House Committee amended the bill by deleting the original bill language of “any nationally recognized testing organization” and inserting the specific tester language.

The fiscal note on the bill as introduced, indicates no fiscal impact.