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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5039**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Education

Brief*

HCR 5039 would urge the restructuring of alternative teacher licensure programs in ways that would assist in alleviating the current teacher shortage in the areas of mathematics, science and special education.

Background

HCR 5039 is the result of a subcommittee established to consider the subject of alternative teacher licensure as a means to address the teacher shortage in Kansas, after the House Committee on Education held hearings on three 2008 bills that dealt with the issue (HB 2842, HB 2874, and HB 2903). After considering a proposal on the part of some K-12 education officials to allow school districts and service centers to implement their own teacher preparation programs, the Subcommittee on Alternative Teacher Licensure examined the current structure, programs and methods for delivering teacher preparation instruction and made recommendations to alter these *via* a resolution. A final report was issued along with 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>