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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2244**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Elections

**Brief\***

HB 2244 would require any candidate who raises unitemized campaign contributions totaling at least \$5,000 to make an itemized report containing the name and address of the contributor and the amount of the contribution, as well as information currently required of other contributions. Each such report would have to be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State and with the county election officer. The bill would define "unitemized contribution" to be a contribution having a value of \$50 or less.

**Background**

Current campaign finance reporting requirements relate to contributions exceeding \$50 in the aggregate from each person. The bill would extend reporting requirements to candidates receiving smaller contribution amounts, if those amounts total at least \$5,000.

Representative Scott Schwab testified in favor of the bill. No opponents testified.

The House Committee on Elections amended the bill to increase the aggregate amount of unitemized campaign contributions for which a report must be filed from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

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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>

According to the fiscal note, the Secretary of State's Office indicated it could absorb the additional costs resulting from the bill's passage within its current staff and resources. Although the Kansas Association of Counties had not yet responded to a request for fiscal effect information, it is expected the effect on county election offices would parallel that at the state level.