

SESSION OF 2010

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 371

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 371 would amend the statute that authorizes attorney fees to be taxed as costs in certain actions involving negligent motor vehicle operation. The bill would increase the cap on the property damage amount from less than \$7,500 to less than \$15,000.

Background

A similar version of this bill was introduced in the 2009 Legislative Session. It was HB 2110. The House Committee on Judiciary amended that bill to strike the provision that would have tied future increases to the cap on the property damage amount to the United States Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. Therefore, the amended version of 2009 HB 2110 is identical to the introduced version of 2010 SB 371. During the 2009 Legislative Session, HB 2110 was stricken from the calendar by House Rule 1507.

The proponent of SB 371, as introduced, who presented testimony in the Senate Committee hearing was Randy Hearrell, Executive Director, Kansas Judicial Council.

No opponents of the bill testified in the Senate Committee.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill in the Senate Committee hearing.

There was no fiscal note prepared on the bill when it was heard in the Senate Committee.

*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>