

SESSION OF 2010

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 544

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 544 would increase the area in which a metropolitan transit authority could offer services, from a radius of three miles of the city's corporate limits to a radius of 90 miles of those city limits.

Background

Testifying in favor of the bill were the chief executive officer and vice chairperson of the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority (TMTA), the executive director of the Kansas Public Transit Association, a representative of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), and a councilwoman from the City of Topeka. Proponents stated that the statute has specified only Topeka as a metropolitan area under the act since 1984 and the TMTA is the only transit operator with a service area limitation in state law. They said that the change in the law proposed in the bill would allow the TMTA to consider adding commuter services to localities such as Manhattan, Emporia, Lawrence, and Kansas City and to work more cooperatively with other transit operators.

No opponents presented testimony.

According to the fiscal note, the bill's passage would have no fiscal effect on KDOT, and the League of Kansas Municipalities indicated the fiscal effect of the bill on cities would be negligible.

*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>