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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2584

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2584 would allow optometrists to dispense ophthalmic lenses with medication evenly over any period of time required. Under current law, optometrists can dispense no more than a twenty-four hour supply of medication in ophthalmic lenses.

Background

Representatives of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc.; Kansas Optometric Association; and Kansas Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons appeared as proponents of the bill. The representative of Johnson & Johnson explained the new technology to emit therapeutic pharmaceutical agents to treat eye disorders. In addition, that this is currently in trials and should be approved by the Federal Drug Administration shortly. The bill had no opposition.

The fiscal note indicates that enactment of this legislation would have no fiscal impact.

*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>