

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2082

As Recommended by House Committee on
Local Government

Brief*

HB 2082 would authorize counties to create a Code Inspection and Enforcement Fund, a Municipalities Fight Addiction Fund, and expand the existing County Equipment Reserve Fund to include purchases of technology and technology services.

Code Inspection and Enforcement Fund (New Section 1)

The bill would allow the board of county commissioners (board) of any county to establish a Code Inspection and Enforcement Fund for the purposes of financing operations, equipment, and capital needs for the county department charged with code inspection and enforcement. Such expenditures could include, but not be limited to, building, construction, land, water and gas application, inspection, testing, and permitting.

Municipalities Fight Addiction Fund (New Section 2)

The bill would allow the board to establish a Municipalities Fight Addiction Fund for the purpose of retaining and expending money received from the Attorney General, in accordance with the Kansas Fights Addiction Act.

*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>

***County Equipment and Technology Reserve Fund
(Section 3)***

The bill would change the name of each county's County Equipment Reserve Fund to the County Equipment and Technology Reserve Fund. The Fund would be expanded to include the purchase of supplies and technology expenses, which would include cloud technology costs.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Local Government at the request of a representative of Sedgwick County.

[*Note:* The bill is similar to 2022 HB 2676 with the addition of the Municipalities Fight Addiction Fund. 2022 HB 2676 passed the House and died in the Senate Committee on Local Government.]

House Committee on Local Government

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Association of Counties and Sedgwick County. The proponents stated the bill would provide counties more flexibility to save for bigger purchases and create more transparency. Further, the establishment of the Municipalities Fight Addiction Fund would allow counties to ensure the expenditures from that fund are in accordance with the Kansas Fights Addiction Act. The conferees noted the bill solely impacts how counties track funding for accounting purposes and is not authorizing additional taxes, fees, or other revenues.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Association of Counties states the bill would not have a significant fiscal effect on revenues.

County commission; county budget; Kansas Fights Addiction Act; technology expenditures; municipality; code inspection and enforcement; local government; county; County Equipment and Technology Reserve Fund; Municipalities Fight Addition Fund; Code Inspection and Enforcement Fund