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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office

Date: Feb. 25, 2025

Subject: HB 2384-Summary

HB 2384 authorizes the state historical society to convey certain real property located in Johnson County to the Shawnee Tribe. The bill imposes certain conditions—that the deed contain a restrictive covenant prohibiting any gaming or gambling at the location. The bill prescribes costs of conveyance shall be borne by the Shawnee Tribe. The bill requires a report every two years for a 10-year period by the Shawnee Tribe to the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations regarding the rehabilitation of the property in consultation with other Indian tribes.

The Shawnee Indian Mission served as a manual training school for boys and girls from the Shawnee, Delaware and other Indian tribes from 1839 to 1862. The Kansas Historical Society partners with the City of Fairway to operate Shawnee Indian Mission. The city is assisted by a private not-for-profit organization that assists with fundraising for site operations. As owner of the property the Kansas Historical Society remains responsible for capital improvements at the mission, which was listed as a National Historic Landmark in 1968.

