

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2101

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2101, as amended, would prohibit cities and counties from adopting an ordinance or enforcing a resolution that establishes or provides for the operation of a guaranteed income program that uses tax revenue unless the Legislature, by an act, expressly consents to and approves of such program. The bill would render any such prohibited ordinance or resolution adopted prior to July 1, 2025, null and void.

The bill would define “guaranteed income” to mean a program that is not expressly required by federal law or regulation and provides individuals with regular periodic cash payments.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Welfare Reform at the request of Representative Awerkamp.

House Committee on Welfare Reform

In the House Committee hearing on February 6, 2025, a representative of the Opportunity Solutions Project provided **proponent** testimony citing the need to prevent guaranteed income programs due to concerns regarding the impact of such programs on the workforce and governmental spending and on their overall economic 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 <https://klrd.gov/>

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a representative of Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health.

Opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas League of Municipalities, citing issues of preemptive legislation and state constitutional concerns and restrictions on future governmental assistance.

Written-only opponent testimony was provided by representatives of Kansas Action for Children and the Kansas Association of Counties; and by a private citizen.

House Committee of the Whole

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to require the approval and consent of the Legislature for a guaranteed income program that uses tax revenue and to amend the definition of a guaranteed income program.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the League of Kansas Municipalities reports that enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect for cities. The Kansas Association of Counties states that no counties currently utilize a guaranteed income program so there is no fiscal effect on counties, but it notes the legislation is preemptive and a future fiscal effect could not be estimated.

Public assistance; Guaranteed Income Program; cities; counties; ordinance; resolution; regular periodic cash payment; employment requirement