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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2669

As Recommended by House Committee on
General Government Budget

Brief*

HB 2669 would transfer the State Civil Service Board from the Department of Administration to the Office of Administrative Hearings on July 1, 2015. The Director of the Office of Administrative hearings would be the legal custodian of all agency records and perform the administrative functions of the agency.

The State Civil Service Board hears appeals from classified state employees, the majority of which have been dismissed, demoted or suspended. The Civil Service Board is a five-member body whose members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Background

Representatives of the Department of Administration and the Office of Administrative hearings testified as proponents of the bill at the House Budget Committee hearing. The Department of Administration official testified that the statutory rate for compensation of Civil Service Board members is \$70 per day as opposed to most other state board members who are compensated at the rate of \$35 per day.

The fiscal note prepared the Division of the Budget indicates the provisions of the bill would not be implemented until the start of FY 2016, consistent with the bill's effective

*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>

date. There would be no fiscal effect to the state budget in FY 2015 if the bill was enacted. Currently, the Department of Administration contracts with Administrative Hearings for Board functions using its appropriation from the State General Fund of \$67,500. This funding would simply be appropriated instead to the Office of Administrative Hearings beginning in FY 2016.