

SESSION OF 2017

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2025**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Health and Human Services

**Brief\***

HB 2025 would allow appointment by the Attorney General of more than one assistant attorney general to represent the Board of Nursing (Board). Current law provides for the appointment of an assistant attorney general, whose salary is paid from the Board of Nursing Fee Fund (Fund), to represent the Board in proceedings arising in the discharge of its duties and to perform duties of a legal nature as directed by the Board. The bill would allow for the salaries of more than one appointed assistant attorney general to be paid from the Fund.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services, at the request of the Board. At the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Board indicated the bill would allow the Board to employ more than one assistant attorney general. The representative noted the Board was given appropriation authority during the 2007 Legislative Session to hire an additional assistant attorney general and, since July 2007, has had two assistant attorneys general. According to the representative's testimony, during the hiring process to replace one of the assistant attorneys general who resigned in December 2011, the Board was notified the Attorney General's Office interpreted the current statute to allow the Board to employ only one assistant attorney general. The representative stated the Board has

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\*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>

one assistant attorney general appointed by the Attorney General, and the Board hired an attorney, who was then appointed as a special assistant attorney general by the Attorney General's Office. The representative noted the bill would allow both attorneys to be titled assistant attorney general.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Board indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect for the Board, the public, or any local governments.