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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 174

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 174 would affiliate the Wichita Area Technical College (WATC) with Wichita State University (WSU). The bill would designate the institutional infrastructure of the WATC as the WSU Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology, which would be governed by and operated as a technical college campus within WSU. The campus would continue to be a technical college and eligible for funding that is available to technical colleges.

The bill would change the governing board of WATC to an industry advisory board to the President of WSU for the WSU Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology. Members of the industry advisory board would be appointed by the President of WSU. All powers and duties of the governing board would be transferred to WSU, subject to the rules and regulations and supervision of the State Board of Regents.

Background

Proponent testimony was provided by the President of the Board of Regents, representatives of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Wichita Partnership, the Chairman of the Sedgwick County Training and Technical Authority Board of WATC, the President of WATC, the President of WSU, the President of North Central Kansas Technical College, a member of the Regional

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Economic Area Partnership, and the Vice-president of Spirit AeroSystems.

No neutral or opponent testimony was presented.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget states enactment of the bill would have no fiscal impact.