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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 81**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Ethics, Elections and Local Government

**Brief\***

SB 81 would modify the “affidavit of exemption” limit in the Campaign Finance Act. The bill would increase, from \$500 to \$1,000, the aggregate contribution threshold which triggers the need to report contributions as required by the Act. Below this threshold a party or political committee need file only an affidavit of intent to spend less than the specified amount.

**Background**

The bill was requested by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (KGEC). The KGEC Executive Director was the sole conferee before the Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government. The conferee stated the bill was intended as cleanup: enacted 2015 HB 2183 raised the affidavit of exemption limit from \$500 to \$1,000 for all state and local candidates. Therefore, the bill would make the threshold the same for all reporting entities under the Campaign Finance Act.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Secretary of State and the KGEC stated enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

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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>