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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2587

As Recommended by House Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2587 would amend a provision governing the venue of agency adoptions in the Kansas Adoption and Relinquishment Act to allow such adoption proceedings to take place in a county where the Department for Children and Families (DCF) or subcontracting agency has an office when the State or a department of the State is the adoption agency.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of Representative Humphries.

In the House Committee hearing, Representative Humphries testified in support of the bill, stating the change would remedy an unintended omission in the law and encourage attorneys to continue offering their services in agency adoptions. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by DCF, which requested an amendment to replace "subcontracting agency" with "foster care case management grantee." No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Judicial Branch and DCF indicate enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

^{*}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