

SESSION OF 2021

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2097**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

**Brief\***

HB 2097 would decouple participation in the Kansas Industrial Training (KIT) program or the Kansas Industrial Retraining (KIR) program as a method to qualify for the High Performance Incentive Program (HPIP) tax credit. The bill also would eliminate the HPIP certification and recertification by a business to dedicate 2.0 percent of payroll for training purposes.

**Background**

The bill was introduced the House Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development at the request of Representative Tarwater. The bill is identical to 2020 HB 2702, as introduced.

***House Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Economic  
Development***

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Department of Commerce.

No neutral or opponent testimony was given.

Written-only **proponent** testimony was provided by the Kansas Economic Development Alliance; the Manhattan,

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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>

Emporia, Topeka, and Lawrence Chambers of Commerce Coalition; the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce; and the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce.

### **Fiscal Information**

In a fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Department of Commerce indicates it is unable to estimate the fiscal impact enactment of the bill would have, noting that the number of applicants that have not qualified due to not meeting the training requirement cannot be determined.

Economic Development; High Performance Incentive Fund; Tax Credits