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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2452

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2452 would remove the requirement that the Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission (Commission) offer as a benefit the option to purchase long-term care insurance and indemnity insurance.

The bill would make technical amendments to ensure consistency in statutory phrasing.

Background

This bill was introduced by the House Committee of Appropriations at the request of Representative Landwehr. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Health and Human Services on March 8, 2023.

House Committee on Health and Human Services

In the House Committee hearing on March 20, 2023, the Acting Secretary of Administration provided **proponent** testimony on the bill stating that the market has changed for this type of product, reducing the negotiating ability of the Commission. He clarified that state employees who have purchased the product currently pay the full premium through payroll deduction. The state employees who currently have a policy would retain the policy, but billing would change to direct billing. The Acting Secretary also noted that the bill

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would not restrict the Commission from offering the benefit in the future.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget, the Department of Administration indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Health care; Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission; long-term care insurance; indemnity insurance; cafeteria benefits