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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2694

As Amended by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2694, as amended, would authorize the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) to establish a Capitol Prayer and Meditation Room in the Statehouse building. A special revenue fund would be created in the State Treasury into which private donations would be deposited and from which the LCC could approve expenditures to establish such a room.

Background

The House Majority Leader sponsored the original bill and spoke as the only conferee. He asked to amend the bill as introduced to change the original reference from an all faiths chapel to a more appropriate designation for such a meditation room.

It was noted by the conferee that in 1959 the Legislature established by concurrent resolution an inter-faith meditation room in the State Capitol Building Room 503. It is not known when the room use was discontinued and converted to office space.

The conferee also stated the Governor had offered use of a portion of the Governor's assigned space that could be used as the new designated room until a permanent location could be identified.

^{*}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

The fiscal noted for the bill as introduced indicated no cost would be known until the LCC determined where the room would be located and how it would be equipped and furnished.