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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 97

As Amended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 97 would extend for one year the judicial surcharge the Legislature authorized in 2010 Senate Sub. for HB 2476 to fund non-judicial personnel. No surcharge amounts would be changed.

The bill also would delay the expansion of the Court of Appeals from 13 to 14 judges for one year, until December 31, 2012.

Background

The Judicial Branch requested the Senate Judiciary Committee introduce SB 97. As introduced, the bill would have extended the Judicial surcharge for another year.

In the Senate Judiciary Committee, a representative of the Judicial Branch appeared in support of the bill. No opponents provided testimony. The Committee amended the bill by eliminating the sunset dates and recommended it be passed as amended.

The House Judiciary Committee amended the bill to restore the one-year extension of the sunset dates and to add the provision delaying the expansion of the Court of Appeals. The House Committee recommended the bill be passed as amended.

*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 note on the bill, as introduced, states the Judicial Branch FY 2012 budget, as submitted to the Legislature and included in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*, is based upon continuation of the surcharge. It is estimated the surcharge will produce \$9 million in revenues in FY 2012 for the Judicial Branch to use in funding non-judicial personnel. There is no fiscal note for the bill as amended.