

SESSION OF 2016

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2163**

As Agreed to April 29, 2016

**Brief\***

HB 2163 would allow the board of county commissioners of any county to order an audit of any fire district located within the county. The township or townships where the fire district is located would be responsible for the cost of the audit.

**Conference Committee Action**

The Conference Committee removed the contents of HB 2163 (regarding municipal contracting) as amended by the Senate Committee on Local Government and inserted the contents of SB 476 (regarding fire district audits) as amended by the Senate Committee of the Whole.

**Background**

At the hearing before the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs on SB 476, Senator LaTurner appeared in support of the bill. He testified the bill would allow the Bourbon County Commission to be the auditing agency for fire districts and would reduce confusion in investigating allegations of misconduct in fire districts that cross multiple townships. There was no neutral or opponent testimony on the bill.

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The Senate Committee adopted a technical amendment.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to allow any county to order an audit of any fire district located within the county, rather than limiting the action to Bourbon County.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on SB 476 as introduced states the Kansas Association of Counties has indicated enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

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