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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2163**

As Amended by House Committee on Local  
Government

**Brief\***

HB 2163 would expand the definition of “municipality” in KSA 12-2908, which allows contracts between municipalities, to include a school district, library district, road district, water district, drainage district, sewer district, or fire district. Currently, only “a city, county, or township” is included in the definition.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Local Government. Proponents testifying in the House Committee included representatives of the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners, the Kansas Association of School Boards, and the League of Kansas Municipalities. Proponents said expanding the definition of municipality in this statute would create more opportunities for cooperative efforts by local governmental entities, thereby enhancing efficiencies, expertise, and cost savings. Contracting was described as a more streamlined method for municipalities to coordinate than *via* interlocal agreements.

There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

The House Committee on Local Government amended the bill to include water districts in the definition of municipalities in KSA 12-2908.

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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>

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced indicates the Kansas Association of Counties believes passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on counties. According to the League of Kansas Municipalities, passage of the bill could result in some yet-unknown cost savings for districts that enter into interlocal agreements because it would permit those districts to enter into contracts for services with other public entities.