

SESSION OF 2015

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2164**

As Amended by House Committee on Local  
Government

**Brief\***

HB 2164 would increase the threshold at which sewer districts contracting for construction of all or part of a sewer system must seek competitive bids. The threshold would increase from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Local Government. Testimony in support of the bill in the House Committee was presented by representatives of Riley County: the Director of Public Works, the County Counselor, and a County Commissioner. A representative of the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) also testified in support of the bill. Proponents said the \$1,000 threshold impeded timely response to breakdowns in sewer systems, and they noted the \$25,000 threshold would be consistent with state law requiring competitive bids for repairs to county buildings.

No neutral or opponent testimony was presented.

The House Committee amended the bill to raise the threshold for competitive bids for sewer district construction from \$15,000, as proposed in the introduced version of the bill, to \$25,000.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, indicates the KAC estimated the bill

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could result in counties paying more in construction costs, while the League of Kansas Municipalities did not expect passage of the bill to have a fiscal effect on Kansas cities.