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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2041

As Recommended by House Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2041 would extend the sunset provision for judicial surcharges on a number of docket fees until June 30, 2019. Current law allows the judicial branch to impose an additional charge per docket fee to fund the costs of non-judicial personnel until June 30, 2017. The bill would also make technical corrections to reconcile amendments related to expungements made in the 2016 Legislative Session.

Background

The bill was introduced in the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Kansas Judicial Branch. In the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Office of Judicial Administration testified in support of the bill, and the Kansas District Judges Association and the Kansas Bar Association provided written testimony in support of the bill. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, expenditures from Judicial Branch surcharge revenues are currently reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report* with estimated revenues to the Judicial Branch Docket Fee Fund of \$8.4 million in FY 2018 and \$8.2 million in FY 2019. If the bill is not enacted, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates its budget would be reduced by \$8.4 million in FY 2018 and \$8.2 million in FY 2019.

^{*}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