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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2164

As Recommended by House Committee on
Education

Brief*

HB 2164 would create law concerning the Board of Trustees of Cowley County Community College (CCCC). For as long as Sumner County provides financial support for the benefit of CCCC, the bill would state that the CCCC Board of Trustees would be composed of the elected members of that Board and an additional member elected by the qualified electors of Sumner County. The bill would require the CCCC Board of Trustees to adopt and implement an additional member plan, including a determination as to whether the Board has adopted a six- or seven-member plan for member elections in the CCCC district.

The bill would also outline requirements for primary and general elections for the additional member, including when the elections would be held and the methods for becoming a candidate for the position. The bill would specify the first additional member would serve a two-year term commencing on the second Monday in January 2018 following the election. Subsequent additional members would serve four-year terms. If Sumner County terminates financial support or if support lapses, the additional member could serve until the expiration of his or her term, the CCCC Board of Trustees would discontinue the additional member plan at the expiration of that member's term or upon a vacancy, and Sumner County would not conduct further elections.

Finally, the bill would define key terms and amend the Community College Election Act to allow the CCCC Board of

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Trustees to have up to eight members, including the additional member.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was introduced by Representative Trimmer, who represents the district where CCCC is located. In the House Committee on Education hearing, representatives of CCCC explained that Sumner County voters approved a half-cent sales tax for the construction and operation of a CCCC campus in Sumner County. The CCCC Board of Trustees agreed that adding a member to represent Sumner County would be ideal to ensure accountability to Sumner County voters. No opponent testimony was provided.

The Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Association of Counties indicates the cost of adding a question to the ballot in Sumner County would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources. A primary election may also be needed; however, the cost to the Sumner County Election Office would be negligible.