

SESSION OF 2017

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2170**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2170, as amended, would require a bicycle in use at nighttime to be equipped on the rear with a red reflector visible from 100 feet to 600 feet, a lamp emitting a red light visible from 500 feet, or the operator wearing clothing that emits light visible from 500 feet. Current law requires both a reflector and a red light visible from the rear and also a lamp on the front emitting white light.

**Background**

The Undersheriff of Lyon County testified in support of the bill in the House Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Transportation hearings. He stated a light-emitting device (lamp) is the best option when cycling in low light or night conditions and using such a device is common practice for cyclists in Kansas. He also noted the absence of either a reflector or a light-emitting device has been used in the defense of vehicle drivers who have struck cyclists from behind. No other testimony was presented.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to include an additional option for bicycle use at nighttime to permit an operator wearing clothing that emits light visible from 500 feet.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal effect.

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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>