

SESSION OF 2018

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 262**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Ways  
and Means

**Brief\***

SB 262, as amended, would authorize the Capitol Preservation Committee to approve plans to place a permanent statue of Dwight D. Eisenhower on the Kansas Capitol grounds.

The bill also would authorize the Department of Administration to receive moneys from grants, gifts, contributions, or bequests to finance the construction of the statue and its pedestal. All funds received would be remitted to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Statue Fund, which would be created by the bill and would be used solely for the purpose of creating and constructing the statue and its pedestal or other purposes specifically indicated in the bequest. No public funds would be used to construct the statue and pedestal.

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

**Background**

The bill was introduced by Senators Bowers and Hardy. At the Senate Committee on Ways and Means hearing, Senators Bowers and Hardy testified in support of the bill. Senator Bowers stated the bill was recommended by the Capitol Preservation Committee. She requested the effective date of the bill be changed from publication in the statute book to publication in the *Kansas Register*, which would allow

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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>

work on the statue to begin earlier. Senator Bowers also stated the full cost of the statue, \$127,000, has already been raised and the State is now raising the final funds to build the base of the statue, which is estimated at \$40,000. Senator Hardy stated former President Eisenhower's grave is in his district and he supported the construction of the statue. The great-grandson of former President Eisenhower testified in support of the construction of the statue. The great-grandson stated former President Eisenhower made great contributions to the United States of America.

The Director of Legislative and Public Affairs for the Department of Administration testified in support of the bill. The Director stated completion of the statue is anticipated in October, if the bill is enacted. The Director further stated any excess moneys in the fund could be used to maintain the statue.

No opponent or neutral testimony was presented.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to make a technical amendment to the fund name. The Committee also amended the bill to change the effective date from publication in the statute book to publication in the *Kansas Register*.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the statue is estimated to cost approximately \$90,000. The Department of Administration estimates the cost for a solid granite base and for setting the statue would be approximately \$37,500. No state funds would be used to finance these costs. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.