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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2531

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2531 would require an annual payment of a \$10 firefighters training fee for each new or renewed firefighter license plate starting January 1, 2021.

The bill would require the annual firefighters training fee payments collected by county treasurers to be deposited into the Firefighters Training Fund (Fund), which the bill would create. The bill would authorize expenditures from the Fund to be made for purposes of providing financial support related to honoring or training Kansas firefighters or any general use that supports Kansas firefighters. The bill would require payments from the Fund to be made monthly to the designee of the Kansas State Firefighters Association (Association).

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation at the request of a representative of the Association.

In the House Committee hearing February 12, 2020, an Association representative provided proponent testimony. The Association president provided written-only proponent testimony. They stated the fee had been approved by the Association membership and the moneys would be used to support training for firefighters. No other testimony was provided.

*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>

Under continuing law (KSA 2019 Supp. 8-1,141), an applicant for a firefighter license plate must also pay a \$40 distinctive license plate fee when a plate is issued.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Department of Revenue indicates enactment of the bill would increase expenditures of the Department by \$4,685 for one-time administrative expenses. If all 10,381 firefighters who currently have firefighter license plates renew those plates, \$103,810 would be deposited into the Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.