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2022 Approved Mtg. Days	2023 Requested Mtg. Days	Committees	2023 Prelim. Recommended Meeting Days	2023 Approved Mtg. Days
JOINT COMMITTEES				
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40	48	Subtotal—Joint Committees	36	0
REQUESTED SPECIAL / STANDING COMMITTEES				
1	--	Special Committee on Education (<i>includes the following three Interim Committee requests</i>) Recommend House Chair	4	
--	2	Special Committee on Special Education – <i>Pg. 16</i>	--	
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--	4	Special Committee on Child Care Centers and Child Care Homes (<i>includes the following Interim Committee request</i>) Senate Chair – <i>Pg. 21</i>	2	
--	5	Special Committee on Daycare ¹ - <i>Pg. 22</i>	--	
--	--	Special Committee on Energy and Utilities (<i>includes the following five Interim Committee requests</i>) House Chair	4	
--	4	Special Committee on Electric Transmission Line Siting – <i>Pg. 24</i>	--	
--	3	Special Committee on the Impacts of Renewable Energy – <i>Pg 26</i>	--	
--	2	Special Committee on Electric Rates and Reliability – <i>Pg. 28</i>	--	
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--	3	Special Committee on Foreign Adversary Investments and Land Purchases Senate Chair – Pg. 31	2	
--	1	Special Committee on Civil Asset Forfeiture House Chair - Pg.32	1	
--	2	Special Committee on Governmental Ethics Reform, Campaign Finance Law House Chair – Pg. 33	2	
--	3	Special Committee on Elections Senate Chair - Pg. 34	2	
--	2	Special Committee on Nursing Facility Reimbursement Rate Methodology House Chair – Pg. 36	2	
3	2	Special Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disability Waiver Senate Chair – Pg. 37	2	
--	10	Special Committee on Mental Health Senate Chair – Pg. 38	3	
--	4	Special Committee on Homelessness House Chair – Pg. 39	1	
2	4	Special Committee on Taxation House Chair – Pg. 41	2	
--	2	Special Committee on Restricted Driving Privileges Senate Chair – Pg. 43	2	
--	2	House Water Committee ¹ – Pg. 44	1	
--	4	House Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development – Pg. 45	1	
5	--	Special Committee on Mental Health Beds (includes the two requested Committees above)		
4	--	Special Committee on Medical Marijuana		
3	--	Special Committee on State Employee and Board Member Compensation (includes the two requested Committees above)		
2	--	Special Committee on Water		
2	--	Special Committee on Workforce Development		
22	69	Subtotal—Special or Standing Committees	31	0
		OTHER		
1	1	Capitol Preservation Committee – Pg. 46	1	
1	1	Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee ²	1	
3	3	Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight – Pg. 47	3	
2	--	Kansas Senior Care Task Force	--	
--	1	Special Education and Related Services Funding Task Force ³	1	
2	--	Legislative Task Force on Community and Technical College State Funding		
1	--	Senate Select Committee on Wind Turbine Lighting		
10	6	Subtotal—Other	6	0
72	123	Grand Total—Interim Meeting Days	73	0

¹ This committee is requesting travel outside of Topeka.

² This committee annually receives a report on the status of the Health Care Stabilization Fund. No letter is normally received since payment for legislative members is not from legislative sources.

³ This was provided for in Section 7 of House Sub. for SB 113.

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April 26, 2023

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Dear Chairperson Masterson:

On behalf of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations (JCARR), I respectfully request Legislative Coordinating Council approval of six meeting days for JCARR during the 2023 Interim. The first of those Interim meetings will need to take place in late June or early July.

KSA 77-436 requires JCARR to hear each proposed rule and regulation and provide its report, making comments and recommendations on those rules and regulations, during the 60-day public comment period. Beginning this year, JCARR also will receive reports on agency reviews of all of their rules and regulations, as required by KSA 2022 Supp. 77-440.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barb Wasinger".

Representative Barb Wasinger,
Chairperson, Joint Committee on
Administrative Rules and Regulations

cc: Representative Dan Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
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SENATOR BEVERLY GOSSAGE

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April 26, 2023
Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
Room 332-E, Statehouse

Dear Senator Masterson:

The Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight respectfully requests the Legislative Coordinating Council approve a total of five meeting days during the 2023 Interim.

Pursuant to KSA 46-3901, the Committee is required to meet at least once during each of the first and second calendar quarters when the Legislature is in regular session and at least once during each of the third and fourth calendar quarters, on the call of the chairperson.

The Committee met for its first quarter meeting on March 31, 2023. KSA 46-3901 directs the Committee to review data on child maltreatment and demographic trends impacting the child welfare system; the duties, responsibilities and contributions of the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF), the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), the Department of Corrections, law enforcement, and the judicial branch that comprise the child welfare system; and programs, services, and benefits offered directly or through grants or contracts by DCF, KDADS, KDHE, and the judicial branch that impact children and families at risk of becoming involved or who are involved in the child welfare system.

The five meeting days requested would enable the Committee to discharge its statutory responsibility for the second, third, and fourth quarters of calendar year 2023.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly Gossage". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Senator Beverly Gossage, Chairperson
Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight

cc: Representative Dan Hawkins, Vice-Chairperson
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STEPHEN OWENS
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April 27, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson
Chairperson, Legislative Coordinating Council
332-E Statehouse

Delivered Via Email

Dear Chairperson Masterson,

On behalf of the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight (Joint Committee), I request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve four meeting days for the 2023 Interim for the Joint Committee to meet and fulfill its statutory duties.

KSA 46-2801 directs the Joint Committee to monitor inmate and juvenile offender populations and to review and study the programs, activities, plans, and operations of the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC). The issues outlined below fall squarely within the statutory duties placed upon the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee proposed to study issues related to KDOC operations, including prison population and capacity, prison construction master plans, and bed contracts; KDOC employee retention; KDOC appropriations and planning generally; and the continuing implementation and impact of the juvenile justice reforms originally enacted in 2016.

Additionally, the Joint Committee proposes to study:

- HB 2021 (2023) and its components
- KLETC Funding
- Probation length, terms, and use
- Other topics we may become aware of

The Joint Committee requests authorization to tour facilities, as committee leadership may deem appropriate, within the Kansas Department of Corrections and Juvenile Justice System.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for four meeting days for the Joint Committee to consider these important topics .

Sincerely,

Stephen Owens

Stephen Owens, Chairperson

Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight

cc: Representative Daniel Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
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May 22, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
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Dear President Masterson:

The Joint Committee on Fiduciary Financial Institutions Oversight respectfully requests the Legislative Coordinating Council approve one meeting day during the 2023 Interim.

KSA 46-4001 directs the Joint Committee to monitor, review, and make recommendations regarding fiduciary financial institutions' operations in Kansas. The Office of the State Bank Commissioner is required to appear annually before this joint committee and present a report on the fiduciary financial institutions industry. In addition, the Joint Committee notes relevant pending legislation pertaining to TEFPI Act amendments.

The authorized meeting day will permit the Joint Committee to fulfill its statutory duties, monitor fiduciary financial institution activities, receive reports from various agencies and the regulated financial institution, and consider recent law and pending legislation to assist in the development and regulation of this industry in Kansas.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Nick Hoheisel

Representative Nick Hoheisel, Chairperson
Joint Committee on Fiduciary Financial Institutions Oversight

cc: Representative Dan Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
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SENATOR BEVERLY GOSSAGE
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April 3, 2023

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Dear Senator Masterson:

The Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight respectfully requests the Legislative Coordinating Council approve a total of four meeting days (two two-day meetings) during the 2023 Interim.

Pursuant to KSA 39-7,160, the Committee is to meet at least once for two consecutive days during each of the third and fourth calendar quarters, on the call of the chairperson, in addition to meeting at least once in January and once in April when the Legislature is in session.

KSA 39-7,160 directs the Committee to oversee long-term care services including home and community based services (HCBS), which are to be provided through a comprehensive and coordinated system throughout the state. In its oversight role, the Committee is to oversee the savings resulting from the transfer of individuals from state or private institutions to HCBS and to ensure any proceeds resulting from the successful transfer be applied to the system for the provision of services for long-term care and HCBS, as well as to review and study other components of the state's long-term care system. Further, the Committee is to oversee the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, and the state Medicaid programs, and monitor and study the implementation and operations of these programs including, but not limited to, access to and quality of services provided and any financial information and budgetary issues.

The four meeting days requested would enable the Committee to effectively discharge its statutory responsibility for the third and fourth quarters of calendar year 2023.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Senator Beverly Gossage, Chairperson
Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on
Home and Community Based Services and
KanCare Oversight

cc: Representative Daniel Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
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Chairperson Masterson:

On behalf of the Joint Committee on Information Technology, I request six meeting days during the 2023 Interim. I believe six meeting days will allow the Joint Committee enough time to fulfill its responsibilities in oversight and review of information technology projects.

The duties assigned to the Joint Committee by its authorizing statute KSA 46-2102 are noted below, and the first four duties also define its general areas of interim activity:

- Study computers, telecommunications, and other information technologies used by state agencies and institutions. The state governmental entities defined in KSA 75-7201 include executive, judicial, and legislative agencies, and regents institutions;
- Review proposed new acquisitions, including implementation plans, project budget estimates, and three-year strategic information technology plans of state agencies and institutions. All state governmental entities are required to comply with provisions of KSA 75-7209 *et seq.* by submitting such information for review by the Joint Committee;
- Review information technology project plan summaries, prior to the release of a request for project proposal, that are determined to have a significant business risk as established per Information Technology Executive Council Policy.
 - In instances when requested by Joint Committee members, conduct a meeting, to advise and consult on such projects prior to the release of a request for proposal (2023 HB 2019);
- Monitor newly implemented technologies of state agencies and institutions;

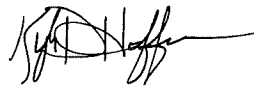
- Make recommendations to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and House Committee on Appropriations on implementation plans, budget estimates, and three-year plans of state agencies and institutions; and
- Report annually to the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) and make special reports to other legislative committees as deemed appropriate.

In addition to the Joint Committee's statutory duties, the Legislature or its committees, including the LCC, may direct the Joint Committee to undertake special studies and to perform other specific duties.

The Joint Committee presents an annual report in compliance with KSA 46-1207 that requires the LCC to receive information about the interim work that will be submitted to the Legislature in the next Session. I would note that additional meeting days may be required if additional interim topics are assigned to the Joint Committee beyond those required by statute or the Joint Committee convenes multiple times to advise and consult on IT project proposals.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Representative Kyle Hoffman,
Chairperson, Joint Committee
on Information Technology

cc: Representative Dan Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
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May 25, 2023

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Dear Chairperson Masterson:

On behalf of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security (Committee), I respectfully request approval for three meeting days during the 2023 Legislative Interim. This request includes:

- One day during which the Committee may tour facilities at two sites: Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation and EMP Shield Inc., both of Burlington. At the Wolf Creek site, the Committee would focus on security improvements and changes since 2001. Work at EMP Shield also directly affects matters relating to the security of infrastructure in Kansas; and
- Two days for the Committee to meet to study, monitor, and make recommendations regarding additional topics within the Committee's statutory purview in KSA 46-3301, including matters relating to the security of state officers or employees, the security of buildings and property owned by the State, and the security of infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Eric Smith

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Representative Eric Smith,
Chairperson
Joint Committee on Kansas Security

cc: Representative Daniel Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
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June 2, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
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Dear Chairperson Masterson:

On behalf of the Legislative Budget Committee, I request eight meeting days during the 2023 Interim. The requested meeting days will allow the Committee to fulfill its responsibilities in oversight and review of the state budget. Pursuant to KSA 46-1208, the Committee is directed to compile fiscal information and to study and make recommendations on the state budget, revenues and expenditures, and the organization and functions of the State, its departments, subdivisions, and agencies with a view of reducing the cost of state government and increasing efficiency and economy.

In addition to these statutory duties, the Committee believes it would be appropriate to undertake more specific duties in the 2023 Interim related to American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) fund awards; Medicaid reimbursement rates; Kansas Lottery, Expanded Lottery, and historic racing revenues; implementation of the BUILD Kansas program; Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Spending; Kansas mental health initiatives; K-12 and postsecondary education spending; Higher Education grant funds, the Governor's Wildfire Task Force recommendations, the Early Childhood Transition Task Force recommendations, and the Attracting Powerful Economic Expansion (APEX) program implementation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Troy Waymaster

Representative Troy Waymaster

cc: Representative Daniel Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
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May 22, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
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Dear President Masterson:

The Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits respectfully requests the Legislative Coordinating Council approve two meeting days for it during the 2023 Interim.

KSA 46-2201 directs the Joint Committee to monitor, review, and make recommendations regarding the investment policies and objectives formulated by the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) Board of Trustees, review and make recommendations relating to benefits for KPERs members, consider and make recommendations to the confirmation of members of the KPERs Board, review and make recommendations relating to the inclusion of city and county correctional officers as eligible members of the Kansas Police and Firemen's Retirement System (KP&F), and review reports regarding working after retirement exceptions (KSA 74-4914 and 74-4937).

Two meeting days will permit the Joint Committee to fulfill its statutory duties as well as allow it to hear and respond to reports regarding the operations and performance of KPERs and implementation of 2023 law (KP&F affiliation, Deferred Retirement Option program [DROP] expansion, and environmental, social, and governance [ESG] policy). The Joint Committee notes pending legislation on several pensions-related topics, including KPERs investment policy (alternative investment cap), self-funded cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) and other COLA options, and working after retirement compensation and exemptions. The Joint Committee is interested in allocating significant meeting time to its evaluation of ESG criteria, ESG implementation and enforcement activities in other states, states' investment boycott provisions associated with foreign adversaries, and its continued study into options relating to KPERs Tier 3 plan design and its overall benefit value.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Nick Hoheisel

Representative Nick Hoheisel, Chairperson
Joint Committee on Fiduciary Financial Institutions Oversight

cc: Representative Dan Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
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April 26, 2023

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Chairman Masterson:

On behalf of the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State, and pursuant to KSA 46-912, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve four meeting days during the 2023 Interim. The Committee conducted public hearings on 80 claims during 4 meeting days last year, and a similar number of claims is anticipated for the coming Interim.

Four meeting days would allow the Committee to hear all claims filed by the statutory deadline of November 1, 2023, hear two claims carried over from the 2022 Interim, and make recommendations to the 2024 Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Susan Humphries, Chairperson
Joint Committee on Special Claims Against
the State

cc: Representative Daniel Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
Senator Dinah Sykes, Senate Minority Leader
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April 27, 2023

President Ty Masterson
Legislative Coordinating Council
Room 333-E, Statehouse
BUILDING MAIL

Dear Chairperson Masterson:

As Chairperson of the Joint Committee on State Building Construction, I respectfully request five meeting days during the 2023 Interim Session. Five days is necessary to study, review, and make recommendations on all agency five-year capital improvement plans; review leases, land sales, and other statutory required reports by agencies; and travel throughout the state to observe the many state-owned buildings.

The Joint Committee is authorized by KSA 46-1701, which includes provisions allowing the Joint Committee to meet on call of its Chairperson at any time and any place within the state and to introduce legislation. I request a minimum of two-days in Topeka to review the agency five-year capital improvement plans and three days to travel outside of Topeka to view the state's buildings that may be undergoing renovation or construction.

Sincerely,

Representative Bill Sutton, Chairperson
Joint Committee on State Building Construction

- cc: Representative Daniel Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
- Senator Dinah Sykes, Senate Minority Leader
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May 24, 2023
Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
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Dear Senator Masterson:

As chairperson of the House K-12 Education Budget Committee, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve two meeting days during the 2023 Interim for a Special Committee on Special Education to consider a thorough review of all Special Education Statutes. With the recent emphasis on Special Education funding, it seems timely to not only consider the funding statutes, but also all the relevant special education statutes to ensure relevance, practicability, understanding, and compliance. The review would include statutes and State Board of Education guidelines concerning:

- The State Advisory Council for Special Education;
- Funding distribution for both federal and state;
- Requirements to qualify for an Individual Education Plan;
- Constitutionality of statutes relating to certain service availability;
- Review of services and funds provided to students with an IEP in public and non-public schools; and
- Disciplinary policies and practices for students with an IEP.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kristey Williams', with a long, sweeping underline.

Representative Kristey Williams,
Chairperson, House K-12
Education Budget Committee

cc: Representative Dan Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
Senator Dinah Sykes, Senate Minority Leader
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May 24, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
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Dear Senator Masterson:

As chair of the Senate Education Committee, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve four meeting days during the 2023 Interim for a Special Committee on Education to complete a comprehensive review of **The Teaching of College Dual and Concurrent Courses and Technical Education Courses (SB155) provided by Technical and Community Colleges to High School students**. This will include exploring the Technical Education Authority (TEA) and the Kansas Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education (KACCTE) and reviewing;

- Current statutes and State Board of Education guidelines which allow a student to take college classes while in high school;
- Structure, responsibilities and interaction of the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR), the TEA, the KACCTE, and the State Board of Education to ensure students are prepared to take college classes;
- Terms and professional requirements of appointees of the TEA and the KACCTE;
- Approval process for SB 155 courses offered to high school students – both the number of students at each high school and school district taking general education and/or technical education classes, the number of classes they are taking each year and throughout their high school career, what classes they are taking, how many are completing a industry recognized credential, and/or how many are staying in that field post high school graduation or continuing in that field for a Bachelors degree;
- How KBOR determines which classes are approved for SB 155 funding, including when course are unapproved or approved (moved from tiered to non-tiered funding);
- Funding streams for General and Technical Education classes in Technical and Community Colleges, including in-county, -service area, -state, and out of state;
- Impacts on Technical Colleges following affiliation and merger agreements;
- Impact of agreement of Community College transfer with junior status to Kansas Independent Colleges vs. no agreement in place with Regents Universities;
- Dual and/or Concurrent enrollment for General and Technical Education classes from Technical and Community Colleges including:
 - Funding agreements with public school districts and private high schools and how funds are dispersed within districts and schools
 - Courses marketed as “free” to high school students by Technical and Community Colleges

- Number of high school students served by each college, location where they are served, percent of overall enrollment that is provided to high school students;
- Number of hours high school students are receiving on-campus instruction – funding impact on .5 CTE weighting, 1.0 Base State Aid Per Pupil, plus weightings, plus CTE weightings;
- Number of hours high school students are taught by a high school teacher through a Technical or Community College contract – funding impact on .5 CTE weighting, 1.0 Base State Aid Per Pupil, plus weightings, plus CTE weightings;
- Coordination with the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) to ensure students are not in need of remediation prior to enrollment, and
- Funding interactions with KSDE and individual districts related to implementation of career technical education certificate payment by school districts passed last session.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Senator Molly Baumgardner,
Chair, Senate Committee on Education

cc: Representative Dan Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
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Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
Room 332-E, Statehouse

Dear Senator Masterson:

As chairperson of the House K-12 Education Budget Committee, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve two meeting days during the 2023 Interim for a Special Committee on ***K-12 Education Climate: Examining Student & Teacher Expectations, Outcomes & Retention***. With dramatic cultural and technological changes in our communities, schools are implementing changes in expectations, experiencing overall declining enrollments and teacher retention, and navigating challenges with the ever-growing dependence on technology (e.g., social media and vast on-line resources). This two-day intensive would look at the direct connection between teachers and students. The goal would be to create a framework of understanding to better support our students and teachers and understand the variables that create mutual success in our public schools. Comparing two closely intertwined perspectives, both that of the student and teacher, will shed light on the successes and challenges of our K-12 public school system.

Teacher Perspective: Examine the K-12 education climate to better understand changes in teacher satisfaction and retention:

- Review requirements for licensure and renewal and compare with teacher shortages;
- Consider support structures for teachers: administration, State Board, KSDE, parents, and Legislature;
- Analysis of professional responsibilities of teachers by category: federal, state, state board, local school districts;
- Review of work environment (e.g., administrative support, behaviors, expectations, time commitment, pay, etc.);
- Consider impact of providing incentives including merit-based pay, KPERS, more time to focus on core instruction, etc.;
- Compare changes in expectations and accountability in the classroom with changes in student expectations and accountability; and
- Understand college requirements by considering what courses and training (e.g., student teaching) are required today and how those courses and experiences impact professional preparedness, growth, and instructional development.

Student Viewpoint: Analyze the challenges impacting K-12 public school students & their ability to graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary for college and career readiness:

- Review academic achievement data and changes over time;
- Review other student criteria measured for accreditation;
- Compare varying district discipline policies and practices and analyze corresponding impacts on students and teachers;
- Discuss practices and polices impacting student mental health.
- Review changes in academic and behavioral standards over the past decade;
- Review influence of social media on a student's ability to focus and learn;
- Examine workforce shortages and shifts relating to college and career readiness of students.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Representative Kristey Williams,
Chairperson, House Committee on K-12
Budget

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Chairperson Ty Masterson
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Dear Senator Masterson:

As Chairperson of the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development, I respectfully request the authorization of a 2023 joint interim committee to study the effects of overregulation of child care centers and child care homes on the Kansas workforce and to develop recommendations for the Legislature to ensure such services and facilities are appropriately regulated to meet the needs of Kansans.

Labor supply continues to be a substantial constraint on the Kansas economy and child care availability is a major obstacle for many Kansans desiring to enter the workforce. I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve a minimum of 4 meeting days for this joint interim committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Representative Sean Tarwater, Chairperson
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and
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Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
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Chairperson Masterson:

As chairperson of the House Committee on Welfare Reform, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve five meeting days during the 2023 Interim for a *Special Committee on Daycare Availability and Regulation* to evaluate various policy options and make recommendations for reform of daycare regulation, licensing procedures, and other programs and policies that may increase daycare capacity in the state. Additionally, we would ask for at least three days of travel costs to meet with providers in their respective communities given the difficulty to providers in closing daycare facilities and traveling to Topeka to provide testimony.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, various committees considered and held hearings on reforming daycare regulations. Ultimately, both chambers passed HB 2344, which would have changed the ratio of children to caregivers and reduced burdensome regulations but was vetoed by the Governor. The need for daycare reform touches many committees and members of the Legislature, and the makeup of the Committee should reflect the diversity of interests involved and include eleven members.

The Special Committee would seek authority to:

- Solicit testimony from the Governor's Early Childhood Task Force and state agencies involved in the regulation of daycare facilities and ongoing reform efforts;
- Solicit testimony from parents, daycare providers, licensees, businesses, and community members on the availability of daycare and regulatory burdens;
- Solicit testimony from regulatory agencies in other states that have different child to caregiver ratios and regulatory requirements to identify any safety concerns;

Sample Agendas

Day 1 – Visit Wichita to discuss regional needs and projects and hear testimony from providers, parents, and community leaders.

Day 2 – Visit Garden City to discuss regional needs and projects and hear testimony from providers, parents, and community leaders.

Day 3 – Visit the Johnson County Metro Area to discuss regional needs and projects and hear testimony from providers, parents, and community leaders.

Day 4 – Meet in Topeka to hear from state agencies and others working in the field, and receive updates on current reform efforts within the administration.

Day 5 – Any additional testimony or presentations, and make recommendations and propose legislation for the 2024 Legislature.

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April 3, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
 Legislative Coordinating Council
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Dear Chairperson Masterson:

As chairperson of the Senate Committee on Utilities, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) approve four days during the 2023 Interim for a Special Committee on Electric Transmission Line Siting. Over the past 13 years, the Obama and Biden administrations have focused on shifting the United States to renewable energy and away from the use of fossil fuels. Based on Kansas' central location, open spaces, low population density, and natural resources of wind and sunny days, Kansas will likely see an expansion of solar, wind, and possibly hydrogen energy projects. In addition, Kansas is geographically positioned to be one of the nation's hubs for connecting the Eastern and Western electric grids. With most native transmission infrastructure at or near full capacity, this expansion will require the building of hundreds of miles of new transmission lines and upgrades to existing facilities, which could negatively impact Kansas electric ratepayers and property owners.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the Senate Committee on Utilities held hearings over several days to discuss bills that would address electric transmission issues. Those bills included SB 166 (requiring public disclosure of an application for a transmission line siting permit under the jurisdiction of the Kansas Corporation Commission [KCC]) and SB 68 (providing incumbent electric transmission owners a right of first refusal for the construction of certain electric transmission lines). These hearings also included discussions of the role of the KCC in the siting of electric transmission lines across private property and the role of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) in the approval of future power lines.

The Senate Committee on Local Government also held a hearing on SB 312 (requiring the approval of the board of county commissioners prior to the exercise of eminent domain by certain public utilities). Meanwhile, the Legislature approved SB 49, which requires installation of light-mitigating technology systems on new and existing wind energy conversion systems subject to certain conditions.

All these discussions, in separate and distinct ways, brought to light the growing apprehension of rural and urban communities and ratepayer advocates with the anticipated growth in the number, cost, and placement of electric transmission lines.

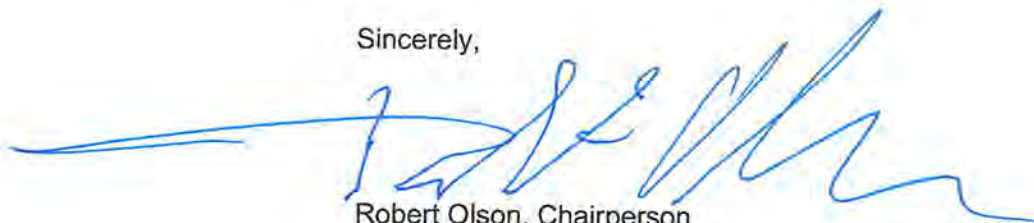
I request the LCC establish a 2023 Special Committee on Electric Transmission Line Siting and authorize four days for the Special Committee to hold interim hearings to review the following topics:

- Transmission line needs in Kansas and the SPP, plans for connectivity to other regional transmission organizations, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's role in the reliability of the national power grid;
- The role of the KCC in the siting of transmission lines and whether there is a need for additional oversight by the State or input from local governments;
- The impacts on land use and valuation when a new transmission line is constructed and when a transmission line is rebuilt or upgraded within an existing transmission line easement;
- The statutory eminent domain authority relied upon by utilities and whether the current eminent domain procedures provide an equitable balance between the public utility and the landowners and ratepayers who are impacted by the transmission line project; and
- The costs associated with electric transmission lines used primarily to export renewable energy out of the state and how such transmission lines impact Kansas ratepayers and landowners.

I believe that Kansas is at a turning point. We need to gain a deep understanding of the future of renewable energy projects and associated transmission lines, and the impact these projects will have on our state. These hearings will provide a forum for educating legislators and the public on the issues and an opportunity to craft legislation to preserve our land and communities, maintain reliability of the electric grid, control electric costs, and preserve the state's role in renewable resource development in Kansas.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Robert Olson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Utilities

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May 22, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
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Dear Chairperson Masterson:

As chairperson of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve three meeting days during the 2023 Interim for a Special Committee on the Impacts of Renewable Energy to study the health and safety of such energy sources. With wind turbines and other forms of renewable energy becoming increasingly prevalent across the state, it is important that we fully consider the implications of these initiatives on our land and citizens.

During the 2022 session, a study was proposed on the effects of wind turbines, solar arrays, and other renewable sources of energy on health and environment; the appropriation for the study was adopted as an amendment to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) budget by the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, but the amendment was removed. Permitting a Special Committee to convene on these topics will allow for the Legislature to continue progress on developing a viable plan for needed study and action on the effects of renewable energy.

The Special Committee would seek authority to:

- Solicit testimony from stakeholders, experts, and citizens regarding current and future impacts of wind turbines, solar units, and other renewable energy sources;
- Review rules, regulations, and statutes on renewable energy in other states;
- Solicit testimony from KDHE regarding current rules and regulations that apply to renewable energy and consider revisions to those measures; and
- Make recommendations to the 2024 Legislature regarding further study or needed legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Senator Mike Thompson
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Federal
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Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
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Dear Chairperson Masterson:

As Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve two meeting days during the 2023 Interim for a Special Committee on Electric Rates and Reliability.

In its study of issues related to electric rates and reliability, the Special Committee would evaluate current and future expectations regarding new rules of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the transition to solar and wind power in Kansas, and the "National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor" and its possible impact to transmission lines and associated costs across the state and make recommendations on those topics. It also would study and potentially make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the expansion of the Kansas Corporation Commission including the addition of a seat for a member of the general public.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Senator Mike Thompson
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Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
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Dear Chairperson Masterson:

As chairperson of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve two meeting days during the 2023 Interim for a Special Committee on a Statewide Energy Plan.

The proposed Special Committee on a Statewide Energy Plan would evaluate the state's rapidly evolving energy future and the potential need for a statewide energy plan. The Special Committee would also discuss the creation, oversight, and maintenance of that potential statewide energy plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Leo G. Delperdang
Representative, 94th District

Mr. President:

I am writing to formally ask the LCC to consider a two-day interim committee to explore if Kansas should develop a state energy plan and how an energy plan may aid the legislature in its commitment to ensuring competitive electric rates, appropriate grid access, and system reliability. As Chairman of the Utilities Committee, I continue to hear appeals from energy users across the state about rapidly increasing energy bills amid a system that seems to rubber stamp requests to increase rates.

An interim committee that examines how states similar to Kansas have developed and implemented state energy plans would be a prudent use of time. The committee would examine the benefits and drawbacks of statewide energy planning to determine how the state could capitalize on energy as a key resource and area of strategic importance to the state's economy and economic development efforts.

The committee would explore energy supply and demand challenges, reliability, and potential ways to minimize costs and maximize production benefits while supporting economic development. This effort could lead to a plan that would identify and design a pathway for a prosperous energy future using Kansas resources, infrastructure, and workforce talent to promote economic competitiveness and a healthy environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this request.

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May 23, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
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Dear Chairperson Masterson:

As chairperson of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve three meeting days during the 2023 Interim for a Special Committee on Foreign Adversary Investments and Land Purchases to study foreign adversary investments in Kansas and Kansas land purchased by entities that are considered to be foreign adversaries.

These topics arose as an issue before the Legislature during the 2023 Session, and additional study is needed. The Special Committee will study how to prevent foreign entities from buying land in Kansas, the laws and rules and regulations concerning investments and purchases by foreign adversaries, who in Kansas would be responsible for administering any laws the Legislature may pass and promulgating rules and regulations, and the procedures for monitoring and updating the list of foreign adversaries. The Special Committee's study will potentially result in a bill to be introduced during the 2024 Session.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Senator Mike Thompson
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Senator Ty Masterson
Chairperson, Legislative Coordinating Council
332-E Statehouse*Delivered Via Email*

Dear Chairperson Masterson,

On behalf of the House Judiciary Committee, I request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve one meeting day for the 2023 for an interim committee to study changes to the Civil Asset Forfeiture statutes.

House Bill 2380 was introduced in Judiciary during the 2023 session. I offered and was tasked with attempting to negotiate with interested parties in hopes of finding compromise. It was ultimately unsuccessful, and we realized this topic needed more intense study during the interim. This subject has been sent to the Judicial Council for additional review. It is my hope to meet after the Judicial Council report becomes available. I request the Senate President appoint 5 members and the House Speaker appoint 6 members to study this very important topic for one day.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for one meeting day for the interim committee meeting to consider this important topic .

Sincerely,

*Stephen Owens*Stephen Owens, Chairperson
Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversightcc: Representative Daniel Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
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May 22, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
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Dear Chairperson Masterson:

As chairperson of the House Committee on Elections, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve two meeting days during the 2023 Interim for a Special Committee on Elections and Ethics to study the topics of governmental ethics reform and campaign finance laws and regulations.

These topics arose as issues before the Legislature during the 2023 Session. This year, House Sub. for SB 208 was enacted, amending provisions in the Campaign Finance Act on topics including procedures of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission; however, additional study on these topics is needed. The Special Committee will evaluate current laws and regulations concerning the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission and campaign finance and potentially make recommendations to the Legislature regarding these topics.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Representative Pat Proctor
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Elections

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May 22, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
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Dear Chairperson Masterson:

As chairperson of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve three meeting days during the 2023 Interim for a Special Committee on Elections to study election integrity.

Election integrity arose as an issue before the Legislature during the 2021-2022 Biennium and the 2023 Legislative Session. Enacted in 2021, Senate Sub. for HB 2183 prohibited an individual from delivering more than ten advance voting ballots on behalf of other voters during an election and requiring verification of the signature on an advance voting ballot envelope. The Kansas Court of Appeals recently ruled these violated constitutional protections of the right to vote and to have one's vote counted. In 2022, Senate Sub. for HB 2138 was enacted amending and creating new law pertaining to voter registration, election audits, distinctive watermarks on paper ballots, electronic or electromechanical voting systems, electronic poll books, an affidavit system for transferring ballots, duties of the Secretary of State and election officials, electronic poll book fraud, exemptions from election crimes for poll workers, and providing electronic election results. This year, bills regulating and prohibiting the use of remote ballot drop boxes and requiring all advance voting ballots be returned by 7 p.m. on election day were introduced and debated. Although the Legislature has worked to address election integrity, additional study is needed.

The Special Committee would seek authority to:

- Continue evaluating a limit on the number of advance voting ballots delivered on behalf of other voters, remote ballot drop boxes, and the deadline for returning advance voting ballots;
- Review laws, rules and regulations, and procedures regarding voter roll maintenance;
- Consider requiring the election of a U.S. Senator rather than appointment by the Governor in the case of a vacancy;

- Discuss restoring voter confidence; and
- Make recommendations to the 2024 Legislature regarding further study or needed legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Senator Mike Thompson
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Federal
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cc: Representative Dan Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
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May 8, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
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Dear Chairperson Masterson:

Section 35(d) of 2023 HB 2184, the Appropriations bill, authorizes the creation of an interim study committee to take a holistic view of nursing facility reimbursement rate methodology. I respectfully request two meeting days for the interim study committee during the 2023 Interim to review the process for nursing facility reimbursement and to consider alternative methods for reimbursement that support the longevity of Kansas nursing facilities, including the development of cost center caps and an acuity-based add-on.

Currently, nursing facilities receive a facility-specific, cost-based per diem reimbursement rate. Each facility's rate is rebased annually based on the past three years of cost reports plus an inflationary factor. As of June 2022, 308 nursing homes in Kansas served a monthly average of 9,142 Medicaid residents. Stakeholders have reported the current rate-setting methodology is insufficient to cover nursing facility costs.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Representative Les Mason

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May 8, 2023

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Dear Chairperson Masterson:

I respectfully request a special joint committee be authorized for two meeting days to study the system for setting rates for services provided under the intellectual and developmental disability (I/DD) waiver.

Section 89(u) of 2023 HB 2184, the Appropriations bill, directs the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services to review the overall costs of providing services within the I/DD service system. The bill further directs the agency to provide recommendations to the Legislature for a method to make regular rate adjustments for services based on inflationary indexes.

The special joint committee would review the agency's findings and make recommendations to the Legislature for methods to ensure the I/DD reimbursement rates keep pace with inflation each year.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Representative Les Mason

cc: Representative Daniel Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
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June 2, 2023

Legislative Coordinating Council
c/o Honorable Ty Masterson
Senate President and Legislative Coordinating Council Chair
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Request for Interim Committee on Behavioral Health

President Masterson,

Given the issues throughout the 2023 session related to behavioral health, including suicide and substance use issues related to fentanyl. I am requesting that the Mental Health Modernization and Reform Committee be reconstituted, with membership to include previous representation make-up, to review an array of behavioral health topics.

I am requesting that the committee be provided with 10 days for meeting during the interim session, from now until the 2024 legislative session convenes.

Topics to include are as follows:

- K-12 Mental Health Intervention Team Program
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)
- 988 and suicide prevention
- Behavioral health workforce
- Potential for Wichita to serve as location for behavioral health excellence as a result of ongoing efforts including the new south central mental health facility

It is possible for us to create mental health hubs across the state.

Sincerely,

Brenda Landwehr

Brenda Landwehr
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May 10, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
Room 332-E, Statehouse
BUILDING MAIL, EMAIL

Dear Senator Masterson:

As chairperson of the House Committee on Welfare Reform, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve four meeting days during the 2023 Interim for a *Special Committee on Homelessness* to consider policy options to address homelessness, including assessing the needs of the homeless population and the services available, addressing the concerns of local communities and businesses impacted by homelessness, receiving input from entities that provide services to the homeless population, considering the needs of law enforcement and first responders who respond to needs posed by homeless individuals, and reviewing actions undertaken by local entities and other states to serve this population and curtail homelessness. The Special Committee would make recommendations for laws and policies focused on meeting the needs and concerns presented and decreasing the incidence of homelessness in the state.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the House Committee on Welfare Reform held a roundtable discussion to hear from individuals representing various stakeholder groups involved with and impacted by the homeless population. The discussion clarified the need for an in-depth review and collaboration to address the varying issues that arise as a result of homelessness. The makeup of the Special Committee should reflect the diversity of interests involved and include 11 members.

The Special Committee would seek authority to:

- Solicit testimony from community members, businesses, local government, state agencies, law enforcement and other first responders, and providers of various services to the homeless population regarding their respective needs, concerns, and ideas to address homelessness;
- Solicit testimony regarding the effectiveness of past and current homelessness-focused services in the state and discuss promising practices;

- Solicit testimony regarding policies and ongoing reform efforts to address homelessness from entities in other states to inform the Special Committee on effective and ineffective measures undertaken;
- Make recommendations to the 2024 Legislature for reform of laws relating to homelessness; and
- Introduce legislation based on the findings of the Special Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Awerkamp" followed by a stylized flourish or initials.

Representative Francis Awerkamp, Chairperson
House Committee on Welfare Reform

cc: Representative Dan Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
Senator Dinah Sykes, Senate Minority Leader
Representative Vic Miller, House Minority Leader
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May 5, 2023

Chairperson Ty Masterson
Legislative Coordinating Council
Statehouse Room 332-E
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President Masterson:

As Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation and House Committee on Taxation, we respectfully request the authorization of a 2023 joint interim committee to study the following tax items:

- The uniform application entity-based sales tax exemptions in Kansas, including the consideration of a fee-based application for exempt status;
- The extent of tax credits in Kansas to ensure proliferation of credits does not hinder broader tax reform efforts;
- The process by which local taxing jurisdictions, specifically counties, obtain sales tax authority, with an intent of simplifying the process; and
- Property valuation issues, including those necessary to make informed policy decisions related to the subject matter of 2023 Senate Concurrent Resolution 1611, and additional items.

Each of these topics has arisen as an issue before the Legislature in recent sessions and, as discussion has shown, require additional study to create a solution for the state. We respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve a minimum of four meeting days for this joint interim committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Caryn Tyson by EP

Senator Caryn Tyson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Assessment and
Taxation

Adam Smith by EP

Representative Adam Smith, Chairperson
House Committee on Taxation

cc: Representative Dan Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
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RICHARD WILBORN

Senate Vice President

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
Room 332-E, Statehouse
ELECTRONIC MAIL

June 1, 2023

Dear Senator Masterson:

I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve two meeting days during the 2023 Interim for a *Special Committee on Restricted Driving Privileges* to evaluate various policy options and make recommendations for reform of the law pertaining to such privileges.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the Senate Committee on Transportation held a hearing on SB 2, authorizing certain individuals with revoked driver's licenses to be eligible for restricted driving privileges. The committee recommended the bill be passed as amended. The bill was subsequently withdrawn from the Senate Calendar and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary where an additional hearing was held on the bill. The bill did not advance from that committee and a suggestion was made that an interim study of the topic may be appropriate in advance of the 2024 Legislative Session.

The Special Committee should consist of eleven members, six of which should be appointed from the Senate, reflecting that the topic of the Special Committee originates from legislation introduced and heard in Senate committees in the 2023 Legislation Session. The remaining five members should be appointed from the House of Representatives and reflect the relevant interests of that chamber.

The Committee would seek authority to solicit testimony regarding restricted driving privileges from:

- The Department of Revenue and other state agencies as applicable;
- The Kansas Chamber and Kansas business owners;
- The Legislative Division of Post Audit;
- Automobile insurance companies;
- The Judicial Branch and municipal courts;
- City and county officials; and
- Law enforcement agencies;
- Any other relevant stakeholders.

The Special Committee would seek to make recommendations to the 2024 Legislature for reform of laws relating to restricted driving privileges based on the findings of the Special Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Wilborn".

Rick Wilborn, Vice President of the Kansas Senate

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April 28th, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
Room 370-W, Statehouse
BUILDING MAIL

Chairperson Masterson:

On behalf of the House Committee on Water (Water Committee), I request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve two meeting days in August for the 2023 Interim for the Water Committee to further study water topics and travel to the Great Bend, Kansas area. The attendees would be the House Committee on Water and appropriate staff.

The proposed interim meeting of the Water Committee intends to study issues related to Rattlesnake Creek/Quivira Drainage basins and Cheyenne Bottoms. The Water Committee will evaluate current and future expectations regarding quantity and quality of water. The Water Committee will also potentially make recommendations to the 2024 Legislature regarding these topics. Thank you for your consideration of the request for two meeting days for the Water Committee to study these important topics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James M. Minnix".

Representative Jim Minnix, Chairperson
House Committee on Water

cc: Representative Dan Hawkins, Vice-Chairperson
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SEAN E. TARWATER, SR.
27TH DISTRICT

March 21, 2023

Mister Speaker,

As you know, Kansas is ranked in the lower third when it comes to new business startups, and even worse in new business survival. We need not only assist new entrepreneurial startups, but also to help those start-ups grow and thrive during the first five most critical years.

On February 1, 2023, the House Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development heard HB 2123. The bill attempts to address regulatory burdens placed on businesses by government, which often-times can become a barrier to entry for start-up companies. However, at this time, the bill still needs a lot of work.

Since the hearing, we have had several informational meetings on how to better help start up entrepreneurs, and we have heard an overabundance of testimony on how to better assist those businesses. Unfortunately, the committee also had many other issues to tackle this year. In order to avoid unintended consequences, this committee including Vice Chair Borjon, Ranking Minority Probst, and myself want to take the time to do this right, rather than do this expediently.

Therefore, this committee requests to meet four days over the interim in order to provide the absolute best possible solution for our entrepreneurs wishing to start new businesses.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

In service,

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CC: Speaker Pro Tempore Blake Carpenter, Majority Leader Chris Croft, Minority Leader Vick Miller

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May 25, 2023

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
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BUILDING MAIL

Senator Masterson:

On behalf of the Capitol Preservation Committee, I would like to request authorization for one meeting day during the 2023 Interim, along with authorization for up to three subcommittee meetings. According to KSA 75-2269, the Committee is required to meet at least once per year.

The Committee thanks the 2023 Legislature for passing SB 11, regarding the Ad Astra Plaza, and SB 39, regarding the 1st Kansas (Colored) Voluntary Infantry regiment mural. These important bills will complete a process started decades ago and will showcase the wonderful history of our state both in the Statehouse and on the Statehouse grounds.

The Committee looks forward to the upcoming work on the Suffragist Memorial that was approved through legislation passed by the 2022 Legislature, the 1st Kansas (Colored) Voluntary Infantry regiment mural, and other projects and updates, including the Docking State Office Building construction.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Patrick Zollner
Chairperson, Capitol Preservation Committee

cc: Representative Dan Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
Senator Dinah Sykes
Representative Vic Miller
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LARRY ALLEY
Senate Majority Leader

May 16, 2023

President Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
Room 332-E, Statehouse
BUILDING MAIL

Dear Chairperson Masterson:

I request permission for three meeting dates during the 2023 Interim for the Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight. Several appointments that require review by the Committee members are anticipated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Senator Larry Alley, Majority Leader
Chairperson, Committee on
Confirmation Oversight

cc: Speaker Dan Hawkins, Vice-chairperson, Legislative Coordinating Council
Minority Leader Dinah Sykes, Vice-chairperson, Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight
Vic Miller, House Minority Leader
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