2015 Interim Committee Memberships

Special Committees

Agriculture and Natural Resources
Ethics, Elections, and Local Government
  Foster Care Adequacy
  Insurance
K-12 Student Success
Taxation

Statutory Joint Committees

Administrative Rules and Regulations
Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight
  Information Technology
  Kansas Security
  Legislative Budget
Pensions, Investments and Benefits
Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Home and Community Based Services and
  KanCare Oversight
Special Claims Against the State
  State Building Construction
  State-Tribal Relations

Other

Capitol Preservation Committee
Clean Power Plan Implementation Study Committee
Confirmation Oversight Committee
Emergency Safety Intervention Task Force
Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee
Kansas Electric Transmission Authority
SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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Ethics, Elections, and Local Government
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Insurance
K-12 Student Success
Taxation
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Senate
Sen. Garrett Love, Vice-chairperson
Sen. Marci Francisco
Sen. Larry Powell

House
Rep. Sharon Schwartz, Chairperson
Rep. Jack Thimesch
Rep. Ponka-We Victors
Rep. Troy Waymaster

Kansas Legislative Research Dept.
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Heather O’Hara
Mark Skoglund

Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Natalie Scott
Jenna Seemater

CHARGE

Review the administrative hearing procedures of the Division of Water Resources, including a comparison with similar processes in other Department of Agriculture programs; review of the guidelines associated with the selection of the Chief Engineer; and study the current administration of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law and proposed legislation, 2015 SB 134.

This review would include:

Kansas Water Appropriations Act—Administrative Hearings and Enforcement

- Study of 2015 HB 2245 which addresses the administrative process of the Division of Water Resources, including establishing injunctions and admissible evidence and the testimony and input at a hearing related to water right impairment filings.

Noxious Weed Law

- Consider the issues associated with 2015 SB 134, which relates to the current administration of the law, the function and format of the proposed advisory committee, and potential efficiencies and financial savings which might be gained by passage of the bill or similar legislation.

Approved meeting days: 1 day
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, ELECTIONS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Sen. Mitch Holmes, Chairperson
Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau
Sen. Steve Fitzgerald

Rep. Mark Kahrs, Vice-chairperson
Rep. Keith Esau
Rep. Tom Sawyer
Rep. John Whitmer

Kansas Legislative Research Dept.
Martha Dorsey
Jill Shelley
Eddie Penner

Office of Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza
Mike Heim

Linda Herrick, Committee Assistant

CHARGE

Review and Study the Change in Election Dates; Potential Conflicts of Interest of School Board Members; State Campaign Finance Laws; the Potential Reduction in the Number of Governments; Precinct and School District Lines in Order to Reduce Ballot Styles; and Whether Governmental Entities Should be Required to Publish Money Spent for Lobbying Purposes

The Committee is to review and study the following issues:

● The sections of 2015 HB 2104, relating to changing elections to November, with the purpose of determining if any trailer legislation is needed in order to make transition more seamless, correct any drafting errors, and avoid unintended consequences;

● Possible conflicts of interest of school board members including a hearing on 2015 HB 2345, which deals with this topic;

● Campaign finance laws of other states for the purpose of considering ways to modernize Kansas campaign finance statutes;

● Why Kansas has a disproportionate number of local governments and possible ways to simplify and reduce this number;

● Precinct and school district lines, and ways to simplify and/or standardize for the purpose of reducing ballot styles; and

● Whether governmental entities should be required to publish, with their budgets, an accounting of money spent for lobbying purposes (in addition to having required lobbyists to report similar information pursuant to 2015 HB 2183.) Please see 2015 SB 42, as amended by the Senate Committee of the Whole, for further information.

Approved meeting days: 2 days
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOSTER CARE ADEQUACY

Senate
Sen. Forrest Knox, Chairperson
Sen. Laura Kelly
Sen. Mary Pilcher-Cook

House
Rep. Connie O’Brien, Vice-chairperson
Rep. Erin Davis
Rep. Willie Dove
Rep. Annie Tietze

Kansas Legislative Research Dept.
Iraida Orr
Bob Allison-Gallimore
Amy Deckard

Office of Revisor of Statutes
Scott Abbott
Renae Jefferies

Gary Deeter, Committee Assistant

CHARGE

Review Issues Pertaining to Foster Care Adequacy

The study would include the following:

- Review the level of oversight and supervision by the Department for Children and Families (DCF) over foster care contractors;

- Evaluate whether a working group consisting of attorneys in the area of family law, judges, foster parents, and parents with reintegrated children would aid in addressing foster care concerns;

- Study the proper selection of foster parents and the qualifications of foster parents; and

- Review the duties of those individuals responsible for foster children, the Safe Families Act, the disconnect between DCF and foster care contractors, and the Grandparents Rights Law.

Approved meeting days: 1 day
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Senate

Sen. Jeff Longbine, Vice-chairperson
Sen. Elaine Bowers
Sen. Tom Hawk

House

Rep. Scott Schwab, Chairperson
Rep. Dan Hawkins
Rep. Roderick Houston
Rep. Jim Kelly

Kansas Legislative Research Dept.

Melissa Calderwood-Renick
Iraida Orr
Whitney Howard

Office of Revisor of Statutes

Eileen Ma
David Wiese

Diane Brian, Committee Assistant

CHARGE

Review Pharmacy Benefits Management Legislation

In February, the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance reviewed 2015 SB 103, a bill that would enact new law establishing requirements for Pharmacy Benefits Managers (PBM), including publication of price lists and the drugs included on the lists, an appeals process for network pharmacies requesting reimbursement for drugs subject to MAC, and penalties for PBM found to be in violation of the act, and would amend the Pharmacy Benefits Manager Registration Act to update the definition of “pharmacy benefits manager.”

The Committee is to review 2015 SB 103 and relevant issues associated with pharmacy benefits management, including maximum allowable cost (MAC) pricing of generic drugs, and the implications for Kansas pharmacies and health plans.

Study the Need to Increase the Minimum Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policy Limits and, If Needed, What Limits Would be Indicated

In February, the House Committee on Insurance held a hearing on HB 2067. The bill would have increased the mandatory minimum motor vehicle liability policy limits. After hearing proponent and opponent testimony, no action was taken. The Committee indicated the need to study the matter before action, if any, was taken. Under existing law, KSA 40-3107, the minimum policy coverage limits in any one accident is $25,000 for bodily injury or death of one person and $50,000 for two or more persons, and $10,000 for harm to or destruction of the property of others. The last changes to these limits were made in 1984.

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day
The objective of this study committee is to generate discussion, input, and research to further child-centric education that makes students the top priority.

This committee is to study the following, but would not be limited to (these topics):

- The Rose Standards set by the Kansas Supreme Court as the goal Kansas schools will meet;
- Best funding mechanism by formula or other criteria to ensure adequate Kansas taxpayer dollars are invested in the classroom;
- Definition of what comprises as a “suitable” education;
- Outcomes to ensure that students are well-prepared for their future endeavors; and
- Uniform accounting across all districts so best practices to achieve student success can be replicated.

Approved meeting days: 5 days
CHARGE

Review the policy, rationale, and justification for all exemptions and credits within the state’s tax code; and establishing a potential time table to sunset many of those provisions.

Approved meeting days: 3 days
STATUTORY JOINT COMMITTEES

Administrative Rules and Regulations
Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight
Information Technology
Kansas Security
Legislative Budget
Pensions, Investments and Benefits
Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight
Special Claims Against the State
State Building Construction
State-Tribal Relations
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Senate
Sen. Vicki Schmidt, Vice-chairperson
Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau
Sen. Tom Hawk
Sen. Garrett Love
Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer

House
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Rep. Steve Huebert
Rep. Jerry Lunn
Rep. Jan Pauls
Rep. Ed Trimmer
Rep. Jim Ward
Rep. Valdenia Winn

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Tamera Lawrence
Jenna Seematter

CHARGE

Review Proposed Administrative Rules and Regulations

- Review and comment on administrative rules and regulations promulgated by state agencies within the required 60-day comment period.

Approved Meeting Days: 4 days
CHARGE

Review statutorily-required topics; electronic monitoring instead of incarceration; mental health and substance abuse treatment in non-prison settings; in juvenile offender cases, funding of substance abuse treatment and assessment of child support; requiring law enforcement officers to wear body cameras; and use of locally-collected civil fines.

- KSA 2014 Supp. 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). As part of this charge, KDOC has requested study of juvenile justice reform; electronic monitoring as an alternative to prison; continuing implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (2013 HB 2170); and recruitment and retention of corrections staff.

Additionally, the Joint Committee is authorized to study the following topics:

- Requiring body cameras for all law enforcement officers and, to fund this requirement, the feasibility of changing the civil asset forfeiture process to require all assets seized be sent to a centrally administered fund to disperse back to local law enforcement;

- Using the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund, which, pursuant to KSA 2014 Supp. 79-4805, may be used for treatment of alcoholism, drug abuse, and other addictive behaviors, to fund juvenile substance abuse treatment, particularly as it relates to placements and Youth Residential Centers; and

- Treating offenders with mental health and substance abuse issues in a setting other than prison.

Approved meeting days: 2 days
JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Sen. Mike Petersen, Vice-chairperson
Sen. Marci Francisco
Sen. Tom Holland
Sen. Garrett Love
Sen. Jeff Melcher

Rep. Brett Hildabrand, Chairperson
Rep. J.R. Claeys
Rep. Keith Esau
Rep. Brandon Whipple
Rep. John Wilson

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Gary Deeter, Committee Assistant

Office of Revisor of Statutes
Matt Sterling
Norm Furse
Natalie Scott

CHARGE

Review, Monitor, and Report on Technology Plans and Expenditures

- Study computers, telecommunications, and other information technologies used by state agencies and institutions;
- Review proposed new acquisitions, including implementation plans, project budget estimates, and three-year strategic information technology plans of state agencies and institutions;
- 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;
- Report to the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) and make special reports to other legislative committees as deemed appropriate; and
- Review, evaluate, and submit to the LCC a report regarding the Propylon contract; and
- Information technology security at Kansas government agencies, including findings from LPA reports and agency responses.

Approved Meeting Days: 2 days
JOINT COMMITTEE ON KANSAS SECURITY

Sen. Greg Smith, Vice-chairperson  
Sen. Steve Fitzgerald  
Sen. Anthony Hensley  
Sen. Mike Petersen  
Sen. Pat Pettey  

Rep. Mario Goico, Chairperson  
Rep. Carolyn Bridges  
Rep. Kevin Jones  
Rep. Adam Lusker  
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CHARGE  

Review Various Security Issues

KSA 46-3301 directs the Joint Committee to “study, monitor, review, and make recommendations for the following: (1) matters relating to the security of state officers or employees; (2) security of buildings and property under the ownership or control of the state of Kansas; (3) matters relating to the security of a public body or agency, public building or facility; (4) matters relating to the security of the infrastructure of Kansas, including any information system; and (5) measures for the improvement of security for the state of Kansas.” The following topics were noted as being among those on which the Committee should hear testimony and formulate recommendations:

- The security of utilities in Kansas, specifically the electric grid, and what is done to ensure that security;
- The progress and potential security risks related to the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility (NBAF);
- The rules for the use of deadly force at facilities including the NBAF and the nuclear facilities in Kansas;
- Safety planning and practices at K-12 schools and post-secondary institutions and the role of the Department of Education and other state agencies in increasing that safety planning;
- The extent to which certain persons may be claiming public and private benefits related to military service when not entitled to those benefits and how that could be reduced; and
- The governance of public emergency communications systems (as requested by the Adjutant General).

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day
CHARGE

Compile Fiscal Information and Make Recommendations Regarding the State Budget, Revenues, and Expenditures; Oversee the Implementation of the Statewide Efficiency Study that was Authorized by 2015 House Sub. for SB 112.

The Legislative Budget Committee is statutorily directed to:

- Compile fiscal information, study and make recommendations on the state budget, revenues and expenditures, 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.

The other topic assigned is:

- Oversee the implementation of the Statewide Efficiency Study authorized by 2015 House Sub. for SB 112.

Approved Meeting Days: 7 days
Review and study issues dealing with: the new working-after-retirement option; the newly created Deferred Retirement Option Program for the Kansas Highway Patrol; the funding ratio for KPERS; the various statutorily required reports submitted by KPERS and state agencies; monitoring, reviewing and making recommendations regarding KPERS, as provided by KSA 46-2201; and establishing procedures with respect to granting employment extensions under the newly created working-after-retirement legislation.

The Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits is charged to study the following issues and topics during the 2015 Interim:

- Legislation enacted during the 2015 Legislative Session affecting the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System (KPERS), in particular:
  - Senate Sub. for HB 2095, which revised working-after-retirement provisions and created a pilot Deferred Retirement Option Program for members of the Kansas Highway Patrol; and
  - SB 228, which authorizes $1.0 billion in bonds to be issued for KPERS’ unfunded actuarial liability;
- The overall funding ratio for the Retirement System;
- Various reports statutorily required to be submitted by KPERS and other state agencies to the Joint Committee; and
- To fulfill the Joint Committee’s duties and responsibilities, as provided by KSA 46-2201, to monitor, review and make recommendations regarding the Retirement System.
The working-after-retirement legislation mentioned above also authorizes the Joint Committee to grant employment extensions if certain conditions are met. Procedures should be established by the Joint Committee prior to considering requests.

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day
ROBERT G. (BOB) BETHELL JOINT COMMITTEE ON HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES AND KANCARE OVERSIGHT

Sen. Michael O'Donnell, Vice-chairperson
Sen. Laura Kelly, Ranking Minority Member
Sen. Jim Denning
Sen. Jacob LaTurner
Sen. Garrett Love

Rep. Dan Hawkins, Chairperson
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Rep. Will Carpenter
Rep. Willie Dove
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CHARGE

Oversee Long-term Care Services

KSA 2014 Supp. 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 that 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 (CHIP), the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and the state Medicaid programs (KanCare), 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.

Approved Meeting Days: 4 days
**CHARGE**

*Review Claims Filed*

- Hold hearings on all claims filed by the statutory deadline of November 1, 2015, and make recommendations to the 2016 Legislature.

Approved Meeting Days: 3 days
CHARGE

Study, Review and Make Recommendations on Capital Improvement Plans and Other State-owned Properties and Leases

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. The Committee is to:

- Study, review, and make recommendations on all agency five-year capital improvement plans;

- Review leases, land sales, and other statutorily required reports by agencies; and

- Travel throughout the state to observe state-owned buildings.

Approved Meeting Days: 2 days
The purpose of the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations is to:

- Hold public meetings on proposed gaming compacts;
- Recommend modification of proposed gaming compacts submitted to the Joint Committee by the Governor;
- Introduce resolutions approving proposed gaming compacts and recommend that such resolutions be adopted or be not adopted, or report such resolutions without recommendation, and notify the Governor, in writing, of the Joint Committee’s action;
- Meet, discuss, hold hearings, and make recommendations on issues concerning state-tribal relations; and
- Introduce such legislation as deemed necessary in performing its functions.

The Joint Committee may also:

- Establish proposed guidelines that the Joint Committee will consider in reviewing proposed compacts;
- Recommend that any gaming compact provide for sales taxes and excise taxes on sales of non-gaming goods and services to persons other than tribal members; and
- Recommend that any gaming compact provide for state income tax on revenues derived from sales of non-gaming goods or services.

Approved Meeting Days:
Other Committees

Capitol Preservation Committee
Clean Power Plan Implementation Study Committee
Confirmation Oversight Committee
Emergency Safety Intervention Task Force
Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee
Kansas Electric Transmission Authority
CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Members

**Senate Member**
Sen. Elaine Bowers

**House Member**
Rep. Valdenia Winn

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Debbie Bartuccio, Committee Assistant

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Chuck Reimer
Adam Siebers

**CHARGE**

*Select Finalists for the Brown v. Board Mural, Finalize Capitol Usage Policies, and Finalize Guidelines for Temporary Exhibits*

- Select finalists for the *Brown v. Board* mural;
- Finalize Capitol usage policies; and
- Finalize guidelines for temporary exhibits, along with request forms.

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day
CLEAN POWER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STUDY COMMITTEE

Senate
Sen. Robert Olson, Vice-chairperson
Sen. Marci Francisco
Sen. Forrest Knox
Sen. Mike Petersen
Sen. Caryn Tyson

House
Rep. Dennis Hedke, Chairperson
Rep. Tony Barton
Rep. Ken Corbet
Rep. Annie Kuether
Rep. Les Mason
Rep. Randy Powell

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Cindy Lash
Natalie Nelson

Office of Revisor of Statutes
Matt Sterling
Nick Myers

Michael Welton, Committee Assistant

CHARGE

*The Clean Power Plan Implementation Study Committee shall:*

- Hold informational hearings; and

- Receive updates from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Corporation Commission and the Attorney General about the implications of the adoption of a state plan pursuant to docket EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0602 (the federal Clean Power Plan) concerning the impact to:
  
  (A) Electric ratepayers;
  
  (B) Electric utilities;
  
  (C) The reliability of the electric grid in Kansas; and
  
  (D) The overall sovereignty of the state.

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day
CONFIRMATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Members

Sen. Terry Bruce, Chairperson
Sen. Anthony Hensley, Vice-chairperson
Sen. Jeff King
Sen. Ty Masterson
Sen. Rob Olson
Sen. Susan Wagle

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Bob Allison-Gallimore
Erica Haas

Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Office of Revisor of Statutes

Mike Heim
Jason Long
Eileen Ma

CHARGE

Consider various appointments.

Approved Meeting Days: 2 days
EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTION TASK FORCE

Legislative Member

Rep. John Rubin

Non-legislative Members

Jim Porter, Chairperson
Rocky Nichols, Vice-chairperson
Jane Adams, PhD
Betty Arnold
Terry Collins
Kris Ehling
Lesli Girard
John Hurla
Catherine Johnson
Laura Jurgensen
Dr. Valarie Kerschen
Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer
Sara Loquist
Jawanda Mast
Marvin Miller
Dr. Joan Robbins

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Natalie Scott

CHARGE

Study and Review the use of emergency safety intervention (ESI) and to prepare and submit a report on its findings and recommendations concerning ESI to the Governor and the Legislature on or before January 20, 2016.

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day*

* The LCC authorized staff assistance (KLRD and Office of Revisor of Statutes) be provided to the Task Force.
HEALTH CARE STABILIZATION FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Senate

Sen. Laura Kelly
Sen. Vicki Schmidt

Non-Legislative Members

Gary Hayzlett, Chairperson
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Dennis George
Dr. Jimmie Gleason
Dr. Paul Kindling
Dr. James Rider
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Melissa Calderwood-Renick
David Fye

Randi Walters, Committee Assistant

House

Rep. Jerry Henry
Rep. Rich Proehl

Office of Revisor of Statutes

Renae Jefferies
Norm Furse
Scott Abbott

CHARGE

The Committee annually receives a report on the status of the Health Care Stabilization Fund and makes recommendations regarding the financial status of the fund.

Approved Meeting Days: 1 day
Further ensure planning and reliable operation of the electrical transmission system, diversify and expand the Kansas economy, and facilitate delivery and utilization of Kansas energy through improvements in the state’s electric transmission infrastructure and related policy initiatives.