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2018 Approved Mtg. Days	2019 Requested Mtg. Days	Committees	2019 Prelim. Recommended Meeting Days	2019 Approved Mtg. Days
JOINT COMMITTEES				
4	6	Administrative Rules and Regulations	4	4
3	4	Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight	2	2
3	4	Home and Community Based Services & KanCare Oversight, Robert G. (Bob) Bethell	4	4
3	5	Information Technology	5	5
1	2	Kansas Security	1	1
6	10	Legislative Budget	7	7
3	4	Special Claims Against the State	3	3
3	3	State Building Construction	3	3
1	1	Pensions, Investments and Benefits (Joint KPERs)	1	1
--	--	State-Tribal Relations	--	--
27	39	Subtotal—Joint Committees	30	30
REQUESTED SPECIAL / STANDING COMMITTEES				
--	2	Study Medicaid Expansion - Senate Committee	0	0
--	5	Study Medicaid Expansion - House Committee	0	0
--	--	Senate Select Committee on Healthcare Access	2	2
--	5	Special Committee on Medicaid Expansion - Joint Committee (original request was for 2 days)	2	2
--	6	Joint Committee on Cybersecurity and Computer Modernization	0	0
--	11	Special Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance (two approved topics)	3	3
--	2	Special Committee on Health	1	1
--	2	Community and Technical Colleges	0	0
--	2	Special Committee on Natural Resources	2	2
--	3	Special Committee on Judiciary	2	2
1	4	Federal and State Affairs	--	2
1	--	Commerce (Economic Development Programs and Incentives)		
2	42	Subtotal—Special or Standing Committees	12	14

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		OTHER		
1	1	Capitol Preservation Committee	1	1
3	1	Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia	1	1
3	3	Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee	3	3
1	1	Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee ¹	1	1
--	1	Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission ²	1	1
--	1	State Broadband Expansion Planning Task Force	--	1
--	3	Mental Health Bus Tour	3	3
5		Child Welfare System Task Force		
12		Working Groups, Child Welfare System Task Force		
12		Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force		
37	11	Subtotal—Other	10	11
66	92	Grand Total—Interim Meeting Days	52	55

¹ This Committee annually receives a report on the status of the Health Care Stabilization Fund. No letter is normally received since payments for legislative members is not from legislative sources.

² The facilitator of the Commission, in coordination with the Office of Revisor of Statutes and the Kansas Legislative Research Department, is statutorily required to call the first organizational meeting of the Commission during August 2019.



July 24, 2019

2019 APPROVED INTERIM TOPICS AS OF JULY 19, 2019

(Updated)

JOINT COMMITTEES

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations

Recommended 4 days

- Review of Rules and Regulations submitted by State agencies.

Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight

Recommended 2 days

- Review reports concerning Juvenile Justice Reform (2016 SB 367);
- Review impact of Juvenile Justice Reform on Department for Children and Families, Child Welfare System Contractor, and the Judicial Branch;
- Review adult offender population, facilities, contracts, programs, and the employees needed; and
- Tour the Topeka Correctional Facility.

Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight

Recommended 4 days

- Review the Home and Community Based Services and other components of the state's long-term care system;
- Review the Children's Health Insurance Program;
- Review the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly; and
- Review the State's Medicaid program.

Joint Committee on Information Technology

Recommended 5 days

- 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. 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;
- Monitor newly implemented technologies of state agencies and institutions;
- Study the long-term information technology strategic plan for the State;
- Review possible solutions and funding requirements for enhanced cybersecurity and computer modernization for state agencies;
- 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 and make special reports to other legislative committees as deemed appropriate.

Joint Committee on Kansas Security

Recommended 1 day

- Hear testimony and formulate recommendations in the areas of:
 - Cybersecurity;
 - Implementation of updates to emergency communications capabilities across the state; and
 - The safety of students and state employees.

Joint Committee on Legislative Budget

Recommended 7 days

- Transportation—Receive an update on T-WORKS projects and the use of the additional funds provided in FY 2019 and FY 2020;
- Department for Children and Families—Review plans for the Family First Prevention Services Act programs, receive an update on the progress on filling the new approved social worker positions, and review the plan for expenditures from the evidence-based initiative account (2017 SB 367) in coordination with the Department of Corrections and other agencies;
- Corrections—Review the use and impact of additional funding for prisons;

- Regents—Review the impact of additional state funding and the need for tuition increases;
- Safe and secure schools—Review the distributions and use of the additional funding by school districts;
- Agriculture—Review the implementation of new or expanded water programs and an update on the impacts of flooding and federal tariffs;
- State hospitals—Review the ongoing mix of state and federal funding, future plans for Osawatomie State Hospital, and plans to reduce vacant positions at Larned State Hospital; and
- Review and discuss community and technical colleges:
 - How the institutions are funded and how the funding is distributed;
 - Mission of the colleges;
 - Transfer of credits to state universities;
 - The efficiencies and effectiveness of the colleges; and
 - Whether the colleges are meeting the needs of Kansas residents.

Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits

Recommended 1 day

- To fulfill the Joint Committee’s duties and responsibilities, as provided by KSA 46-2201, monitor, review, and make recommendations regarding the Retirement System.

Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State

Recommended 3 days

- Hold hearings on all claims filed by the statutory deadline of November 1, 2019, and to make recommendations to the 2020 Legislature.

Joint Committee on State Building Construction

Recommended 3 days

- Study, review, and make recommendations on all agency five-year capital improvements plans, leases, land sales, and statutorily required reports by agencies, and review possible designs for the Docking State Office Building.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Special Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Recommended 2 days

Members: 11 Legislators - House Chairperson

Senate: 5 Senators, 4 from the Majority Party and 1 from the Minority Party

House: 6 Representatives, 4 from the Majority Party and 2 from the Minority Party

- Study the issues and possible options concerning the legality of abortions following the *Hodes & Nauser, MDs, PA v. Schmidt* Supreme Court decision; and
- Study the public policy implications concerning the legalization and regulation of medical marijuana.

Special Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

Recommended 3 days

Members: 11 Legislators - Senate Chairperson

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- Identify policies and approaches that have failed to address the high costs of healthcare benefits;
- Identify measures that could be expected to lead to more affordable and accessible healthcare benefits;
- Consider the implication of the recent *Hilburn* decision on healthcare costs in Kansas;
- Conduct an interim hearing on SB 238—Privilege tax deduction for interest from certain business loans; and
- Conduct an interim hearing on SB 239—Imposing the privilege tax on certain state credit unions.

Special Committee on Health

Recommended 1 day

Members: 11 Legislators - House Chairperson

Senate: 5 Senators, 4 from the Majority Party and 1 from the Minority Party

House: 6 Representatives, 4 from the Majority Party and 2 from the Minority Party

- Study the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants:

- Review 2019 HB 2295;
- Consider economic impact of the proposed licensure;
- Hold a roundtable discussion of issues surrounding licensure; and
- Receive information on the results of licensure in other states.

Special Committee on Judiciary

Recommended 2 days

Members: 11 Legislators - Senate Chairperson

Senate: 5 Senators, 4 from the Majority Party and 1 from the Minority Party

House: 6 Representatives, 4 from the Majority Party and 2 from the Minority Party

- Review the impact of recent Supreme Court decisions on the citizens of Kansas.

Special Committee on Medicaid Expansion

Recommended 2 days

Members: 11 Legislators - House Chairperson

Senate: 5 Senators, 4 from the Majority Party and 1 from the Minority Party

House: 6 Representatives, 4 from the Majority Party and 2 from the Minority Party

- Study the issues and options surrounding the subject of Medicaid expansion.

Special Committee on Natural Resources

Recommended 2 days

Members: 11 Legislators - Senate Chairperson

Senate: 5 Senators, 4 from the Majority Party and 1 from the Minority Party

House: 6 Representatives, 4 from the Majority Party and 2 from the Minority Party

- Review the flood damage caused by 2019 flooding events concerning:
 - The relationships between local, state, tribal, and federal entities regarding flood control and flood prevention, including state compacts;
 - The role of state government in flood control and response to flooding events; and
 - Availability and need of resources.

OTHER COMMITTEES

Capitol Preservation Committee

Recommended 1 day

- Study a proposed new exhibit on Kansas symbols in the visitor center, a plaque commemorating the Capitol restoration, and brochure displays; and
- Receive updates on the law enforcement memorial and *Ad Astra* plaza project.

Confirmation Oversight Committee

Recommended 3 days

- Hold confirmation hearings to consider confirmation for persons appointed to a commission or board prior to that person exercising any power, duty, or function as a member of that commission or board.

Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee

Recommended 1 day

- Review the operation of the Health Care Stabilization Fund, report and make recommendations regarding the financial status of the Fund.

Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission

Recommended 1 day

- The facilitator of the Commission, in coordination with the Office of Revisor of Statutes and the Kansas Legislative Research Department, is statutorily required to call the first organizational meeting of the Commission during August 2019.

Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia

Recommended 1 day

- Evaluate the progress and effectiveness of the previous recommendations of the Task Force.

Senate Select Committee on Healthcare Access

Recommended 2 days

- Consider solutions to improve access to healthcare in Kansas and report the information to the Special Committee on Medicaid Expansion.

Statewide Broadband Expansion Planning Task Force

Recommended 1 day

- Receive reports and recommendations from subcommittees that were assigned portions of the Task Force's mission and develop the final report due to the Legislature on or before January 15, 2020.

Mental Health Tour

Recommended 3 days

Three-day tour: Tour facilities providing mental health services to inform legislators of issues in the state. Members would include Senate Committee on Ways and Means, House Committee on Appropriations, Legislative Coordinating Council, Joint Committee on State Building Construction, and staff.