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To: Kansas Legislature

From: Jill Shelley, Principal Research Analyst

Re: Report of the March 10, 2023, Meeting of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations

With this report, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations (Committee) provides its comments on rules and regulations reviewed at its meeting on March 10, 2023. Agencies are asked to respond to each comment or request for information; responses are compiled and maintained by staff of the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

Kansas Department of Agriculture

KAR 4-28-8, adoption of Kansas food code.

The Committee requests the amount of federal funding received by the agency or otherwise distributed to the State that is tied to adoption of updates to the federal food code into state law.

The Committee, understanding that a different division of the agency handles meat processing inspections and the need to protect food safety, asks the reason for both federal and state inspection of meat processing plants and the differences in that oversight.

State Board of Healing Arts

KAR 100-15-1, expiration dates.

The Committee had no comments.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Health Care Finance

KAR 129-6-88, disabled individuals with earned income; determined eligibles.

The Committee commends the agency for seeking to incentivize work among those receiving benefits from the State. However, the agency states in its Economic Impact Statement that the proposed change will reduce revenues to the State by approximately \$750,000, and the Committee urges a change resulting in a fiscal impact to the State of that size to come before the full Legislature and not be handled through this rule and regulation.

The Committee requests information on the history of the changes to the protected income level and to whom it applies.