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Chairperson Ty Masterson
Legislative Coordinating Council
State Capitol – Room 332-E
Topeka, KS 66612

Chairman Masterson,

On behalf of the Water Program Task Force and Co-chair Representative Jim Minnix, we respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve 10 meeting days and related travel for the Task Force during the 2025 Interim.

HB 2172 established the Task Force and directed us to identify risks to the state's water supply, steps the state should take to combat the identified risks, and finally, to determine the best mechanism for funding these efforts. Given the complex questions before the Task Force, the number of non-legislative members, the need to address different problems in different geographic areas of the state, and the requirement that a preliminary report be made by the start of the 2026 Legislative Session, the Task Force will be greatly aided by the travel to hear from the public and see some of the existing projects and challenges firsthand.

We plan to strategically use the ability to meet over Webex to limit the total amount of travel necessary and believe that additional support may be provided by the Executive Branch agencies involved in the regulation of water in Kansas for any in-person meetings that occur outside of Topeka.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenny Titus".

Senator Kenny Titus
Co-chair Water Program Task Force

CC: Representative Dan Hawkins, Vice-chairperson
Senator Dinah Sykes, Senate Minority Leader
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