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May 27, 2026

2025 Approved Days	2026 Requested Mtg. Days	Committees	2026 Prelim. Recommended Meeting Days	2026 Approved Mtg. Days
<b>JOINT COMMITTEES</b>				
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<b>38</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>Subtotal—Joint Committees</b>	<b>37</b>	
<b>REQUESTED SPECIAL / STANDING COMMITTEES</b>				
	4	Special Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications – Pg. 13	3	
	1	Special Committee on the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services – Pg. 15-16	1	
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	2	Special Committee on Sexually Violent Predator Treatment Program Reform (2026 HB 2513) – Pg. 19	1	
	2	Special Committee on Rental Housing – Pg. 20	1	
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	1	Vehicle Services Modernization Task Force (2026 SB 325) – Pg. 25	1	
	2	Special Committee on Application and Eligibility for Public Assistance Programs – Pg. 26	2	
	3	Special Committee on Statutes Regarding Land Adjacent to Cities – Pg. 27	1	
	1	House Committee on Water <sup>1</sup> – Pg. 28	1	
<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Subtotal—Special or Standing Committees</b>	<b>19</b>	

2025 Approved. Days	2026 Requested Mtg. Days	Committees	2026 Prelim. Recommended Meeting Days	2026 Approved Mtg. Days
		<b>OTHER</b>		
1	1	Capitol Preservation Committee – <i>Pg. 29</i>	1	
	--	Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee <sup>2</sup>	--	
4	3	Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight – <i>Pg. 30</i>	3	
11	14	Education Funding Task Force – <i>Pg. 31</i>	10	
6	5	Water Program Task Force – <i>Pg. 32</i>	5	
	--	Business Enterprise Oversight Task Force (HB 2513) <sup>3</sup>	--	
	5	Study Committee for Kansas Highway Patrol Capital Improvement Projects (2026 HB 2513) – <i>Pg. 33</i>	2	
<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Subtotal—Other</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>154</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>Grand Total—Interim Meeting Days</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0</b>

<sup>1</sup> This committee is requesting travel outside of Topeka.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> This committee is paid for by DCF so only needs Legislative appointments, not approval to meet.

<sup>4</sup> This committee is granted one travel day by the LCC.

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**KELLIE WARREN**  
SENATOR, 11TH DISTRICT

April 23, 2026

Representative Dan Hawkins, Chairperson  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
Room 368-W, Statehouse  
BUILDING MAIL

Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

On behalf of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations (JCARR), I respectfully request Legislative Coordinating Council approval of six meeting days for the JCARR during the 2026 Interim. The Committee has scheduled its next meeting for May 4, 2026, and requests approval for that and subsequent meeting dates.

KSA 2025 Supp. 77-436 requires the 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. The meeting on May 4 will be necessary to fulfill that requirement. Also, KSA 2025 Supp. 77-440 requires specified agencies to submit reports to the JCARR on whether each of their rules and regulations is necessary for the implementation and administration of state law or may be revoked, and the JCARR will review those reports during the 2026 Interim.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Kellie Warren by Jason Mitchell*  
KLRD

Senator Kellie Warren  
Chairperson, Joint Committee on  
Administrative Rules and Regulations

cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-chairperson  
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April 20, 2026

Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
368-W, Statehouse  
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Dear Representative Hawkins,

The Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight respectfully requests the Legislative Coordinating Council approve a total of five meeting days during the 2026 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 30, 2026.

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 compose 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 2026.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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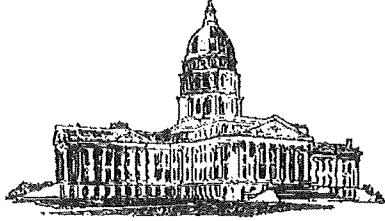
Cyndi Howerton, Chairperson  
Joint Committee on Child Welfare System  
Oversight

cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-chairperson

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April 9, 2026

Chairperson Daniel Hawkins  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
Room 368-W, Statehouse  
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Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

As Chairperson of the J. Russell (Russ) Jennings Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight, I request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve three meeting days during the 2026 Interim so the Joint Committee may fulfill its statutory duties.

KSA 2025 Supp. 46-2801 directs the Joint Committee to monitor the adult and juvenile programs, activities, and plans of the Kansas Department of Corrections, monitor the work of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, and review and study adult correctional programs and juvenile offender programs of counties and cities. In addition to our statutory duties, I would ask approval to supplement our agenda with related topics, should they arise before the Joint Committee.

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

Sincerely,

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Senator Kellie Warren  
Chairperson, J. Russell (Russ) Jennings  
Joint Committee on Corrections and  
Juvenile Justice Oversight

cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-chairperson  
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**BRENDA S. DIETRICH**  
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March 17, 2026

Chairperson Daniel Hawkins  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
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Dear Speaker Hawkins,

The Joint Committee on Fiduciary Financial Institutions Oversight respectfully requests the Legislative Coordinating Council approve one meeting day during the 2026 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.

The authorized meeting day will permit the Joint Committee to fulfill its statutory duties; monitor fiduciary financial institution activities; receive reports from various agencies, the regulated financial institution, and advisory entities; 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda S. Dietrich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Brenda Dietrich, Chairperson  
Joint Committee on Fiduciary Financial Institutions Oversight

cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-chairperson  
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March 30, 2026

Representative Dan Hawkins, Chairperson  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
Room 368-W, Statehouse  
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Dear Representative Hawkins:

The Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight respectfully requests the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) approve a total of five meeting days for it during the 2026 Interim.

Pursuant to KSA 39-7,160, the Committee is to meet at least once in January and once in April when the Legislature is in regular session and at least once for two consecutive days during each of the third and fourth quarters, on the call of its chairperson to accomplish the Committee's statutory duties. However, 2026 SB 271, amends KSA 39-7,160, requiring a meeting once in the first and second quarter instead of requiring specific months.

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, and 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 to 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 five meeting days requested would enable the Committee to effectively discharge its statutory responsibility for calendar year 2026.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-chairperson  
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April 9, 2026

Chairperson Daniel Hawkins  
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Chairperson Hawkins,

On behalf of the Joint Committee on Information Technology, I request six meeting days during the 2026 Interim. I believe that six days would allow the Joint Committee enough time to fulfill its responsibilities in the oversight and review of information technology projects.

The duties assigned to the Joint Committee in KSA 46-2102 are noted below, with the first four defining the Joint Committee's 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 State Board of 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 per Information Technology Executive Council Policy; or
  - Are requested by Joint Committee members;
- 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.

Additionally, the Legislature or its committees, including the LCC, may direct the Joint Committee to undertake special studies and perform other specific duties.

The Joint Committee will present an annual report to the LCC pursuant to KSA 46-1207 regarding the interim work of the Joint Committee. Such report will also be submitted to the Legislature for 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 if the Joint Committee convenes multiple times to advise and consult on IT project proposals.

Thank you for your attention to this request.



Senator Mike Petersen,  
Chairperson, Joint Committee  
on Information Technology

cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-chairperson  
Senator Dinah Sykes, Senate Minority Leader  
Representative Brandon Woodard, House Minority Leader  
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April 10, 2026

Chairperson Daniel Hawkins  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
Room 368-W, Statehouse  
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Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

On behalf of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security (Joint Committee), I respectfully request Legislative Coordinating Council approval for three days during the 2026 Legislative Interim. Three days would allow the Joint Committee to fulfill its obligation under KSA 2024 Supp. 46-3301 to study, monitor, review, and make recommendations on matters relating to the security of state officers or employees, the security of buildings and property used by the State and other public bodies, the security of infrastructure including information systems, and measures to improve security for the state.

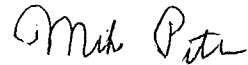
The Joint Committee would utilize the three days to hear the following:

- A presentation regarding information technology (IT) security and the role of the Executive Branch Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO), including the expanded role of the CITO in assisting local governments with cybersecurity;
- An update from the Kansas Corporation Commission on electrical grid security;
- A presentation regarding water infrastructure security from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources, and associations such as the Kansas Section American Water Works Association, the Kansas Water Environment Associations, and the Kansas Rural Water Association;
- An update from the Kansas Fusion Center and related operations;
- Updates from the Kansas National Guard, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and Kansas Highway Patrol; and

- A post-event security-related report from KC2026 regarding the 2026 FIFA World Cup and its related events.

Thank you for the consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



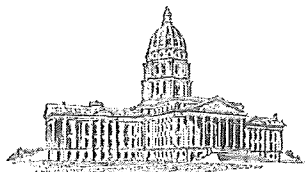
Senator Mike Petersen, Chairperson  
Joint Committee on Kansas Security

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April 17, 2026

Chairperson Dan Hawkins  
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Dear Chairperson Hawkins

On behalf of the Legislative Budget Committee, I request six meeting days during the 2026 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 an objective of reducing the cost of state government and increasing efficiency and economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Troy Waymaster*

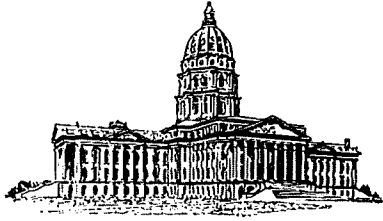
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Chairperson Daniel Hawkins  
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Chairperson Hawkins,

The Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits respectfully requests the Legislative Coordinating Council approve two meeting days for the Committee during the 2026 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 specified Senate committee regarding confirmation of members of 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 KSA 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 2026 law. In addition to the above topics and review of other relevant legislation from the 2026 Session, the Joint Committee is interested in allocating meeting time to an informational briefing on general obligation bonds and revenue bonds, an informational briefing on the RIFT (Release IRA Funds Timely) Project and related model legislation to ease the transfer of donations from a will or estate, and other issues to be determined.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Senator Brenda Dietrich, Chairperson  
Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments  
and Benefits

cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-chairperson  
Representative Brandon Woodard, House Minority Leader  
Senator Dinah Sykes, Senate Minority Leader  
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON  
SPECIAL CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE

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April 15, 2026

Representative Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson  
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Chairperson Hawkins,

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 2026 Interim. On average, the Committee conducts public hearings on 70 claims annually, and the Committee anticipates a similar number for the coming Interim.

Four meeting days would allow the Committee to hear all claims filed by the statutory deadline of November 1, 2026, and to make recommendations to the 2027 Legislature.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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Senator Brenda Dietrich, Chairperson  
Joint Committee on Special Claims Against  
the State

cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-chairperson  
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**RICK KLOOS**  
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April 15, 2026

Chairperson Daniel Hawkins  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
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Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

As Chairperson of the Joint Committee on State Building Construction, I respectfully request five meeting days during the 2026 Interim. Three days are necessary to study, review, and make recommendations on all agency five-year capital improvement plans; review leases and land sales; and review other statutorily required reports by agencies. Two days are requested for travel to facilities of state agencies that come before the Joint Committee.

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.

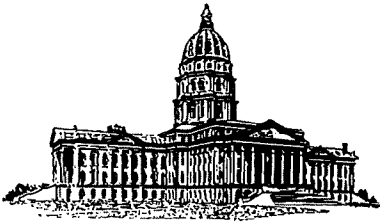
Thank you for the consideration of this request.

Sincerely,  
*Rick Kloos (by staff)*

Senator Rick Kloos, Chairperson,  
Joint Committee on State Building  
Construction

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April 24, 2026

Chairperson Daniel Hawkins  
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Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

As Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Utilities and the House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications, we request that the Legislative Coordinating Council approve four days during the 2026 Interim for a Special Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

In its study of issues related to energy, utilities, and telecommunications, the Special Committee would seek to review transmission planning by the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), including the 2026 Integrated Transmission Plan and potential high-voltage system enhancements, as well as ongoing cost allocation and regulatory initiatives under consideration by SPP and its stakeholder groups. The Special Committee would evaluate the progression of specific projects and the long-term outlook for Kansas utility infrastructure, including generation, transmission, and system reliability. The topic would include review of investment in natural gas electricity generation in Kansas and across the nation.

The Special Committee would further review developments related to line siting, data centers, and energy storage projects across the state, including associated infrastructure needs and economic impacts, particularly in rural areas. This would involve examining policy considerations for renewable energy siting, such as decommissioning standards, setback requirements, and regulatory oversight from the Kansas Corporation Commission.

The Special Committee would examine advancements in emerging nuclear technologies and their potential applicability in Kansas, grid reliability and the economic considerations of various generation resources within the regional energy market, and opportunities to better align state policy with workforce development and economic development goals in the energy sector. The Special Committee would also evaluate the use of third-party power purchase agreements, including their potential benefits, drawbacks, and related policy considerations.

The work of the Special Committee would include review of energy efficiency initiatives, including current programs and performance metrics. Further review would address the use of bridge fuels and emerging generation technologies, including fuel cells and other distributed

energy solutions to address immediate and short-term power needs and the current use of and long-term outlook for biofuels within Kansas' energy portfolio.

The Special Committee would examine the role, board composition, and statutory duties of the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board, as well as review and discuss the application of transmission delivery surcharges. The Committee would also assess the role, capacity, and future needs of public safety answering points and review relevant federal policy changes and updates

The Special Committee would also investigate issues and policy options related to the Kansas Universal Service Fund (Fund) as it pertains to telecommunications. This review would include an overview of the Fund's current administration, its historical intent and evolution, and the impact of recent and anticipated federal policy changes. The Special Committee would examine the role of the Fund in supporting broadband expansion, particularly in rural areas, and evaluate potential modernization options for the Fund.

Finally, the Special Committee would review the structure and distribution of telecommunications-related revenues at the local level, such as franchise fees and similar payments received by municipalities from cable, broadband, and telecommunications providers, in order to better understand statewide trends, fiscal impacts, and potential policy considerations.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Senator Michael Fagg  
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Utilities

 BY KS, KLRD

Representative Leo Delperdang  
Chairperson, House Committee on Energy,  
Utilities and Telecommunications

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Chairperson Dan Hawkins  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
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April 27, 2026

Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

As Chair of the Senate Budget Committee on Human Services, with the approval of Chair Gossage of the Committee on Public Health, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve one meeting day during the 2026 Interim for a Special Committee on the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services.

This interim committee would review the statutory framework governing the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services, including K.S.A. 65-6101 et seq., and amendments thereto, as well as the board's rules and regulations related to the licensing, certification, and oversight of emergency medical service providers in the state. The committee would examine the board's administrative structure, disciplinary processes, scope of practice determinations, and coordination with local EMS agencies and other healthcare entities. Additionally, the committee would evaluate funding mechanisms, program effectiveness, workforce challenges, and any relevant state laws and policies impacting emergency medical services in Kansas. I respectfully request the composition of the interim committee include legislative representatives appointed to the KS Board of EMS, members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee and House Committee on Health and Human Services.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

*Stephen Owens*

Senator Stephen Owens  
Chairperson, Senate Human Services  
Subcommittee, Ways & Means

cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Senate President  
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Chairperson Dan Hawkins  
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April 28, 2026

Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

As Chair of the House Social Services Budget Committee, and as a member of the House Health and Human Services Committee, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve one meeting day during the 2026 Interim for a Special Committee on the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services.

This interim committee would review the statutory framework governing the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services, including K.S.A. 65-6101 et seq., and amendments thereto, as well as the board's rules and regulations related to the licensing, certification, and oversight of emergency medical service providers in the state. The committee would examine the board's administrative structure, disciplinary processes, scope of practice determinations, and coordination with local EMS agencies and other healthcare entities. Additionally, the committee would evaluate funding mechanisms, program effectiveness, workforce challenges, and any relevant state laws and policies impacting emergency medical services in Kansas. I respectfully request the composition of the interim committee include legislative representatives appointed to the KS Board of EMS, members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee and House Committee on Health and Human Services. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

*Representative David Buehler*

Representative David Buehler, Chairperson, House Social Services Budget Committee,

cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Senate President  
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May 1, 2026

Dear Speaker Hawkins & President Masterson,

I am requesting up to 2 days for a Senate Select Committee on Local Elections to study various issues regarding the conduct of local elections, specifically:

- **Local School District Elections.** Currently, Kansas allows school districts to choose between different election models, which can confuse candidates and voters. Before considering reforms, it's important to examine the existing options, how districts can pivot between options, which school districts use which model, and potential ways to modernize or improve the appropriate statutes. Given the matter's complexity, this issue is better suited for in-depth interim study than review during a regular session.
- **Local Government Advocacy in Local Ballot Questions.** This past session, legislation was proposed to regulate how local governments promote their own ballot questions, such as bond issues or sales tax increases. This committee would study reform options and recommend changes to ensure taxpayer funds aren't used for advocacy, allowing Yes and No campaigns on such ballot questions to compete without government tipping the sales. In order to ensure the legislation accomplishes its goals while avoiding unintended consequences, this issue is well-suited for interim study.
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- **Advance Voting Calendar.** This past session, legislation proposed changes to election timelines for advance ballots, including when they can be mailed and when in-person advance voting is allowed and/or required. This committee would study potential updates to clarify the impact on election officials and, more importantly, Kansas voters.
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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Mike Thompson  
Chair, Senate Federal & State Affairs Committee

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April 10, 2026

Chairperson Dan Hawkins  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
Room 368-W, Statehouse  
BUILDING MAIL

Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

As Chair of the Senate Human Services Subcommittee, Ways and Means, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve two meeting days during the 2026 Interim for a Special Committee on Sexually Violent Predator Treatment Program (Program) Reform, as authorized in 2026 HB 2513 (Appropriations Bill).

This interim committee would review the Kansas Sexually Violent Predator Act (KSA 59-29a01 *et seq.*); the constitutional and statutory requirements of any individual who is a potential or actual subject of proceedings under the Act; the control, care, and treatment of any individual in the custody of the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services under the Act; Program requirements, actions, and rules and regulations of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services related to the care and treatment of such individuals; the associated Program costs; and other relevant state laws and programs concerning sexually violent predators. I respectfully request the composition of the interim committee include representatives from human services and judiciary committees to assist in developing recommendations.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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Senator Stephen Owens  
Chairperson, Senate Human Services  
Subcommittee, Ways and Means

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April 30, 2026

Chairperson Daniel Hawkins  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
Room 368-W, Statehouse  
Building Mail

Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

As a senator, I am requesting two interim meeting days for a special committee on rental housing.

As you are aware, the Senate Judiciary Committee worked diligently on matters related to landlord-tenant relationships and housing in the 2026 session. This included by bill, SB 415, which passed the Senate.

Several legislators in both chambers would like the opportunity to examine new policy options regarding landlord-tenant relationships and the most important issues impacting the affordability, livability, and fairness of rental housing.

Multiple policy proposals were put forward in the 2026 session and deserve to be more fully discussed and evaluated, including SB 415.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

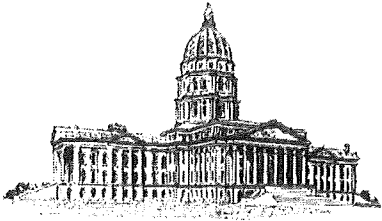
Sincerely,

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Douglas Shane, DVM, PhD  
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April 16, 2026

Chairperson Daniel Hawkins  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
Room 368-W, Statehouse  
BUILDING MAIL

Dear Speaker Hawkins,

As Chair of the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve three meeting days during the 2026 Interim for a Special Committee on Statewide Trade Licensing.

This interim committee would study the best way to license electricians and other trades on a statewide basis and work toward reciprocity with other states. The allocation of three days would permit adequate time to study current trade licensing requirements throughout the state, review the policies and requirements of states with statewide licensing, and propose recommendations to the 2027 Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

*Sean Tarwater by Mike Ditch, KLRD*

Sean Tarwater, Chairperson  
House Committee on  
Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-chairperson  
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April 24, 2026

Dear President Masterson and Speaker Hawkins,

I am requesting an interim joint committee meeting to discuss crypto policies for our state. The purpose of the 1 ½ day meeting will be to educate lawmakers, formulate policy, and discuss next steps for our state.

The federal GENIUS Act of 2025 gives states a role in supervising certain stablecoin issuers if they meet federal certification requirements, but it also sets a national baseline for reserve backing, disclosures, and compliance. States that want to participate must build and certify frameworks that match the federal model, which can influence where issuers choose to operate. Why does this matter? Because states with strong, certified frameworks may attract stablecoin issuers seeking a less burdensome environment than federal banking regulators. **Stablecoins will impact Kansas banks and Credit Unions.**

Five years ago, the Kansas Ethics Commission said, “while crypto donations were rare in Kansas, they were “popping up in other places” and the state’s Campaign Finance Act had no provisions for them”. **SB310 would have addressed this issue but didn’t make it out of committee.**

State treasurers across the U.S. have been at the forefront of efforts to bring cryptocurrencies into public finance, often through “strategic bitcoin reserves” or similar legislation. Texas became the first state to purchase Bitcoin via an ETF as part of a state-level strategic reserve and other states like Arizona, Utah, New Hampshire, Ohio, Massachusetts, South Dakota, and Oklahoma have similar crypto investments. **SB352 would have given our state treasurer the opportunity to use unclaimed digital assets to create a digital reserve fund but didn’t make it out of committee.**

Good state policy will enable innovation without overreach.

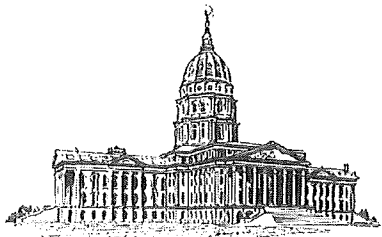
Sincerely,

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Craig Bowser

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April 17, 2026

Chairperson Dan Hawkins  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
Room 368-W  
Building Mail

Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

On behalf of the House Select Committee on Government Oversight (Committee), I request four meeting days during the 2026 Interim. The Committee was created by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to House Rule 1103. The Committee's charge, as established upon its creation, is to monitor and ensure the proper functioning, transparency, and accountability of government agencies, programs, and regulations on subjects referred by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Four meeting days are anticipated to be sufficient to accommodate appropriate review of any topics referred to the Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Kristey Williams*

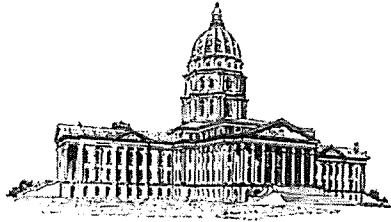
Representative Kristey Williams

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May 15, 2026

Representative Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
Room 368-W, Statehouse  
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Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

On behalf of the Vehicle Services Modernization Task Force (Task Force) created with enactment of 2026 SB 325, we request one meeting day for the Task Force during the 2026 Interim. SB 325 New Section 1(d)(1) requires the Task Force to meet on or before December 15, 2026.

On that meeting day, the Task Force would determine its priorities and data needs to address the work assigned to it by SB 325:

- Evaluate vehicle services related to vehicle registrations and titling provided by the Division of Vehicles, county treasurers, and contractors of the Division of Vehicles;
- Make recommendations for methods to modernize such vehicle services, including improvements to fee structures and payments, procedures for such services, and the technology needed to administer such services;
- Make recommendations for any statutory or regulatory changes necessary for implementation of such modernization methods; and
- Study, evaluate, or make any other recommendations related to vehicle services provided by state agencies or other entities on behalf of the State.

The bill also requires the Task Force to provide a final report before the start of the 2028 Session.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Shannon Francis, Chairperson  
House Committee on Transportation



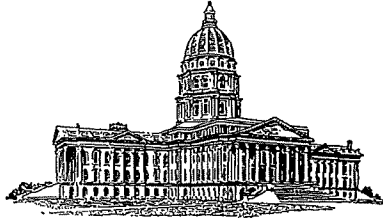
Mike Petersen, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Transportation



cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-chairperson  
Representative Brandon Woodard, House Minority Leader  
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DAVID BUEHLER  
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April 9, 2026

Chairperson Daniel Hawkins  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
Room 368-W Statehouse  
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Dear Chairperson Hawkins,

As Chairperson of the House Committee on Social Services Budget, I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve two meeting days during the 2026 Interim for a Special Committee on Application and Eligibility for Public Assistance Programs.

The Special Committee would:

- Study the federal and state eligibility requirements for various public assistance programs including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Child Care Assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Medicaid/Children's Health Insurance Program, as well as the overall application and renewal process; and
- Study what other states have done to simplify their eligibility, enrollment, and renewal processes for public assistance programs.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

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Representative David Buehler,  
Chairperson, House Committee on Social  
Services Budget

cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-Chairperson  
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May 8, 2026

Representative Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
Room 368-W, Statehouse  
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Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

We respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council appoint a 2026 Interim Committee on Statutes Regarding Land Adjacent to Cities to examine and make recommendations regarding authority for annexation by cities and law that authorizes a city planning commission to apply city subdivision requirements generally within three miles of city limits (KSA 12-749(a)), and we request three meeting days for that committee.

SB 124, heard in 2026, would have established new limits on unilateral annexation by cities. Both 2025-2026 HB 2025 and SB 37 would have removed statutory authorization for applying city subdivision requirements outside of a city. Our committees heard extensive testimony on HB 2025 and SB 37 and the Senate Committee heard testimony on SB 124 from both proponents and opponents, who provided multiple, thoughtful reasons to both strike and keep current provisions. Our committees requested additional consideration of these matters during the Interim, with opportunity to hear more from proponents, opponents, and neutral conferees and engage in problem-solving discussion for potential statutory change.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Representative Emil Bergquist,  
Chairperson,  
House Committee on Local Government

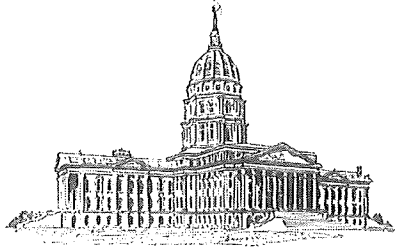
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Senator Elaine Bowers, Chairperson,  
Senate Committee on Local Government,  
Transparency and Ethics

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April 8, 2026

Chairperson Daniel Hawkins  
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Chairperson Hawkins:

On behalf of the House Committee on Water, I request one meeting day for the 2026 Interim.

The Committee has been closely monitoring the injection dredging project at Tuttle Creek Reservoir and would appreciate the opportunity to observe the dredge working in real-time. Committee Members will also receive updates on the project's progress and have the opportunity to ask questions about the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Representative Jim Minnix,  
Chairperson, House Committee on Water

CC: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-chairperson  
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Laura Kelly, Governor

April 9, 2026

Chairperson Daniel Hawkins  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
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Dear Speaker Hawkins,

The Capitol Preservation Committee (Committee) requests the Legislative Coordinating Council approve one (1) meeting day for the 2026 Interim.

The Committee plans to receive updates on ongoing and upcoming projects in the Capitol Complex, receive recommendations from subcommittees previously established by the Committee, and discuss other matters as needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patrick Zollner, Chairperson  
Capitol Preservation Committee

CC: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-chairperson  
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Speaker Dan Hawkins, Chairperson  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
Room 332-E, Statehouse  
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Dear Chairperson Hawkins,

The Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight respectfully requests the Legislative Coordinating Council approve three meeting days during the 2026 Interim. The authorized meeting days will permit the Committee to fulfill its statutory duties with regard to the interim review of appointments subject to Senate confirmation. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

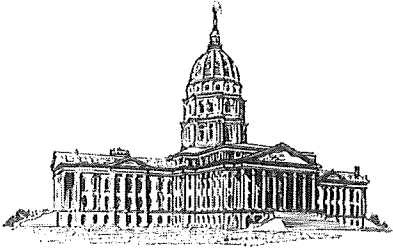
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Senator Chase Blasi, Senate Majority Leader  
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight

Cc: President Ty Masterson, Vice Chairperson  
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Dear Chairperson Hawkins,

On behalf of the Education Funding Task Force, I request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve 14 meeting days during the 2026 Interim. I believe that 14 meeting days will allow the Task Force enough time to fulfill its statutory duties.

As the Task Force approaches the conclusion of its work under KSA 72-8194 and in anticipation of the July 1, 2027, expiration of the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act (KSEEA), the requested meeting days will be essential to finalize recommendations and ensure a smooth transition to a new school finance framework. Continuing the work conducted during the 2025 Interim, the Task Force will review and analyze key components of the current system and compile its recommendations for the Governor and the Legislature.


The Task Force's work during the 2026 Interim will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Development of recommendations for a new school finance formula to replace KSEEA;
- Continued comprehensive review of KSEEA, including funding structures and distribution methods;
- Further analysis of current methods for determining and disbursing Special Education State Aid;
- Assessment of the current system's inputs, including funding levels, sources, and overall adequacy;
- Assessment of the current system's outputs, including student achievement and post-graduation outcomes;

- Review of current academic reporting requirements and accountability measures as well as other measures of student success, including state assessments and student performance; and
- Consideration of statewide achievement goals, including those established by the State Board of Education, in developing a new school finance framework.

Thank you for your consideration. The Task Force remains committed to completing its work in a thoughtful and timely manner to provide well-supported recommendations for legislative consideration.

Sincerely,

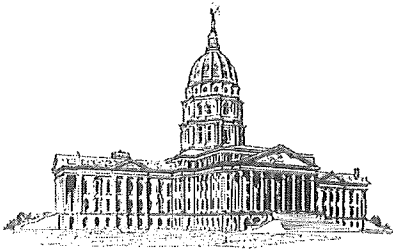


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April 9, 2026

Chairperson Dan Hawkins  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
368-W, State Capitol  
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Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

On behalf of the Water Program Task Force (Task Force), we request the approval of five meeting days, two in FY 2026 and three in FY 2027, to continue the Task Force's work on the state's water policy.

KSA 2025 Supp. 82a-958 requires the Task Force to submit a final report to the Legislature on or before January 31, 2027. Based on the number of meetings held by the Task Force during the 2025 Interim, we believe five meeting days will allow the Task Force to complete its work pursuant to statute and provide the required report to the 2027 Legislature.

We appreciate the consideration of this request by the Legislative Coordinating Council.

Sincerely,

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Senator Kenny Titus, Co-chairperson

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May 21, 2026

Chairperson Daniel Hawkins  
Legislative Coordinating Council  
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Dear Chairperson Hawkins:

As chairperson of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and pursuant to 2026 HB 2513 § 26(f), I respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve five meeting days for a Special Committee on Highway Patrol Funding during the 2026 Interim. This Special Committee on Highway Patrol Funding would be charged with reviewing, discussing, and making recommendations for funding Kansas Highway Patrol capital improvement projects. In addition, the Special Committee may also review, discuss, and make recommendations, as time permits, for funding of Kansas Highway Patrol operations, including a discussion of the revenue streams associated with license plate fees.

Thank you for the consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Rick Billinger (signed by KA, KLRD)*

Senator Rick Billinger

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May 27, 2026

**To:** Legislative Coordinating Council

**From:** Shirley D. Morrow, Director

**Re:** Requested Interim Topics by Subject

Below is a summary of the requested interim topics that were submitted as of May 22, 2026. The topics are organized by subject and include the legislator or committee that is requesting a study of the topic. This list does not include Interim committees previously authorized.

## **REQUESTED INTERIM TOPICS BY SUBJECT**

### **Administrative Rules and Regulations**

#### **Review All Proposed Rules and Regulations**

**(Requested by Chairperson Warren, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations – 6 days)**

- 1) Review of Rules and Regulations submitted by state agencies (the Joint Committee is required to review proposed rules and regulations during the public comment period required by KSA 77-421 and amendments thereto; it must also review reports regarding the necessity of certain rules and regulations as required by KSA 77-440).

### **Budget and Agency Issues**

#### **Review Expenditures and Revenue Information**

**(Requested by Chairperson Waymaster, Legislative Budget Committee – 6 days)**

- 1) Review and make recommendations on the state budget, revenues and expenditures, and the organization and functions of the State, its departments, subdivisions, and agencies with an objective of reducing the cost of state government and increasing efficiency and economy.

## **Capitol Preservation**

### **Discuss Capitol-related Issues**

**(Requested by Chairperson Zollner, Capitol Preservation Committee – 1 day)**

- 1) Receive updates on ongoing and upcoming projects in the Capitol Complex.

## **Commerce**

### **Cryptocurrency Policies**

**(Topic 1, Requested by Senator Craig Bowser – 2 days)**

- 1) Study issues related to cryptocurrency policies, educate lawmakers, formulate policy, and discuss next steps for the state;

### **Landlord-Tenant Relationships**

**(Topics 2-3, Requested by Senator Shane – 2 days)**

- 2) Examine new policy options regarding landlord-tenant relationships; and
- 3) Review issues impacting the affordability, livability, and fairness of rental housing;

### **Trade Licensing**

**(Topic 4, Requested by Chairperson Tarwater, House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development – 3 days)**

- 4) Study ways to license electricians and other trades on a statewide basis and work toward reciprocity with other states.

## **Confirmations**

### **Review Governor's Appointments**

**(Requested by Chairperson Blasi, Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight – 3 days)**

- 1) Review appointments that require Senate confirmation.

## **Education**

### **Education Finance**

**(Topics 1-7, Requested by Chairperson Estes, Education Funding Task Force - 14 days)**

- 1) Develop recommendations for a new school finance formula to replace KSEEA;
- 2) Continue comprehensive review of KSEEA including funding structures and distribution methods;
- 3) Further analysis of current methods for determining and disbursing Special Education State Aid;
- 4) Assessment of the current system's inputs, including funding levels, sources, and overall adequacy;
- 5) Assessment of the current systems outputs, including student achievement and post-graduation outcomes
- 6) Review current academic reporting requirements and accountability measures as well as other measures of student success, including state assessments and student performance; and
- 7) Consider statewide achievement goals, including those established by the State Board of Education, in developing a new school finance framework.

### **Health and Human Services**

#### **Monitor and Study Implementation and Operations, Including Access to and Quality of Services Provided and Any Financial Information and Budgetary Issues for Existing Medicaid Programs, Child Welfare Programs, Rate Setting Methodologies, and Homelessness.**

#### **(Topics 1-4, Requested by Chairperson Carpenter, Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight – 5 days)**

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

#### **(Topics 5-7, Requested by Chairperson Howerton, Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight – 5 days)**

- 5) Review data on child maltreatment and demographic trends impacting the child welfare system;
- 6) Review 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, the Judicial Branch that compose the child welfare system; and

- 7) Review 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.

### **Review the Sexually Violent Predator Treatment Program Reform**

**(Topics 8-11, Requested by Chairperson Owens, Human Services Subcommittee, Senate Committee on Ways and Means – 2 days)**

- 8) Review the constitutionality and statutory requirements of any individual who is a potential or actual subject of proceedings under the Act;
- 9) Review the control, care, and treatment of any individual in the custody of the Secretary of Aging and disability Services under the Act;
- 10) Review the Program requirements, actions, and rules and regulations of the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services related to the care and treatment of such individuals; and
- 11) Review the associated Program costs and other relevant state laws and programs concerning sexually violent predators.

### **Public Assistance Programs**

**(Topics 12-13, Requested by Representative Buehler, Chairman, House Committee on Social Services Budget – 2 days)**

- 12) Study the federal and state eligibility requirements for various public assistance programs including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Child Care Assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Medicaid/Children's Health Insurance Program, and
- 13) Study what other states have done to simplify their eligibility, enrollment, and renewal processes for public assistance programs.

### **Information Technology and Utilities**

#### **Review, Monitor, and Report on Technology Plans and Expenditures**

**(Topics 1-7, Requested by Chairperson Petersen, Joint Committee on Information Technology – 6 days)**

- 1) Study computers, telecommunications, and other information technologies used by state agencies and institutions. The state governmental entities defined by

KSA 75-7201 include executive, judicial, and legislative agencies and Regents Institutions;

- 2) 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;
- 3) Review information technology project plan summary, prior to the release of a request for proposal, that are determined to have a significant business risk as established per Information Technology Executive Council policy;
- 4) 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;
- 5) Monitor newly implemented technologies of state agencies and institutions;
- 6) 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
- 7) Report to the Legislative Coordinating Council and make special reports to other legislative committees as deemed appropriate.

**(Topics 8-17, Requested by Chairpersons Fagg, Senate Committee on Utilities and Delperdang, House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications – 4 days)**

- 8) Review transmission planning by the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), including the 2026 Integrated Transmission Plan and potential high-voltage system enhancements as well as ongoing cost allocation and regulatory initiatives under consideration by SPP and its stakeholders;
- 9) Evaluate the progression of specific projects and the long-term outlook for Kansas utility infrastructure, including generation, transmission, and system reliability;
- 10) Review the investment in natural gas electricity generation in Kansas and across the nation;
- 11) Review developments relating to line siting, data centers, and energy storage projects across the state, including associated infrastructure needs and economic impacts, particularly in rural areas;
- 12) Examine advancements in emerging nuclear technologies and their potential applicability in Kansas, grid reliability and the economic considerations of various generation resources within the regional energy market, and opportunities to better align state policy with workforce development and economic development goals in the energy sector;
- 13) Review energy efficiency initiatives, including current programs and performance metrics, while reviewing the use of bridge fuels and emerging generation

- technologies, including fuel cells and other distributed energy solutions to address immediate and short-term power needs, as well as the current use of and long-term outlook for biofuels within Kansas' energy portfolio;
- 14) Examine the role, board composition, and statutory duties of the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board, as well as review and discuss the application of transmission delivery surcharges;
  - 15) Assess the role, capacity, and future needs of public safety answering points and review relevant federal policy changes and updates;
  - 16) Investigate issues and policy options related to the Kansas Universal Service Fund (Fund) as it pertains to telecommunications, including an overview of the Fund's current administration, its historical intent and evolution, and the impact of recent and anticipated federal policy changes, as well as examining the role of the Fund in supporting broadband expansion, particularly in rural areas, and evaluate potential modernization options for the Fund; and
  - 17) Review the structure and distribution of telecommunications-related revenues at the local level, such as franchise fees and similar payments received by municipalities from cable, broadband, and telecommunications providers, in order to better understand statewide trends, fiscal impacts, and potential policy considerations.

### **Pensions, Financial Institutions, and Insurance**

#### **Review and Recommend Changes to the Retirement System, Fiduciary Financial Institutions' Operations in Kansas, and Public Moneys Investment**

##### **(Topics 1-5, Requested by Chairperson Dietrich, Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits – 2 days)**

- 1) Monitor, review, and make recommendations regarding the investment policies and objectives formulated by the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees;
- 2) Review and make recommendations relating to benefits for KPERS members;
- 3) Study inclusion of city and county correctional officers as eligible members of the Kansas Police and Firemen's Retirement System (KP&F);
- 4) Review reports regarding working-after-retirement exceptions; and
- 5) Review and respond to changes required by 2026 law and allocate time to informational briefings on general obligation bonds and revenue bonds and on the RIFT (Release IRA Funds Timely) Project and related model legislation.

##### **(Topic 6, Requested by Chairperson Dietrich, Joint Committee on Fiduciary Financial Institutions Oversight – 1 day)**

- 6) Monitor fiduciary financial institution activities; receive reports from various agencies, the regulated financial institution, and advisory entities; and consider recent law and pending litigation to assist in the development and regulation of this industry.

### **Public Safety and Welfare**

#### **Security of State Officers and Employees; Security of Buildings and Infrastructure, Including Any Information System; Juvenile Justice Reform; and Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) Adult Offender Oversight**

##### **(Topic 1, Requested by Chairperson Petersen, Joint Committee on Kansas Security – 3 days)**

- 1) Study, monitor, review, and make recommendations on matters relating to the security of state officers or employees, the security of buildings and property used by the State and other public bodies, the security of infrastructure including information systems, and measures to improve security of the State including the following specific issues:
  - Receive a presentation on information technology (IT) security and the role of the Executive Branch Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO);
  - Receive an update from the Kansas Corporation Commission on electrical grid security;
  - Receive a presentation on water infrastructure security from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Kansas Department of Agriculture's division of Water Resources, and associations such as the Kansas Section of the American Water Works Association, the Kansas Water Environment Association, and the Kansas Rural Water Association;
  - Update from the Kansas Fusion Center and related operations;
  - Receive updates from the Kansas National Guard, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and Kansas Highway Patrol; and
  - Receive a post-event security-related report from KC2026 regarding the 2026 FIFA World Cup and its related events.

##### **(Topics 2-5, Requested by Chairperson Warren, J. Russell (Russ) Jennings Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight – 3 days)**

- 2) Monitor the adult and juvenile programs, activities, and plans of the Department of Corrections;
- 3) Monitor the work of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee;

- 4) Review and study the adult correctional programs, activities, and facilities of counties, cities, and other local governmental entities; and
- 5) Review and study the juvenile offender programs, activities, and facilities of counties, cities, school districts and other local governmental entities.

### **Review Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services**

**(Topics 6-9, Requested by Senator Owens and Representative Buehler – 1 day)**

- 6) Review the statutory framework governing the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services;
- 7) Review the Board's rules and regulations related to the licensing, certification, and oversight of emergency medical service providers in the state;
- 8) Examine the Board's administrative structure, disciplinary processes, scope of practice determinations, and coordination with local EMS agencies and other healthcare entities; and
- 9) Evaluate funding mechanisms, program effectiveness, workforce challenges, and any relevant state laws and policies impacting emergency medical services in Kansas.

### **Special Claims Against the State**

#### **Review Claims Filed**

**(Requested by Chairperson Dietrich, Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State – 4 days)**

- 1) Hold hearings on all claims filed by the statutory deadline of November 1, 2026; and make recommendations to the 2027 Legislature.

### **State and Local Government**

#### **Local Elections**

**(Topics 1-3, Requested by Chairperson Thompson, Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs – 2 days)**

- 1) Study the existing options for local school district elections, how districts can pivot between options, which school districts use which model, and potential ways to modernize or improve the appropriate statutes;
- 2) Study reform options and recommend changes to local government advocacy in local ballot questions; and

- 3) Study election time lines for advance ballots, including when they can be mailed and when in-person advance voting is allowed and/or required.

### **Government Oversight**

**(Topic 4, Requested by Representative Williams, House Select Committee on Government Oversight – 4 days)**

- 4) Monitor and ensure the proper functioning, transparency, and accountability of government agencies, programs, and regulations.

### **Vehicle Services**

**(Topics 5-8, Requested by Chairpersons Francis, House Committee on Transportation and Petersen, Senate Committee on Transportation – 1 day)**

- 5) Evaluate vehicle services related to registration and titling provided by the Division of Vehicles, county treasurers, and contractors of the Division of Vehicles;
- 6) Make recommendations for methods to modernize such vehicle services, including improvements to fee structures and payments, procedures for such services, and the technology needed to administer such services;
- 7) Make recommendations for any statutory or regulatory changes necessary for implementation of such modernization methods; and
- 8) Study, evaluate, or make any other recommendations related to vehicle services provided by state agencies or other entities on behalf of the state.

### **City Annexation and Subdivision Requirement Application**

**(Topics 9-10, Requested by Chairpersons Berquist, House Committee on Local Government and Bowers, Senate Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics – 2 day)**

- 9) Examine authority for unilateral annexation by cities; and
- 10) Study application of city subdivision requirements generally within three miles of city limits (KSA 12-749(a)).

### **State Building Construction**

**Study, Review, and Make Recommendations on Capital Improvements Expenditures and Other State-owned Properties and Leases**

**(Topic 1, Requested by Chairperson Kloos, Joint Committee on State Building Construction – 5 days)**

- 1) Study, review, and make recommendations on all agency five-year capital improvements plans, leases, land sales, and statutorily required reports by agencies. The Committee is requesting 2 of the approved days to allow for travel to view state-owned property.

### **Highway Patrol Funding**

**(Topics 2-3, Requested by Chairperson Billinger, Senate Committee on Ways and Means – 5 days)**

- 2) Study Kansas Highway Patrol capital improvement projects; and
- 3) Study funding of the Kansas Highway Patrol operations, including revenue streams associated with license plate fees.

### **Water**

#### **Water Policy**

**(Topics 1-2, Requested by Co-chairperson's Senator Titus and Representative Minnix, Water Program Task Force – 5 days)**

- 1) Finalize work on the state's water policy, as required by KSA 2025 Supp. 82a-958; and
- 2) Submit a final report to the Legislature.

#### **Injection Dredging Program**

**(Topic 3, Requested by Chairperson Minnix, House Committee on Water – 1 travel day)**

- 3) Travel to and observe an injection dredging project on Tuttle Creek Reservoir.