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## **2023 Interim Committee Report**

*The Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) approved more than 70 days of Legislative Interim Committees to take place this summer and fall. Legislative Interim Committees are made up of joint House and Senate Committees who study topics and make recommendations to the Legislature when they return in 2024. Distinct from previous years, this year's Interim Committee list includes specialized, narrowly focused topics for study. Below is a list of the key interim committee topics which include:*

### **Special Committee on Education.**

Four days approved.

- Review of special education statutes.
- Review of State Board of Education guidelines allowing a student to take college classes while in high school. Lawmakers have expressed an interest in looking at funding agreements between community and technical colleges and public-school districts and private school districts to provide that coursework.
- Study of the K-12 education climate, which would look at the connection between teachers and students. The goal would be to create a framework of understanding to better support our students and teachers and understand the variables that create mutual success in our public schools.

### **Special Committee on Child Care Centers and Child Care Homes.**

Two days approved.

- Evaluate various policy options and make recommendations for reforming day care regulations, licensing procedures, and other programs and policies that may increase day care capacity in the state.

### **Special Committee on Energy and Utilities.**

Four days approved.

- Study the siting of new transmission lines, the impact of renewable energy, electric rates and developing a new state energy plan.

### **Special Committee on Foreign Adversary Investments and Land Purchases.**

Two days approved.

- study how to prevent foreign entities from buying land in Kansas as well as the laws and regulations concerning investments and purchases by foreign adversaries. The committee also will look at who would be responsible for administering any laws the Legislature may pass addressing this issue.

### **Special Committee on Civil Asset Forfeiture.** One day approved.

- Evaluate changes in the state's civil asset forfeiture statutes.

### **Special Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disability Waiver.**

Two days approved.

- Work with Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services to review the overall costs of providing services within the I/DD service system and provide recommendations to the Legislature for a method to make regular rate adjustments for services based on inflationary indexes.

### **Special Committee on Mental Health.**

Three Days approved.

- Examination of the K-12 Mental Health Intervention Team Program, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, 988 hotline and suicide prevention, behavioral health workforce and the potential for Wichita to serve as a location for behavioral health excellence because of ongoing efforts including the new south central mental health facility.

### **Special Committee on Homelessness.**

One Day approved.

- Consideration of policy options to address homelessness, including assessing the needs of the homeless population and the services available, addressing the concerns of local communities and businesses impacted by homelessness.

### **Special Committee on Taxation.**

Two days approved.

- Review property valuations and the implications of a constitutional amendment to cap property valuation increases at 4% with some exceptions.

### **Special Committee on restricted driving privileges.**

Two days approved.

- Study proposals that would authorize certain individuals with revoked driver's licenses to be eligible for restricted driving privileges.

## **House Commerce Committee.**

One Day approved.

- Address regulatory burdens placed on businesses by government, which often-times can become a barrier to entry for start-up companies.

Committee dates have not yet been set, but House and Senate members were appointed last week. Please [click here](#) for a full listing of the 2023 Interim Committee members and meeting materials.