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MEMORANDUM

To: Capitol Preservation Committee
From: Chris Waggoner, Assistant Revisor
Date: September 25, 2019
Subject: Background on Committee and K.S.A. 75-2269

The Capitol Preservation Committee was established by the Legislature in 2010. The creation of the committee, the composition of the membership and charge of the committee can all be found in K.S.A. 75-2269. That statute states that the committee shall meet at least once annually, but not more than four times in a year.

The committee has a wide range of responsibilities relating to the preservation and beautification of the state capitol, capitol grounds and the capitol visitor's center. The committee's full responsibilities include:

- (1) Approving all proposals for renovation of all areas of the state capitol, the capitol's visitor center and the grounds surrounding the state capitol;
- (2) preserving the proper decor of such areas;
- (3) assuring that any art or artistic displays are historically accurate and have historic significance;
- (4) determining the location and types of temporary displays and revolving displays in the state capitol, including the visitor center; and
- (5) overseeing the reconfiguration or redecoration of committee rooms within the statehouse.

The Division of Legislative Administrative Services is responsible for the implementation of the committee's recommendations. Additionally, any permanent display or monument that will be placed on the capitol grounds must be approved by this committee and authorized by passage of a bill by the Legislature.

Committee members may engage in or encourage fundraising activities specifically related to the statutory responsibilities outlined above. However, no committee member may hold a direct or indirect fiduciary interest in any contracts related to the committee's responsibilities. Finally, upon meeting, the committee shall submit a report to the Governor and Legislature detailing its activities and recommendations.