

March 9, 2023

The Honorable Barbara Wasinger, Chairperson  
House Committee on Legislative Modernization  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Wasinger:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2448 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2448 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2448 would create the Legislative Compensation Commission that would study the legislative compensation, salary, and retirement benefits for the members of the Kansas Legislature. The Commission would comprise nine members appointed by legislative leadership; however, no member could be a current member of the Legislature, an employee of the Legislature, or a registered lobbyist. The bill would outline procedures for the appointment of a chairperson, as well as filling any vacancies.

The bill would require the Commission in calendar year 2023 to establish the rate of compensation for Legislative members during the four-year period beginning on the first day of the 2025 Legislative Session. The rate of compensation would be established on or before December 1, 2023, unless the Legislature would reject the rate by adopting a concurrent resolution. If this occurs, the Legislature would have the option to include a requirement that the Commission meet within 14 days after the adoption of the resolution to set another rate of compensation within 30 days. The Legislature may reject that rate with another concurrent resolution prior to adjournment sine die of that legislative session. If this would occur, the rate of compensation prevailing at the time of the previous legislative session would remain in effect.

New members of the Commission would be appointed in calendar year 2026. These members would set the rate of compensation to be effective during the four-year period beginning on the first day of the 2029 Legislative Session. The Commission, beginning with calendar year 2026, would be required to submit a rate of compensation to the Legislature on or before December 1, 2026, or December 1, 2027, as appropriate. The same provisions for the Legislature to reject

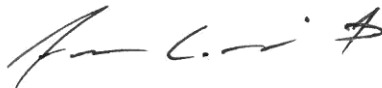
the rates would be available for these rate certifications. The bill would provide provisions to have new members appointed to the commission every four years, with the same rules of submitting compensation rates to the Legislature, and with the ability of the Legislature to reject the certifications.

Members of the Commission would be able to receive compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage, and other expenses for attendance of meetings. The bill would become effective after publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds	FY 2024 SGF	FY 2024 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$18,830	\$18,830
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

Legislative Administrative Services estimates that HB 2448 would require additional expenditures totaling \$18,830 from the State General Fund for six meetings of the nine Commission members each year. This estimate includes \$18,590 for per diem compensation, mileage, tolls, and subsistence expenditures (on-going expense) and \$240 for publication of the bill in the *Kansas Register* (one-time expense). Legislative Administrative Services notes that its estimate would assume each member of the Commission would have lodging and subsistence expenditures for one night. In most cases, there would likely not be an overnight requirement for the members. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2448 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Karen Clowers, Legislative Services