

**74-8004. Duties of secretary; advice from public and professional entities; cooperation and assistance of state agencies.** (a) In order to achieve its purpose as provided in this act, the secretary of commerce shall:

- (1) Serve in an advisory capacity to the governor, the standing committee on commerce of the senate and the standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives.
  - (2) Assume central responsibility to develop, with the guidance of both the private and public sectors, all facets of a comprehensive long term economic development strategy.
  - (3) Coordinate the strategy development with all other state and local agencies and offices and state educational institutions which do research work, develop materials and programs, gather statistics, or which perform functions related to economic development; and such state and local agencies and offices and state educational institutions shall advise and cooperate with the secretary of commerce in the planning and accomplishment of the strategy.
  - (4) Evaluate and analyze the state's economy to guide the direction of future public and private actions, and report and make recommendations to the governor, the standing committee on commerce of the senate and the standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives with respect to the state's economy. The report to the committee on commerce of the senate and the committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives under this subsection shall be made by the secretary of commerce, either: (A) By publishing such report on the internet and by notifying each member of the committees that the report is available and providing, as part of such notice, the uniform resource locator (URL) at which such report is available; or (B) by submitting copies of such report on CD-ROM or other electronically readable media to such committees.
  - (5) Oversee and evaluate the state's economic development activities on an ongoing basis through the establishment of goals, priorities and performance standards and the periodic program audit of those goals, priorities and performance standards.
  - (6) Oversee the implementation of the state's economic development plan and monitor updates of that plan.
  - (7) Provide appropriate oversight to ensure the successful implementation of Kansas venture capital, inc.
  - (8) Oversee the targeting of scarce state resources by size and sector of economic activity and by geographic location within the state in order to enhance the state's potential comparative economic advantages.
  - (9) Review and evaluate the annual report of Kansas venture capital, inc. The secretary of commerce shall transmit recommendations concerning the Kansas venture capital, inc. activities to the governor and the legislature no later than September 1 of each year.
  - (10) Evaluate and report on the effectiveness of the activities of the Kansas bioscience authority as provided in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-99b09, and amendments thereto.
- (b) The secretary of commerce shall seek advice from the general public and from professional associations, academic groups and institutions and individuals with knowledge of and interest in areas of economic development and planning.
- (c) All interested state agencies shall cooperate with the secretary of commerce in providing information and other assistance as may be requested for the performance of its duties with respect to the state's economic development plan.

**History:** L. 1986, ch. 298, § 4; L. 1990, ch. 283, § 2; L. 1993, ch. 136, § 11; L. 1996, ch. 88, § 9; L. 2002, ch. 151, § 7; L. 2003, ch. 154, § 70; L. 2004, ch. 112, § 53; L. 2012, ch. 65, § 10; L. 2013, ch. 134, § 13; July 1.