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To: Legislative Coordinating Council
From: Tom Day
Date: October 11, 2016
RE: Capitol Snack Bar

Two issues needing approval of the Legislative Coordinating Council for space assignment in the Capitol building. The first issue, after 1 year of operation, the current owner of vending and the snack bar has decided to retire. The second issue is the assignment of space on the ground floor level, to open the originally planned snack bar directly across from the dining area.

Arrangements are being made through the Business Enterprise Program (BEP) within the Department of Children and Families for a new operator to conduct business within the Snack Bar. In addition, the Business Enterprise Program would like to open the area originally planned as a snack bar on the ground floor, throughout the renovation process, to allow easy access for legislators, staff and visitors to food and drink services throughout the year.

Opening the originally planned space for snack bar services on the ground floor level will shorten the wait time for those wanting food or beverages in a more spacious setting compared to the third floor snack bar. Both areas will be open during the legislative sessions. The ground floor snack bar will be able to offer additional food options for customers. Finishing the space on the ground level will not be completed with State General Fund money. According to the Department of Children and Families, the funds that will be used are a mixture of Federal Title 1 funds and the Business Enterprise Program funds. These funds are in place to assist the blind and visually impaired managers to set up successful snack bars, cafeterias and vending operations. The BEP program funds are self-renewing funds, paid for by current managers who pay a certain percentage of their proceeds back to the program to be used for some contractual work and replacement of aging equipment.

Pursuant to the Randolph-Sheppard Act, priority is given to the visually impaired to operate vending and snack bar facilities. The *Randolph-Sheppard Act*, 20 U.S.C. § 107 et seq., is a federal law which mandates a priority to blind persons to operate vending facilities on Federal property. The Randolph-Sheppard program operates in nearly every State through State licensing agencies as directed in the Code of Federal Regulations. In Kansas, this program is run by the Department of Children and Families through the Business Enterprise Program. The Business Enterprise Program performs the necessary vetting of potential owner/operators of cafeteria, snack bar and vending areas in public/government facilities.

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Attachment 2**

The Business Enterprise Program has identified the manager/operator of vending services for the Mills Building as the potential manager/operator of vending and the snack bar within the Capitol. Legislative Administrative Services has been in contact with the manager of the Business Enterprise Program and are encouraged that the direction and food offerings will continue for the Capitol Snack Bar. Legislative Administrative Services will also work with the new operator to reimburse for page vouchers in the amount of five dollars. Pursuant to KSA 46-158, "Legislative pages shall receive remuneration having a value of not less than \$5 per day." Since the implementation of the vouchers, which are redeemed at the Capitol Snack Bar, the reimbursement rate averages 90-95 percent of all vouchers issued.

Pursuant to KSA 75-3765a, "Assignment of space and facilities in the state capitol building shall be made by a vote of five of the members of the legislative coordinating council." Legislative Administrative Services is requesting the Legislative Coordinating Council to acknowledge and approve the assignment of snack bar service to begin on or about November 1, 2016. Additionally, Legislative Administrative Services requests approval of the Legislative Coordinating Council to proceed with plans and assignment of the originally planned and designed space on the ground floor level for a Capitol Snack Bar, with the understanding that no expenditure of State General Fund money will be used for finish work on the space.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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