

75-3322c. State use law committee; members; duties; meetings. (a) There is hereby established within the department of administration, the state use law committee, hereafter referred to as the committee, to advise the director of purchases on issues surrounding the purchase of products and services provided by blind or disabled persons, which shall consist of nine members.

(b) The state use law committee shall be composed of the following members:

(1) Two members shall be appointed by the united school administrators of Kansas, one of whom shall represent small unified school districts and one of whom shall represent large unified school districts.

(2) One member shall be appointed by the state board of regents.

(3) One member shall be appointed by the state director of purchases.

(4) One member, who is an advocate for the blind and disabled in Kansas, shall be appointed by the governor.

(5) Two members who are qualified vendors shall be appointed by the governor.

(6) Two members of the Kansas legislature, one legislator shall be a member of the majority party and one legislator shall be a member of the minority party, and shall be appointed by the governor.

(c) Such members shall serve for terms of two years and may be reappointed. On July 1 of each year, or as soon thereafter as possible, the committee shall elect a member to serve as a chairperson of the committee. Subsequent appointments shall be made as provided for original appointments for the unexpired terms.

(d) Members of the committee who are members of the Kansas legislature shall be paid amounts as provided in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto. Otherwise, members of the committee shall serve without reimbursement.

(e) The committee shall be responsible for advising the director of purchases on issues surrounding the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3317 through 75-3322, and amendments thereto, including, but not limited to, the following functions:

(1) The development of waiver guidelines to be followed by qualifying agencies and unified school districts for participation under the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3317 through 75-3322, and amendments thereto.

(2) Product and service eligibility process used by the director of purchases for state use law products and services.

(3) Review the threshold dollar amount of purchases by state agencies or unified school districts for state use law to apply.

(4) Review provisions of K.S.A. 75-3317 through 75-3322, and amendments thereto, on any purchase from a qualified vendor that is determined by the director of purchases to be a substantially higher cost than the purchase would have cost had it been competitively bid.

(5) Adopt rules, regulations and policies to assure fair and effective implementation of this act, including appropriate rules and regulations relating to violations of K.S.A. 75-3317 through 75-3322, and amendments thereto.

(6) Establish procedures for setting fair market prices for items included on the procurement list and revision of products and prices in accordance with the changing market conditions to assure that the prices established are reflective of the market.

(7) Assist qualified vendors in identifying and improving marketing efforts of the products manufactured or processed and offered for sale and services offered under K.S.A. 75-3317 through 75-3322, and amendments thereto, to state agencies and unified school districts.

(8) Encourage and assist the director of purchases, state agencies and unified school districts to identify additional commodities and services that may be purchased from qualified nonprofit agencies not participating in the state use law catalog.

(9) Any other issue identified by any interested party.

(f) The committee shall maintain a registry of entities which meet the definition of qualified vendor, as defined by K.S.A. 75-3317, and amendments thereto.

(g) The director of purchases shall convene quarterly meetings with qualified vendors, the state use law committee and agencies to discuss activity occurring under the state use law.

(h) On July 1, 2019, the state use law committee is hereby abolished.

History: L. 2005, ch. 193, § 6; L. 2009, ch. 10, § 1; L. 2014, ch. 138, § 3; July 1.