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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Wilborn
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date: January 21, 2020

Subject: SCR 1613 – Value Them Both Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Kansas regarding the right to abortion.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1613 (SCR 1613) would amend the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Kansas by adding a new section to the Bill of Rights regarding the regulation of abortion. The new section would state that nothing in the state constitution requires the government to fund abortion and does not create or secure a right to abortion.

The new section would also provide that the people of Kansas, through their elected state legislators, may pass laws regarding abortion. Such laws would remain subject to the United States Constitution's protections of an individual's right to abortion.

As with all concurrent resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Kansas, the resolution must be adopted by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote in each chamber in order to be presented to the general electorate for approval. If SCR 1613 is adopted by this constitutional majority in both chambers, then it would appear on the election ballot at the primary election held in August of 2020.