

September 22, 2022

Representative Ron Ryckman, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
Email delivery

Dear Chairperson Ryckman,

Provisions of the 2022 omnibus budget bill, HB 2510, created an interim study committee to meet during the 2022 interim for the purpose of studying potential Sedgwick County regional mental health bed expansion. The Legislative Coordinating Council further charged this special committee with studying the issue of bed capacity on a statewide basis. The 2022 Special Committee on Mental Health Beds respectfully submits the following two requests to the LCC for consideration:

First, the Committee requests that the LCC appoint two members to the Committee as required by section 8(b) of HB 2510. In addition to nine other members specified in HB 2510, the Committee is to include two members appointed by the LCC: A member of the Senate and a member of the minority party of the House of Representatives.

Second, the Committee requests permission for two additional meeting days and to hold one of the committee's meetings in Wichita. The LCC has already approved three meeting days, but, due to the nature of the topic, the Committee believes that two additional days will be necessary for the Committee to effectively discharge its responsibilities under the provisions of the budget bill and as directed by the LCC.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Senator Carolyn McGinn
Chairperson, 2022 Special Committee
on Mental Health Beds