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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
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Legislative Coordinating Council
Room 332-E - Statehouse
BUILDING MAIL

Dear Members of the Legislative Coordinating Council:

As Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives and President of the Kansas Senate, we respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve two meeting days during the 2024 Interim for a *Special Committee on Budget Process and Development* to evaluate and make recommendations for reform of the state budget development process in Kansas.

The budget process was last substantially amended in 1994 when select fee-funded agencies were required to submit two year budgets. Over the last thirty years, multiple innovations in municipal and State budget process development have occurred, including long-term budget assessments, budget stress tests, digital budget transparency initiatives, priority-based budgeting, and performance-based budgeting.

The Special Committee would seek authority to:

- Solicit testimony from stakeholders and state agencies involved in the development of the Kansas State budget;
- Examine statutes governing budget submission timing; and
- Make recommendations to the 2025 Legislature for the reform of laws related to the budget process.

Thank you for the consideration of this request, which is jointly submitted with Senate President Ty Masterson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Hawkins by son". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan Hawkins, Speaker
Kansas House of Representatives

cc: Senator Ty Masterson, Vice-chairperson
Senator Dinah Sykes, Senate Minority Leader
Representative Vic Miller, House Minority Leader
Shirley Morrow, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes
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