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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Rhoades and members of the Committee on Appropriations  
From: Jim Wilson, First Assistant Revisor  
Date: March 2, 2012  
Subject: HB 2691 – Relating to biennial budget estimates for state agencies

HB 2691 would amend K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 75-3717 regarding submission of budget estimates for preparation of the state budget. This bill will prescribe a biennial budgeting cycle for all state agencies.

Under current law, each state agency is directed to submit budget estimates by October 1 of each year for the ensuing fiscal year and may file adjustments for the state agency's budget that was approved by the Legislature during a prior fiscal year. In lieu of the annual filing of budget estimates, certain state agencies are directed to submit budget estimates by October 1 every two years for the next fiscal year and for the ensuing fiscal year thereafter on a biennial basis. This biennial cycle commenced with the budget estimates submitted on or before October 1, 1994. The 22 state agencies currently submitting budget estimates on a biennial basis are as follows:

Abstracters' Board of Examiners, Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, Board of Accountancy, Board of Examiners in Optometry, Board of Nursing, Consumer Credit Commissioner, Kansas Board of Barbering, Kansas Board of Examiners in Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments, Kansas Dental Board, Kansas Real Estate Commission, Kansas State Board of Cosmetology, Office of the Securities Commissioner of Kansas, Real Estate Appraisal Board, State Bank Commissioner, State Board of Healing Arts, State Board of Mortuary Arts, State Board of Pharmacy, State Board of Technical Professions, State Board of Veterinary Examiners, Governmental Ethics Commission, State Department of Credit Unions, and Kansas Home Inspectors Registration Board.

The current biennial estimates for these state agencies were submitted for action by the Legislature during the 2011 regular session and appropriations were made for FY 2012 and FY 2013 in 2011 Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2014.

This bill would place all state agencies on the same biennial budgeting basis commencing with the budget estimates submitted on or before October 1, 2012, to be considered by the Legislature during the 2013 regular session.

The remaining substantive section amends K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 75-6701, relating to the joint estimates of revenue to the state general fund, to make corresponding amendments in accordance with the policy change proposed in Section 1. This provides the basis to make the joint estimate of revenues to the state general fund for the each of the two ensuing fiscal years.

The act would take effect upon publication in the statute book.