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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Barker
Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date: January 30, 2020

Subject: HB 2476 – Display of the national motto in public buildings

House Bill No. 2476 (HB 2476) would require the national motto to be displayed in all public buildings in this state, provided there is sufficient funding for such displays. Displays can either be donated or can be purchased by the respective governing body, but only with moneys made available through voluntary contributions.

If there is sufficient funding for a display, then it must be conspicuously displayed in the public building with the national motto of the United States, "In God We Trust," and an accurate representation of both the United States flag and the flag of the State of Kansas. The display must also satisfy the size and other attributes specified in HB 2476.

HB 2476 applies to each public school library and classroom, each public college or university, and each state or municipal building.

If enacted, HB 2476 would become effective on July 1, 2020.