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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Olson

Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 1, 2022

Subject: SB 479 – Authorizing a memorial commemorating the Kansas suffragist

movement.

Senate Bill No. 479 (SB 479) would require the Capitol Preservation Committee to approve plans for a permanent memorial in the State Capitol commemorating the Kansas suffragist movement that achieved the right of women to vote in Kansas and the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

No public funds would be used for the memorial. SB 479 establishes a Kansas Suffragist Memorial Fund that will be funded with grants, gifts, contributions and bequests offered to finance the creation of the memorial.

If enacted, SB 479 would become effective on July 1, 2022.