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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Carpenter
 Members of the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

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Subject: Review of gaming compacts

This memorandum will briefly review the statutory provisions governing the review of gaming compacts by the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations (Committee). K.S.A. 46-2302 provides for the review of gaming compacts by the Committee. Pursuant to the statute, neither the Committee nor the Legislature is permitted to amend or otherwise modify any proposed gaming compact. Upon completing its review, the Committee may take one of four actions:

1. Recommend Changes. The Committee may recommend changes to the proposed gaming compact. Such recommendations are submitted to the Governor as a basis for continuing negotiations. Such action requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Committee when a quorum is present.
2. Approve the Gaming Compact. The Committee may recommend the Legislature approve the proposed gaming compact. Such action requires an affirmative vote of at least eight members of the Committee with at least four senators and four representatives voting in the affirmative. If such action is taken, then the Committee must introduce a resolution in each chamber to that effect and submit a committee report to each chamber recommending adoption of the resolution. A copy of the proposed gaming compact is included with the committee report.
3. Reject the Gaming Compact. The Committee may recommend the Legislature reject the proposed gaming compact. Such action requires an affirmative vote of at least eight members of the Committee with at least four senators and four

representatives voting in the affirmative. If such action is taken, then the Committee must introduce a resolution in each chamber approving the proposed gaming compact and submit a committee report to each chamber recommending rejection of the resolution. A copy of the proposed gaming compact is included with the committee report.

4. Report Without Recommendation. The Committee may report the proposed gaming compact to the Legislature without recommendation. Such action requires an affirmative vote of at least five legislative members of the Committee. If such action is taken, then the Committee must introduce a resolution in each chamber approving the proposed gaming compact and submit a committee report to each chamber making no recommendation on the resolution. A copy of the proposed gaming compact is included with the committee report.

Neither the Governor, or the Governor's designee, nor the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee, are allowed to vote on any motion to approve, reject, or report a proposed gaming compact without recommendation.