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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Rhoades and members of the Committee on Appropriations
From: Nobuko Folmsbee, Senior Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 21, 2012
Subject: 2012 House Bill No. 2789

HB 2789 creates the joint committee on KanCare oversight within the legislative branch. The joint committee would be composed of 11 members of the legislature without specifying the house or senate membership. All members would serve a two-year term commencing on July 1, 2012, and any vacancy would be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

The first chairperson would be appointed by the speaker for a two-year term commencing on July 1, 2012, and the next chairperson would be appointed by the president for a one-year term commencing on from July 1, 2014. Thereafter, the appointment of the chairperson would alternate between the speaker and president for a one-year term.

The first vice-chairperson would be appointed by the president for a two-year term commencing on July 1, 2012, and the next vice-chairperson would be appointed by the speaker for a one-year term commencing on July 1, 2014. Thereafter, the appointment of the vice-chairperson would alternate between the president and speaker for a one-year term.

The joint committee would monitor and study the implementation and operations of the home and community services programs and state medicaid programs. Any appropriate state agency would provide data and information on KanCare programs to the joint committee. The joint committee may meet at any time and at any place in the state on the call of the chairperson and is authorized to introduce legislation as it deems necessary in performing its functions. The joint committee would expire upon the termination of provision of state medicaid services in a managed care system.

Sections 2 and 3 change references of the joint committee on home and community based services oversight to the joint committee on KanCare oversight. The bill also repeals the statutes creating the joint committee on home and community based services oversight and the joint committee on health policy oversight.

This act would take effect upon publication in the Kansas register.