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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairwoman McGinn and members of the Committee on Ways and Means
From: Nobuko Folmsbee, Senior Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 20, 2012
Subject: 2012 Senate Bill No. 459

SB 459 creates the joint committee on KanCare oversight within the legislative branch. The joint committee would be composed of 11 members of the house of representatives and the senate specifically appointed by the leadership of the house and the senate.

All members would serve a two-year term coinciding the legislative terms, but the first members would be appointed on July 1, 2012. Any vacancy would be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the term.

The first chairperson would be appointed by the speaker on July 1, 2012, and at the beginning of the 2013 session for a one-year term. The next chairperson would be appointed by the president for one-year term at the beginning of the 2014 session, and thereafter the appointment of the chairperson would alternate between the speaker and the president.

The first vice-chairperson would be appointed by the president of the senate on July 1, 2012, and at the beginning of the 2013 session for a one-year term. The next vice-chairperson would be appointed by the speaker for a one-year term at the beginning of the 2014 session, and thereafter the appointment of the vice-chairperson would alternate between the president and the speaker.

When a vacancy occurs in the office of the chairperson or vice-chairperson, a member of the same house as the vacating member would be appointed to fill the position.

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 to the joint committee. The joint committee would meet at least four times a year and is authorized to introduce legislation as it deems necessary in performing its functions. The provisions of this section creating the joint committee would expire on July 1, 2017.

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 statute book.