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Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

Request for Introduction of Department Proposals

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Chairman, Senator Les Donovan and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Revenue respectfully requests for introduction as Committee bills the following proposals:

1. Authorize the Director of Property Valuation Division to remove an appraiser from the list of eligible appraisers; allow the county appraiser to publish the results of the market study analysis in either the official county newspaper or on the official county website

Amend K.S.A. 19-432 to empower the director of property valuation to remove an appraiser from the list of eligible appraisers for (1) failing to meet to meet minimum requirements (e.g. continuing education requirements); (2) a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to or conviction of forgery, embezzlement, etc. or crimes involving moral turpitude or any felony; (3) willful disregard or violation of the act for appointment of county appraisers or rules and regulations of the secretary of revenue to implement K.S.A. 19-425 to 19-436, inclusive; or (4) entry of a final judgment against the eligible appraiser on grounds of fraud, misrepresentation or deceit in making any appraisal of real or personal property.

Amend K.S.A. 79-1460a to allow the county appraiser to publish the results of the market study analysis in either the official county newspaper (current law) or on the official county website.

This proposal would be identical to the contents of 2015 House Bill 2071, which was recommended favorably for passage by House Tax Committee but did not advance further.

2. Amend subsection (l) of K.S.A. 79-213 to allow county appraisers to exempt property belonging to the federal government without an order of the board of tax appeals.