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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Olson and Members of the Senate Committee on Utilities

From: Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes

Date: 03/09/2015

Subject: Senate Bill 246

SB 246 would amend K.S.A. 75-37,128 concerning energy audits. Under current law, state agencies are required to conduct an energy audit at least every five years on all state-owned real property. Furthermore, the secretary of administration is not permitted to approve a new lease or a renewal or extension of an existing lease of non-state owned property unless the lessor has submitted an energy audit of the property. The secretary is required to provide an annual written report to the legislature that identifies all state-owned real property locations in which an excessive amount of energy is being used.

SB 246 would change current law to permit the secretary to approve a new lease or renew an existing lease without an energy audit being performed if the secretary determined that it was not economically feasible to conduct such energy audit and the secretary provided the rationale for that determination in writing to the joint committee on state building construction.