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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairwoman McGinn and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

From: Jill A. Wolters, First Assistant Revisor

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Subject: **SB315 Kansas state employee health care commission, increasing members; adding the chairpersons of the senate committee on ways and means, house committee on appropriations, senate committee on public health and welfare, and house committee on health and human services, or their designees; authorizing the members to elect the chairperson.**

Currently, the Kansas state employees health care commission has five members as follows: (1) The commissioner of insurance; (2) the secretary of administration; (3) a current state employee in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act, appointed by the governor; (4) a person who retired from a position in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act, appointed by the governor; and (5) a representative of the general public, appointed by the governor.

Senate Bill No. 315 would add the following members, for a total of nine members: the chairperson of the senate committee on ways and means or a designee senator appointed by the chairperson; the chairperson of the house of representatives committee on appropriations or a designee representative appointed by the chairperson; the chairperson of the senate committee on public health and welfare, or its successor committee, or a designee senator appointed by the chairperson; and the chairperson of the house of representatives committee on health and human services, or its successor committee, or a designee representative appointed by the chairperson.

Pursuant to current law, no more than three members could be from the same political party. The bill provides that no more than two members of the commission appointed to the commission by the governor shall be members of the same political party.

Currently, the governor designates the chairperson. The bill provides that the chairperson will be annually elected from among its members. The quorum of the Kansas state employees health care commission is increased to five members because of the increase in members of the commission.

The bill will take effect upon publication in the statute book.