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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairman Barker  
Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date: March 21, 2019

Subject: HCR 5004 – Equal rights amendment to Kansas Constitution

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5004 (HCR 5004) proposes to amend the Constitution of the State of Kansas by amending Section 1 of the Bill of Rights. Currently, Section 1 provides that all people have equal and inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. HCR 5004 would expand the class of individuals who enjoy such rights to include human beings from the beginning of biological development, including fertilization.

To become effective HCR 5004 must be adopted by  $\frac{2}{3}$  of both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and then must be approved by a majority of the voters at the general election held in November 2020.