

Welcome to the Kansas Legislative Research Department

Who We Are and What We Do

Where we are: Room 68-West, State Capitol Building

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KLRD

Kansas Legislative Research Department

Providing nonpartisan, objective research and fiscal analysis for the Kansas Legislature since 1934

The main function of the Kansas Legislative Research Department is to provide *nonpartisan* and *objective* research and fiscal analysis for the Kansas Legislature.

- **A core principle central to the role of KLRD staff**
- **Essential to accomplishing our duties as a legislative staff agency**

Being “objective” means...

- **KLRD staff provides factual information**
- **KLRD staff provides this information in an unbiased manner**

Being objective...

- Often requires us to tell members and committees that an approach has been found unworkable in the past or has previously been determined unconstitutional by the courts
- May mean presenting a series of options to solve a problem rather than identifying the “right” option
- Means telling you we have not been able to identify objective factual or statistical information to support your argument when such is the case
- Means suggesting conferees who are likely to present all sides of an issue

KLRD Committee Work

Regular Legislative Session

KLRD STAFFS STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **Attend meetings**
- **Present oral or written briefings at hearings**
- **Respond to inquiries by the committee or its members**
- **Provide other information and assistance, as needed**

KL RD ANALYZES STATE AGENCY BUDGETS

- **Examine agency budget requests**
- **Analyze Governor's recommendations**
- **Provide budget information, as requested**
- **Prepare subcommittee reports, assist with creation of appropriation bills, prepare bill explanations**

KLRD PREPARES “SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES” (BILL SUMMARIES)

- **Written upon passage of a bill by committee**
- **Revised each time a bill is amended**
- **Distributed in the daily bill packets**
- **Supp notes are available at www.kslegislature.org/li and www.KanFocus.com**

KLRD PREPARES “CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEFS”

- Written upon signing of report by the Conference Committee
- Distributed on the Chamber floor (yellow paper)
- Posted on our website (with subject keywords) at www.kslegislature.org/kldr
- CCRBs are also posed on the associated bill page: www.kslegislature.org/li/

KLRD Responds to Legislative Inquiries

Year-round

KLRD LEGISLATIVE INQUIRY WORK IS *CONFIDENTIAL*

- **Exemption from the Kansas Open Records Act:**
 - Records pertaining to proposed legislation or amendments
 - Records pertaining to research for one or more legislators
 - *Until publicly cited or identified in an open meeting or agenda or such; or*
 - *Until distributed to a body with authority to act or make recommendations*

YEAR-ROUND

- **Answer questions and provide information to members of the Legislature**
- **Assist a legislator's constituent(s), as requested by the legislator**
- **Work closely with staff of other agencies**

Other Staff Duties

- **Work with agencies to develop consensus estimates**
 - State General Fund (SGF) Revenue
 - K-12 School Finance
 - Highway Fund Revenue
 - Human Services Caseloads
- **Answer questions and provide information to the general public, state and local officials, other states, and various organizations**
- **Provide support for the Legislature for the redistricting process**

KLRD Publications and Other Documents

GENERAL LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

- **Interim Committee Reports**
- **Preliminary Summary of Legislation**
- **Legislative Highlights**
- **Summary of Legislation**
- **Legislative Briefing Book (updated Fall 2018)**
- **Tax Facts**

BUDGET AND FISCAL INFORMATION

- **Budget Analysis and Agency Budget Summaries**
- **Subcommittee and Budget Committee Reports**
- **Fiscal Facts**
- **Appropriations Report**

SUBJECT MATTER PUBLICATIONS

- Revenue Estimate Memoranda
- SGF Monthly Receipt Reports
- District Demographics
- Legislative Procedure Manual
- Memoranda on specific topics

AVAILABLE:

- **Electronically in PDF or EPUB* format:**
<http://www.kslegislature.org/kldr>

*Highlights, Summary of Legislation, and Briefing Book are available in EPUB format (for use with e-readers).

- **Select publications:**
<http://www.kslegislature.org/li/research/>

What We Strive For

Professional Staff who provide resources to facilitate legislators in making informed decisions

All requests are confidential, unless otherwise specifically directed by the legislator making the request

Provide information in an informative, professional manner; provide clear, concise communication in all forms



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