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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
**From:** Scott Abbott, Assistant Revisor  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018  
**Re:** Senate Bill No. 285

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Senate Bill No. 285 would establish the joint legislative transportation task force. The task force would include 24 voting members, as follows:

- Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, including one member of the committee on appropriations, one of whom to serve as co-chair of the task force;
- One member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader;
- Two members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, including one member of the committee on ways and means, one of whom to serve as co-chair of the task force;
- One member of the senate appointed by the minority leader;
- Two county commissioners appointed by the Kansas association of counties;
- Two city representatives appointed by the Kansas league of municipalities;
- One member appointed by economic lifelines;
- One member appointed by the Kansas contractors association;
- One member appointed by the heavy constructors association;
- One member appointed by the Kansas aggregate producers association-Kansas ready mix association;
- One member appointed by the greater Kansas city building and construction trades council;
- One member appointed by the AFL-CIO;
- One member appointed by the American council of engineering companies of Kansas;
- One member appointed by the Kansas public transit authority;
- One member from a class I railroad appointed by economic lifelines;
- One member from a short line railroad company appointed by economic lifelines;
- One member appointed by the Kansas motor carriers association;
- One member at large appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

- One member at large appointed by the president of the senate; and
- One member at large appointed by the governor.

The task force would include 3 ex-officio members as follows:

- The secretary of transportation, or the secretary's designee;
- The secretary of commerce, or the secretary's designee; and
- The secretary of agriculture, or the secretary's designee.

The bill would require the above appointing authorities to make those appointments within 45 days of the effective date of the bill. Members must be Kansas residents and represent all four congressional districts.

The task force may meet in open meeting at any time upon the call of either co-chairperson, and must meet at least 8 times, including at least one meeting in each of the six Kansas department of transportation districts and at least two meetings in metropolitan district areas. A majority of the voting members constitute a quorum, and any action shall be by motion adopted by a majority of voting members present when there is a quorum. Any vacancy on the task force would be filled in the original manner of appointment.

The task force's mission would be to: 1) Evaluate the progress of the 2010 transportation works for Kansas program to date; 2) evaluate the current system condition of the state transportation system; 3) evaluate current uses of state highway fund dollars; 4) evaluate current transportation funding in Kansas to determine whether it is sufficient to not only maintain the transportation system in its current state, but also to ensure that it serves the future transportation needs of Kansas residents; 5) identify additional necessary transportation projects; 6) make recommendations regarding the needs of the transportation system over the next 10 years and beyond; 7) make recommendations on the future structure of the state highway fund as it relates to maintaining the state infrastructure system; and 8) make and submit reports to the legislature concerning all such work and recommendations on or before January 31, 2019.

The bill provides for staff assistance to the task force by the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative research department and the division of legislative administrative services. The Kansas department of transportation would be required to provide data and information to the task force. Task force members would be paid subsistence, mileage and actual and necessary expenses subject to approval by the legislative coordinating council.

The bill would take effect upon publication in the Kansas register and would expire on June 30, 2019.