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Legislative Post Audit Executive Committee
August 10, 2020

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lynn at 10:00 a.m. in Room 112-N. Committee members present:

Senator Julia Lynn, Chair
Representative Kristey Williams, Vice-Chair (via phone)
Senator Dinah Sykes, Ranking Minority Member

Consideration of Legislative Post Audit's FY 2021-2022 Budget Request

Justin Stowe, Legislative Post Auditor, explained the division's budget request. K.S.A. 46-1103 requires the Legislative Post Auditor to prepare the division's annual budget request and revisions. The budget is first reviewed by the executive committee. Then the budget is reviewed by the full committee at the September meeting. After approval by the committee, the budget request is submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) for its consideration.

Mr. Stowe presented a budget memo that summarized the division's budget revisions for FY 2021 and budget request for FY 2022.

- The fiscal year 2021 revised estimate of \$3.3 million is within the amount appropriated by the Legislature. It is enough to fully staff the agency.
- The fiscal year 2022 budget request is \$3.4 million is within the amount appropriated by the Legislature. It is enough to fully staff the agency.
- The budget as presented was passed unanimously.

Consideration of Proposed Legislation

Mr. Stowe briefed the subcommittee on two proposed bills. One removes four reporting requirements in state law that require reports be sent to us or to the committee (LPAC) that do not appear to provide much value.

The second would exempt LPA from KORA requirements and fees when making data requests for the purpose of an audit.

By consensus, members directed staff to draft legislation to redirect or eliminate LPA or LPAC from any of the four requirements and to exempt LPA from certain KORA requirements. Committee members asked staff to gather other state information on this topic. These bills will be drafted and put before the Legislative Post Audit Committee at the September meeting.

Consideration of Potential Rules Changes

Mr. Stowe requested that the executive committee consider the following potential changes to the LPAC rules:

- Add a rule to codify the economic development evaluation process (New Rule)

By consensus, members directed staff to draft rules changes. The draft changes will be put before the Legislative Post Audit Committee at the September meeting.

Post Auditor Evaluation Kickoff

Per committee rule 5-1, the Legislative Post Audit Committee is supposed to conduct an annual performance evaluation of the Post Auditor between August and December in a closed, executive meeting.

By consensus, members gave approval for the division to work with Tom Day, Director of Legislative Administrative Services to send out the evaluation form to members. The post auditor evaluation results will be ready for review by the full committee at the December meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



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Nicole Blanchett, Secretary
Legislative Post Audit Committee

date

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