

**74-7287. Legislative review, evaluation and recommendations; public hearings on legality and propriety of agency or program operations.** The senate committee on ways and means, the house of representatives committee on appropriations, the legislative budget committee or the appropriate legislative standing committee or committees, as determined by the legislative coordinating council, shall review and evaluate the operations of the state agency or program subject to audit and evaluation under K-GOAL. The committee shall familiarize itself with the provisions of law by which the state agency or program acquired existence, the manner in which the state agency or program is supposed to be organized and how the state agency or program actually is organized, the powers granted to and the operations authorized to be performed by the state agency or program, what powers are being exercised and what operations are being performed by the state agency or program, and the manner in which the state agency or program is exercising its powers and performing its operations. The committee shall consider any performance audit conducted by the post auditor and the division of post audit under the direction of the legislative post audit committee pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-7285, and amendments thereto. During the course of the review and evaluation of the state agency or program and its operations, the committee shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony from the public, the involved state agency or program and its officers and employees, and other appropriate state officers and employees. In all such hearings, the involved state agency or program shall be held accountable for the legality and propriety of the operations under review and be responsible for producing evidence of the necessity for and extent of any changes in the organization, powers or operations of the state agency or program or in its enabling laws which would increase efficiency or effectiveness.

**History:** L. 1992, ch. 116, § 5; L. 2008, ch. 112, § 4; May 1.