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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

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Subject: HCR 5005 – Convention of the States.

House Concurrent Resolution 5005 (HCR 5005) makes application to the United States Congress to call a convention of the States for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution to impose limits on the federal government. Under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, Congress is required to call a convention of the States if  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the States (34) make application for such convention. Any amendments proposed by such a convention would then require  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the States to ratify them before they became effective.

Article 2, § 13 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas requires a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote by the Legislature to make application for a convention of the States. Thus, HCR 5005 must be approved by  $\frac{2}{3}$  of each House.