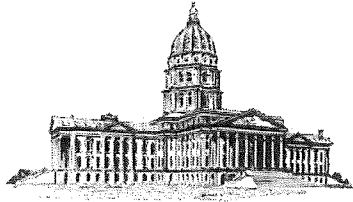


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Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
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Dear Chairperson Masterson,

On behalf of the House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications, I respectfully request the formation of a 2025 joint interim committee to examine various statutes pertaining to telecommunications and the Video Competition Act. We would respectfully ask the Legislative Coordinating Council to approve four meeting days during this time.

As technological advancements continue at an unprecedented rate, it is imperative that our legislative framework keeps pace with these changes to ensure that our telecommunications regulations are both current and consistent. The Video Competition Act, established to address the rapidly evolving landscape of video services, also requires a meticulous review to address contemporary challenges and opportunities within the industry.

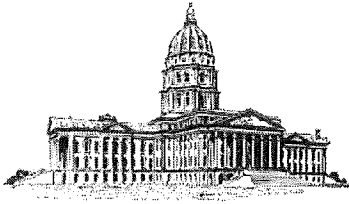
An Interim Committee dedicated to this cause would provide the necessary attention and expertise to thoroughly investigate the existing statutes and recommend updates that reflect the current and future needs of our telecommunications infrastructure and video service providers. This initiative would ensure that our laws remain relevant, promote fair competition, and protect consumer interests. The topics of this interim committee may include, but would not be limited to:

1. Financial aspects of providing advanced video and telecommunication services to Kansas consumers and businesses, including, but not limited to, taxes, fees, and subsidies;
2. A thorough review of the Office of Broadband Development and its efforts to expand broadband throughout the state; and
3. A review of current right-of-way regulations and states to ensure fair and consistent treatment of all telecommunication providers.

I appreciate your consideration of this important matter and look forward to the possibility of seeing these statutes reviewed and updated for the benefit of our state and the industry.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Chairperson Masterson:

I write to respectfully request the Legislative Coordinating Council approve four meeting days during the 2025 Interim for a special committee on Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and the 340b Program.

Pharmacy Benefit Managers operate with little transparency and wield disproportionate influence over prescription drug pricing, reimbursement rates and patient access to care. Independent pharmacies, especially those in rural and underserved areas, are struggling to survive under unfair reimbursement practices and claw backs from PBMS.

The 340b Drug Pricing Program plays a crucial role in ensuring that providers can stretch scarce resources to serve vulnerable populations. In Kansas, and across this country, rural hospitals, community health centers, and other covered entities rely on 340b savings to maintain essential services and provide access to medications for the uninsured. Recent pharmacy restrictions and manufacturer-imposed limitations have jeopardized the sustainability of the program.

An interim committee will allow for the Legislature to evaluate the true cost of PBM practices have on patients, providers, and the state and assess the challenges of the 340b program has on patients and providers. A committee will provide an opportunity for members to examine reforms being adopted in other states to ensure that Kansans have access to affordable and quality pharmacy services and how to prioritize rural health care.

I have heard from many constituents, both inside and outside Senate District 13, asking for legislation to reform the 340b program and the practices of PBMs. Along with television advertisements on these two topics asking for reforms. I have also spoken with many colleagues, from both parties, and in both chambers, expressing a need for legislation that will bring down cost of prescription drugs.

The four meeting days requested would give adequate time for the committee to study the practices of PBMs and the 340b program and make reform recommendations for the 2026 Legislative Session.

Thank you for your consideration of the request.

Sincerely,

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Senator Tim Shallenburger

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