

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Budget Committee Report

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Executive Summary

Summary of Total Expenditures, FY 2023 – FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2023 Actual	\$ 16,376,170	\$ 162,255,740	\$ 178,631,910	439.5	
FY 2024 Actual	7,497,551	177,794,235	185,291,786	446.3	
FY 2025 Actual	15,243,649	186,142,214	201,385,863	400.5	
FY 2026					
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 11,788,688	\$ 228,810,958	\$ 240,599,646	444.8	
Agency Revised Estimate	11,788,688	269,679,200	281,467,888	400.4	
Special Committee on the State Budget	11,788,688	269,679,200	281,467,888	400.4	
House Committee of the Whole	11,788,688	269,679,200	281,467,888	400.4	
Senate Committee of the Whole	11,788,688	269,679,200	281,467,888	400.4	
Conference Committee*	-	-	-	-	
Gov. Rec.	11,788,688	269,679,200	281,467,888	400.4	
FY 2027					
FY 2026 Approved, without Reappropriations	\$ 10,195,675	\$ 228,810,958	\$ 239,006,633	444.8	
Agency Request	10,821,009	272,091,651	282,912,660	402.9	
Special Committee on the State Budget	10,224,625	272,091,651	282,316,276	400.9	
House Committee of the Whole	10,224,625	272,091,651	282,316,276	400.9	
Senate Committee of the Whole	10,224,625	272,091,651	282,316,276	400.9	
Conference Committee*	-	-	-	-	
Gov. Rec.	10,224,625	272,091,651	282,316,276	400.9	

* Note : This committee has not taken action on this agency's budget yet.

The Kansas Department of Labor's mission is to provide workers and employers with information and services that are accurate and timely, efficient and effective, and fair and impartial. The agency has six programs to assist with the agency's mission:

- **Administration and Support Services** provide central management and administrative support throughout the agency. It also includes the Office of the Secretary of Labor.
- **Unemployment Insurance Services** provides benefits to eligible applicants to replace part of wages lost from involuntary unemployment.
- **Labor Market Information Services** provides research and statistical analysis for the agency, including calculating and reporting unemployment rates for the State of Kansas.
- **Industrial Safety and Health** works to reduce the frequency and severity of workplace injuries and illnesses by checking for compliance with state and federal laws.
- **Labor Relations and Employment Standards** enforce laws relating to Kansas labor relation statutes and address inquiries not otherwise covered by statute.
- **Workers Compensation** enforces the Kansas Workers Compensation Act.¹

¹ [KSA 44-501](#) et seq.

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Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 11,788,688	\$ 228,810,958	\$ 240,599,646	444.8	
Agency Revised Estimate	11,788,688	269,679,200	281,467,888	400.4	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
<i>Change from Agency Revised Estimate</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 11,788,688	\$ 269,679,200	\$ 281,467,888	400.4	
House Committees					
General Government Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 11,788,688	\$ 269,679,200	\$ 281,467,888	400.4	
Senate Committees					
Ways and Means [Executive]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	-
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 11,788,688	\$ 269,679,200	\$ 281,467,888	400.4	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	-
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 11,788,688	\$ 269,679,200	\$ 281,467,888	400.4	

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Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$281.5 million, including \$11.8 million SGF, and 400.4 FTE positions in FY 2026. This is an increase of \$40.9 million, or 17.0 percent, above the approved by the 2025 Legislature, largely due to the **increases in unemployment insurance** (\$44.3 million). The agency is also lapsing 44.4 FTE positions because of an overestimation of call service representatives needed for the Unemployment Insurance Modernization project.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's revised estimate in FY 2026.

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House Committees

House Committee on General Government Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the House Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Appropriations Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Ways and Means - Executive

The **Senate Subcommittee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Senate Subcommittee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Ways and Means Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

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FY 2027

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2027				
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions
FY 2026 Approved, without Reappropriations	\$ 10,195,675	\$ 228,810,958	\$ 239,006,633	444.8
Agency Request	10,821,009	272,091,651	282,912,660	402.9
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)				
<i>Change from Agency Request</i>	\$ (596,384)	\$ -	\$ (596,384)	(2.0)
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 10,224,625	\$ 272,091,651	\$ 282,316,276	400.9
House Committees				
General Government Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Appropriations	-	-	-	-
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 10,224,625	\$ 272,091,651	\$ 282,316,276	400.9
Senate Committees				
Ways and Means [Executive]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 10,224,625	\$ 272,091,651	\$ 282,316,276	400.9
Legislative Approved				
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 10,224,625	\$ 272,091,651	\$ 282,316,276	400.9

* Note : This committee has not taken action on this agency's budget yet.

Agency

The **agency** request includes of \$282.9 million, including \$10.8 million SGF, and 402.9 FTE positions for FY 2027. This is an increase of \$43.9 million, or 18.4 percent, above the approved by the 2025 Legislature for FY 2026, largely due to the **increases in unemployment insurance** (\$47.5 million).

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency request for FY 2027 with the following adjustments:

1. Delete \$330,480 SGF to pay for increased data storage fees negotiated by the Office of Information Technology Services for FY 2027.
2. Delete \$265,904 SGF and 2.0 FTE positions to fund the initiative “Today’s Occupations Tomorrow’s Opportunities” - Wizard of Jobs for FY 2027.

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House Committees

House Committee on General Government Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the House Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Appropriations Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Ways and Means - Executive

The **Senate Subcommittee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Senate Subcommittee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Ways and Means Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.