

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Budget Committee Report

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Executive Summary

Summary of Total Expenditures, FY 2023 – FY 2027						
			All Other			FTE
	SGF		Funds		Total	Positions
FY 2023 Actual	\$	-	\$ 1,454,724	\$	1,454,724	14.0
FY 2024 Actual		-	1,729,106		1,729,106	14.0
FY 2025 Actual		-	1,880,774		1,880,774	14.0
FY 2026						
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$	-	\$ 2,108,217	\$	2,108,217	14.0
Agency Revised Estimate		-	2,108,217		2,108,217	14.0
Special Committee on the State Budget		-	2,108,217		2,108,217	14.0
House Committee of the Whole		-	2,108,217		2,108,217	14.0
Senate Committee of the Whole		-	2,108,217		2,108,217	14.0
Legislative Approved		-	2,108,217		2,108,217	14.0
Governor's Recommendation		-	2,108,217		2,108,217	14.0
FY 2027						
FY 2026 Approved, without Reappropriations	\$	-	\$ 2,123,910	\$	2,123,910	14.0
Agency Request		-	2,123,910		2,123,910	14.0
Special Committee on the State Budget		-	2,123,910		2,123,910	14.0
House Committee of the Whole		-	2,123,910		2,123,910	14.0
Senate Committee of the Whole		-	2,123,910		2,123,910	14.0
Legislative Approved		-	2,123,910		2,123,910	14.0
Governor's Recommendation		-	2,123,910		2,123,910	14.0

The mission of the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) is to conduct efficient, fair, and impartial hearings for constituents and other affected parties who contest the actions of state agencies and other governmental entities. Through administrative law judges (ALJs), the OAH conducts adjudicative proceedings for a variety of state agencies in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA). Per the KAPA, certain agencies must go through the OAH to resolve most procedural issues.

The six agencies¹ that most frequently utilize OAH services make quarterly retainment payments to the OAH. All other agencies make payments to the OAH based on hourly services provided by the OAH. Since the OAH receives its funding from agencies that utilize OAH services, *expenditures for the agency are categorized as off-budget expenditures* to avoid double counting payments from one state agency to another.

¹ Kansas Department for Children and Families, Kansas Department of Health and Environment—Division of Health Care Finance, Kansas Department of Labor, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the Kansas Civil Service Board within the Department of Administration

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FY 2026

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ -	\$ 2,108,217	\$ 2,108,217	14.0	
Agency Revised Estimate	-	2,108,217	2,108,217	14.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
Change from Agency Revised Estimate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ -	\$ 2,108,217	\$ 2,108,217	14.0	
House Committees					
General Government Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ -	\$ 2,108,217	\$ 2,108,217	14.0	
Senate Committees					
Ways and Means [General Government]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ -	\$ 2,108,217	\$ 2,108,217	14.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ -	\$ 2,108,217	\$ 2,108,217	14.0	

Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$2.1 million, all from the Administrative Hearings Office Fund, in off-budget expenditures and 14.0 FTE positions in FY 2026. This represents a decrease of \$97,824, or 4.4 percent, below the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature. The adjustment is due entirely to the agency budgeting less for salaries and wages expenditures due to one Attorney position being reclassified as one Legal Assistant position. In addition, the agency is anticipating expending less on employer contributions for fringe benefits.

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 Committee on General Government Budget** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee on Appropriations** 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 Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government Budget

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

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee on Ways and Means** 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 Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special 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	\$ -	\$ 2,123,910	\$ 2,123,910	14.0
Agency Request	-	2,123,910	2,123,910	14.0
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)				
<i>Change from Agency Request</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ -	\$ 2,123,910	\$ 2,123,910	14.0
House Committees				
General Government Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Appropriations	-	-	-	-
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ -	\$ 2,123,910	\$ 2,123,910	14.0
Senate Committees				
Ways and Means [General Government]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ -	\$ 2,123,910	\$ 2,123,910	14.0
Legislative Approved				
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ -	\$ 2,123,910	\$ 2,123,910	14.0

Agency

The **agency** requests \$2.1 million, all from the Administrative Hearings Office Fund, in off-budget expenditures and 14.0 FTE positions for FY 2027. This represents a decrease of \$82,131, or 3.7 percent, below the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature. As is the case in the current year, the agency is budgeting less for salaries and wages (\$89,653) due to one Attorney position being reclassified as one Legal Assistant position, and changes to employer contributions for fringe benefits. The reduction is partially offset by an increase for all other adjustments (\$7,522), including computer and database upgrades to streamline the administrative claims process, for FY 2027.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency request for FY 2027.

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House Committees

House Committee on General Government Budget

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

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee on Appropriations** 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 Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government Budget

The **Senate Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government Budget** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee on Ways and Means** 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 Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Conference Committee

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