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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Bergquist
Members of the House Committee on Local Government

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 6, 2023

Subject: HB 2092 – Reapportioning the districts for certain members of the Washburn University Board of Regents.

House Bill No. 2092 (HB 2092) would amend the statutes providing for the appointment of members to the Washburn University Board of Regents. Under current law, three members to the Board are appointed by the mayor of Topeka with one being appointed from each of the three state senatorial districts that overlap with Topeka city territory. Beginning in January 2025, the new state senatorial districts that were enacted into law in 2022 SB 563 become effective. The new senate districts provide for four senatorial districts that overlap with Topeka city territory. This will leave a portion of Topeka unrepresented on the Board.

HB 2092 replaces the requirement of one member from each senatorial district by creating three Board member districts. Each new district is based on existing Topeka city council districts.

- District One will consist of city council districts 1, 2, and 3.
- District Two will consist of city council districts 4, 5, and 6.
- District Three will consist of city council districts 7, 8, and 9.

The mayor will be required to appoint one member to the Board from each of the new districts. The appointments will be made as the term of the current Board members for those positions expire. This will maintain the current staggered terms of the three Board member positions.

If enacted, HB 2092 would become effective on July 1, 2023.