

Testimony on Senate Bill 244  
Senate Ways and Means Committee  
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Chairman McGinn, members of the Committee, my name is John Yeary, I am General Counsel for the Department of Administration.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-420, the Department of Administration has a role in review and approval of administrative regulations promulgated by state agencies. After regulations are approved by the Director of the Budget, and before regulations are submitted to the Office of the Attorney General, regulations are submitted to the Department of Administration for approval of their organization, style, orthography and grammar.

Some regulations are promulgated because statutes require the issuance of such regulations.

In the event a substantial number of regulations would expire pursuant to SB 244 it is anticipated there would be an increase in efforts by agencies to promulgate replacement regulations. If that is the case, the Department of Administration would need to allocate additional resources toward review and approval of administrative regulations. We currently have .9 FTE assigned to this task and would likely need to increase that several fold in approximately 2024.

There are many existing regulations that impact public health, safety and welfare. The resources necessary to implement SB 244 would be considerable. Allowing regulations to expire could lead to delays or gaps in regulatory oversight.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.