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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thompson
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 13, 2024

Subject: SB 370 – Prohibiting the extension of national heritage areas and national historic trails beyond federal lands and the use of state funds and resources for such areas and trails without prior legislative approval.

Senate Bill No. 370 (SB 370) would require prior approval by the Legislature before certain actions could occur with respect to national heritage areas and national historic trails. Under federal law, national heritage areas and national historic trails are established either by the federal agency on its own or through a federal-state partnership. The process is administered by the United States Secretary of the Interior.

Under SB 370 if any portion of a national heritage area or national historic trail extended beyond federal land in Kansas, such extension would have to be approved by the Legislature. Additionally, no matching state funds and no state resources could be used for any national heritage area or national historic trail, or any similar or successor type of designated area unless approved by the Legislature.

If enacted, SB 370 would become effective on July 1, 2024.