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**LEGISLATIVE POST AUDIT TO INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL  
UNEMPLOYMENT SHORTFALLS DURING COVID  
PANDEMIC**

**TOPEKA-** The Legislative Post Audit committee today approved an audit of the Kansas Department of Labor unemployment system’s response to the influx of unemployment claims due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The audit will occur in two phases, the first of which will be a limited-scope survey, focusing on direct, confidential and anonymous feedback from DOL employees. This audit was approved by Senator Julia Lynn, Legislative Post Audit Chair, through the authority granted to her by the Committee rules.

The second phase will be a broad scope investigation into factors contributing to delays in claims processing, steps taken by the DOL to address those delays and potential federal resources or oversight of the DOL. The committee approved this audit unanimously.

“I am very interested to see what this Post Audit uncovers, particularly from the ‘boots on the ground’ employees who work day in and day out to process these claims,” said Senator Lynn. “Thousands of unemployed Kansans were let down by the safety net designed to protect them, and we, as a legislature, have a duty to our constituents to get to the bottom of this problem.”

Both phases of the audit will commence simultaneously, and results are estimated to be available within five months.

Audio of the Legislative Post Audit Committee can be found on the Legislature’s website [here](#).