

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sharon Schwartz at 3:30pm on Thursday, February 04, 2016, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Joe Seiwert – Excused

Committee staff present:

Joanna Dolan, Legislative Research Department

David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Natalie Scott, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department

Shirley Jepson, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Briefing by staff on:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department, presented a briefing on the funding of the State Water Plan Fund, FY2015-2017 ([Attachment 1](#)). Mr. Gilliland explained that the responsibilities of water in the State is handled by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Water Office. Because of the importance of water to the citizens of Kansas, the Legislature decided it should not be handled by just one agency. Mr. Gilliland explained that revenue for the State Water Plan is generated by a water protection fee levied on public, industrial and stockwater users. Mr. Gilliland noted that statute directs that there be an annual transfer of \$6 million from the State General Fund (SGF) and \$2 million from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF). Further, Mr. Gilliland explained that the transfer from the SGF was not made in FY2010 or in FY's 2012-2015, and a partial transfer was made in FY2009 and FY 2011. The Legislature suspended the EDIF transfer in FY 2014 and made a partial transfer in FY2015.

Discussion & possible action on: HB2479 — Amendments to the Kansas noxious weed law.

Chair Schwartz opened the discussion on **HB2479** by requesting the Revisor to explain the bill. Ms. Scott stated that the bill amends the current noxious weed law and adds five new sections to the noxious weed law.

Because of the number of amendments being proposed by Committee members to **HB 2479**, Chair Schwartz appointed the following committee members to serve on a sub-committee to coordinate actions on **HB2479** and return to the full Committee with a recommendation.

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Committee members appointed to the Sub-committee on **HB2479** include:

Representative Troy Waymaster, Chairperson
Representative Adam Lusker
Representative Sue Boldra
Representative John Wilson
Representative Jack Thimesch
Representative Ken Rahjes

Ms. Scott stated that the contents of the amendments can be shared with the sub-committee only with permission from the promoter of the amendment:

- Rep. Sloan explained his amendment and gave permission for the amendment to be shared with the sub-committee;
- Representative Moxley explained his amendment and gave permission for the amendment to be shared with the sub-committee;
- Representative Lusker explained his amendment and gave permission for the amendment to be shared with the sub-committee;
- Representative Dierks explained her amendment and gave permission for the amendment to be shared with the sub-committee.

Chair Schwartz requested that the sub-committee return to the full Committee with a recommendation within the next several days.

Discussion & possible action on:

Chair Schwartz opened the discussion and possible action on **HB2480**.

Natalie Scott, Revisor, provided a brief description of the bill.

*Representative Victors moved to recommend **HB2480** favorable for passage. Motion seconded by Representative Carlin.*

*Representative Hibbard made a substitute motion to amend **HB2480** by inserting the attached language as recommended by Kansas Livestock Association ([Attachment 2](#)). Motion seconded by Representative Moxley. Motion carried on a voice vote.*

*Representative Rahjes moved to amend **HB2480** by inserting the attached language ([Attachment 3](#)). Motion seconded by Representative Clark. Motion carried on a voice vote.*

*Representative Moxley moved to amend **HB2480** by adding language to Sec. 11 K.S.A. 47-423 "Out-of-state brands shall represent legal ownership for such 12-month period" ([Attachment 4](#)). The motion was seconded by Representative Sloan. Motion carried on a vote of 13-6.*

*Representative Sloan moved to recommend **HB2480** as amended favorable for passage. Motion*

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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seconded by Representative Schroeder. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2016.