

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Ryckman at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kathy Wolfe Moore – Excused

Committee staff present:

Kathy Holscher, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

David Fye, Legislative Research Department

Jennifer Ouellette, Legislative Research Department

Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes

J.G. Scott, Legislative Research Department

Melinda Gaul, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

John Milburn, Department of Administration

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

Chairman Ryckman called the meeting to order and an introduction of Representative Schwab followed. He requested proposed legislation regarding Administrative Warrants. Jason Thompson with the Office of the Revisor of Statutes is drafting the bill, with approval by committee members.

Representative Schwartz made a motion to introduce legislation regarding administrative warrants.

Representative Proehl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Rhoades made a motion to introduce legislation regarding a deem status bill.

Representative Grosserode seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presentation on:

Larry Isaak, President, Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), introduced of staff members Richard Short, MHEC Chair elect, Missouri Senator David Pearce, MHEC Chair, and Pam Schutt, Director of State Relations.

Senator Pearce addressed the committee and emphasized the importance of the compact within the 12 membership states. He acknowledged Kansas as having the largest compact involvement and the state's, step program.

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Larry Isaak, MHEC, provided background information on the compact and highlighted the compact's initiatives, programs and services, benefits and savings ([Attachment 1](#)). He noted that Kansas is saving \$1.4 million per year on property insurance costs, and a savings of over \$4 million has been experienced with the student exchange program in Kansas last year. He stated that a new program (MCMC) has been implemented, which is grant funded for military personnel and veterans. Mr. Isaak acknowledged Kansas' support of the compact, which was the first state to join the compact and continues to set trends. A review of the Reciprocity Agreement followed. Committee members emphasized the importance of the agreement, outreach and savings experienced by the membership states.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the importance of the MHEC programs and services, as well as the substantial savings to the state. Chairman Ryckman stated that the state has received \$6.4 million on the annual return of a \$115,000 investment as a member of the compact.

In response to questions from committee members, Mr. Isaak stated that technology contracts are available to school districts, counties, cities and higher education entities. Property insurance is tailored for higher education, he added.

Hearing and possible action on: SB248 — Repealing; key deposit funds.

Chairman Ryckman opened the hearing on **SB 248**.

Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided a briefing on the bill ([Attachment 2](#)). The bill repeals K.S.A. 76-12a.25, authorizing chief administrative officers of certain state institutions to establish key deposit funds. The bill passed in the Senate on a vote of 40 - 0, it was noted.

John Milburn, Director of Legislative and Public Affairs, Department of Administration, provided testimony as a proponent of the bill ([Attachment 3](#)). He noted that the statue is no longer used.

Chairman Ryckman closed the hearing on the bill. As there were no objections from committee members, the bill was approved for continued discussion and possible action.

*Representative Barker made a motion for favorable passage of **SB 248**. Representative Rhoades seconded the motion.*

Following discussion on the motion, it was determined that the motion would need an amendment for placement on the consent calendar.

*Representative Barker made a motion for an amendment to **SB 248** to place the bill on the consent calendar for favorable passage. Representative Rhoades seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Hearing and possible action on: SB250 — Joint committee on state building construction; reports of the secretary of administration.

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Chairman Ryckman opened the hearing on **SB250**.

Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, presented a briefing on the bill ([Attachment 4](#)). The bill removes the requirement that the secretary of administration issues a monthly report to the Joint Committee on State Building Construction. The bill passed in the Senate 40 to 0, he noted.

John Milburn, Director of Legislative and Public Affairs, Department of Administration, presented testimony as a proponent of the bill ([Attachment 5](#)). He stated that with the recent changes regarding the oversight of State Building Construction projects, the required reports in the statute is of little or no informational value.

Chairman Ryckman closed the hearing on the bill. As there was no objection by committee members, the bill was approved for continued discussion continued possible action.

*Representative Rhoades made a motion for **SB250** to be placed on the consent calendar favorable for passage. Representative Hawkins seconded the motion.*

Discussion followed by committee members. It as noted that the Capital Improvements budget reports are available. Committee members were encouraged to review the reports, which reflects how projects are being built and financed for future discussion at the will of the Chair.

The motion was renewed. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz made a motion to approve the committee minutes from the January 12, 2016 meeting. Representative Highland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Ryckman reviewed the agenda for the next committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:34 a.m.