

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Ryckman at 9:00 am on Wednesday, February 03, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Barker – Excused
Representative Mark Kahrs – 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:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Chairman Ryckman called the meeting to order. There were no bill introductions He stated that committee members have received follow-up information from Scott Frank, Legislative Post Audit, regarding the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System (KPERS) ([Attachment 1](#)) .

Representative Grosserode made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 28 and January 29 committee meeting. Representative Proehl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Hutton made a motion to introduce legislation regarding the Department of Revenue and the Kansas Turnpike Authority collaborating on toll collections. Representative Claeys seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hearing on: HB2577 — Appropriation revisions for FY 2017 and FY 2018 for various state agencies.

Chairman Ryckman opened the hearing on **HB 2577**.

Randy Watson, Kansas State Department of Education, provided testimony as a proponent of the bill (no written testimony was provided).

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Nancy Keel, Kansas Parents as Teachers, provided testimony as an opponent of the bill ([Attachment 1](#)) .

Shannon Cotsoradis, Kansas Action for Children, presented testimony as an opponent of the bill ([Attachment 3](#)) .

LeEtta Felter, Kansas Children's Cabinet Trust Fund, presented testimony as an opponent of the bill ([Attachment 4](#)) .

Erick Vaughn, Kansas Head Start Association, presented testimony as an opponent of the bill ([Attachment 5](#)) .

Tyler Nottberg, Alliance for Childhood Education, presented testimony as an opponent of the bill ([Attachment 6](#)) .

Hale Ritchie, Rainbows United, Inc., presented testimony as an opponent of the bill ([Attachment 7](#)) .

Mike Johnston, Economic Lifelines, presented testimony as an opponent of the bill ([Attachment 8](#)) .

Tom Laing, Interhab, presented testimony as an opponent of the bill ([Attachment 9](#)) .

Jacki Himpel, Kansas City Schools, Parents as Teachers, presented testimony as an opponent of the bill ([Attachment 10](#)) .

Kirk Thompson, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, presented testimony in neutral position of the bill ([Attachment 11](#)) .

Pat Scalia, presented testimony in neutral position of the bill ([Attachment 12](#)) . She provided further explanation regarding new caseloads from the testimony provided on **HB 2530** in committee yesterday.

Dave Sanford, GraceMed Health Clinic, presented testimony in neutral position of the bill ([Attachment 13](#)) .

Bob Totten, Kansas Contractors Association, presented testimony in opposition of the bill ([Attachment 14](#)) .

Cammie Braden, Keystone, presented testimony in opposition of the bill ([Attachment 15](#)) .

Kelli Owens, parent, presented testimony in opposition of the bill ([Attachment 16](#)) .

Written testimony as a opponent of the bill was provided by the following: Scott Hall, Kansas City Chamber ([Attachment 17](#)) ; Gayla Shields, Kansas County Treasurers Association ([Attachment 18](#)) ;

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John Sherman, Kansas City Chamber ([Attachment 19](#)) ; Erin Brower, Hallmark ([Attachment 20](#)) ; Denise Cyzman, Kansas Association Medically Underserved ([Attachment 21](#)) ; Lorene Stephen, Jerry White Clinic ([Attachment 22](#)) ; Lance Lewis, The Guidance Center ([Attachment 23](#)) and Pam Popp, Hoxie Medical Clinic ([Attachment 24](#)) . Written neutral testimony was provided by the following: Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards ([Attachment 25](#)) ; Phillip Davis, Flint Hills Community Health ([Attachment 26](#)) ; Carol Smith, Greater Kansas City United Way ([Attachment 27](#)) ; and Janet Burton, Turner House Children's Clinic ([Attachment 28](#)) .

Nancy Keel, Kansas Parents as Teachers Association (KPATA) responded to questions by committee members. It was noted that KPATA has 66 affiliate programs serving 11,077 children in 8,771 families at a cost of \$1,117 per child per year. Presently there are 1,500 program participants on waiting lists state-wide. Income guidelines are not the main factor for determining eligibility, as this is primarily based on the district's demographics risk factors. KPATA received SGF dollars until 2008, at which time the funding was from CIF and private donations, she stated.

Michael Johnston, Economic Lifelines, responded to questions regarding T-Works projects. He stated that he was not aware of the specifics on the \$290 million deferred for projects and recommended contacting Secretary King, for this information. He stated that in the Governor's recommendation approximately \$535 million in sales tax revenues would go in to the Department of Transportation.

Dr. Randy Watson, Kansas State Department of Education, responded to questions from committee members. He discussed the department's plans for the transfer of programs from CIF, which would involve a memorandum of understanding, transfer of contracts and operations and the coordination of services. He noted that there are no written plans in place, as the department is waiting the outcome of the proposed elimination of CIF and program transfers. The transfer of the programs would not involve hiring additional staff, he added. Dr. Watson stated that the landscape is about partnering with communities to bring resources together and to better serve families and children. Dale Dennis, Deputy Education Commissioner, reiterated that research has proven that the earlier you help a child the better the results and with lower cost to provide the programs and services. The Governor's recommendation transfers staff and funding. Concern was expressed by a member regarding the placement of CIF in the Department of Education. It was noted that the Education Budget Committee has not reviewed the Reading for Success Program or Tiny K budgets, as these budgets have not been in Education agencies.

Denise Cyzman, Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, responded to questions from committee members regarding sliding scale fees. She stated that all of the clinics use a sliding scale fee for members who are 200 percent or below of the poverty guidelines. The average fee payment is \$5 to \$15, and payment arrangements are made when need be as opposed to going to a collection agency. There is a schedule of fees for procedures, she added.

Chairman Ryckman closed the hearing on **HB 2577**.

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Meeting adjourned at: 10:30 a.m.

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