

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hedke at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Whitmer – Excused
Representative Tony Barton – Excused

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department
Patricia Kready, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Bobby Kosmala, State Lease Administrator for John Milburn, Director of Legislative and Public Affairs, Kansas Department of Administration

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Approval of Committee Minutes

Chairman Hedke asked for a motion to approve committee minutes previously sent to committee members and staff for January 13, 20 and 25. *Rep. Kuether moved to approve the minutes, Rep. Kiegerl seconded, minutes were approved as submitted.*

Possible bill introductions

Cathy Nugent, Kansas Energy Efficiency Coalition requested introduction of the Kansas Energy Efficiency Act, which would create an operative mechanism for local governments and lenders, to facilitate long-term fixed-rate financing for commercial building owners to pay for energy efficiency upgrades.

Rep. Highberger moved to accept the bill, Rep. Kuether seconded, motion passed.

Hearing on: SB246 — Exempting certain state leases from energy audit requirements.

Chairman Hedke opened the hearing on **SB246**.

Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes presented a brief of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#)) Following the brief, he stood for questions.

John Milburn, Director of Legislative and Public Affairs, originally scheduled to testify, was ill. Bobby

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Kosmala, State Lease Administrator, Kansas Department of Administration testified in support of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)) He stood for questions following his testimony.

Rep. Kuether requested written clarification, to the committee, of paragraph four of Mr. Milburn's testimony.

Rep. Corbet requested a breakdown of the number of state owned and state leased buildings.

Rep. Jennings commented there were some areas in the efficiency study commissioned by the state that would link to today's discussion. He then requested that information be looked up by staff.

Chairman Hedke closed the hearing on **SB246**.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 am