

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Jacob LaTurner at 10:30 am on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Ralph Ostmeyer – Excused

Committee staff present:

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department

Connie Burns, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Joanna Wochner, Legislative Research Department

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Dezeree Hodish, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Doug Jorgensen, State Fire Marshall

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Committee Business

The Cost Study of Youth Residential Centers for Juvenile Offenders Pursuant to **Senate Substitute for HB 2588** submitted by Ray Roberts, Secretary of Corrections, was provided to the Committee Members (copies can be requested from the Secretary of Corrections.)

Introduction of bills

Senator Wolf requested a committee bill introduction creating the Kansas transparency act; concerning legislative meetings; providing for live audio broadcasts.

Senator Wolf moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Fast-Goudeau seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Faust-Goudeau requested a committee bill introduction concerning law enforcement; requiring training regarding mentally ill persons.

Senator Fast-Goudeau moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Holland requested four bill introductions:

1. Police officers due process bill of rights

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Senator Holland moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Longbine seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Dealing with the secretary of state; prohibiting certain political activities.

Senator Holland moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Faust-Goudeau seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Concerning legislators; dealing with per calendar day compensation.

Senator Holland moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Wolf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Concerning the legislature; relating to length of regular sessions.

Senator Holland moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Wilborn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 62 - State fire marshal; search and rescue teams and hazardous materials response teams; tort claims immunity; emergency response fund.

Vice-Chair LaTurner opened the hearing on **SB 62**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Doug Jorgensen, State Fire Marshal, appeared before the committee as a proponent on the bill. [\(Attachment 1\)](#) The bill would allow the State Fire Marshall to enter into contracts to establish regional emergency response, search, and rescue teams that respond to hazardous materials or search and rescue incidents. The bill would change the name of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Fund to the Emergency Response Fund. If the balance in the Emergency Respond Fund falls below \$500,000, the bill would allow the State Fire Marshal to transfer an amount from the Fire Marshal Fee Fund to increase the balance to \$500,000.

The Committee requested further information on the costs associated with the Hazardous Materials Program for the last five (5) years.

Sam L. Dameron, Chair Kansas Search and Rescue Working Group, provided written testimony in support of the bill. [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

Vice-Chair LaTurner closed the hearing on **SB 62**.

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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The next meeting is scheduled January 28, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.