

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 10:30 am on Thursday, February 05, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Bobbi Mariani, Legislative Research
Ben Wilhelm, Legislative Research
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research
David Fye, Legislative Research
Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research
Justin Carroll, Legislative Research
Jennifer Ouellette, Legislative Research

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Senator Denning made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning moving joint revenue consensus from April 20 date to May 4. The motion was seconded by Senator Kerschen and the motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Melcher made a motion to introduce proposed legislation, an act concerning postsecondary educational institutions. The motion was seconded by Senator Arpke and the motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Melcher made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning school districts relating to the professional investigations act. Senator Arpke seconded the motion and the motion was adopted.

Senator Melcher made a motion to introduce legislation, an act concerning public employees related to the public employer/employee relations act. The motion was seconded by Senator Arpke and the motion was adopted.

Senator Fitzgerald introduced proposed legislation, an act concerning postsecondary education. The second was made by Senator Arpke and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Briefing by staff on:

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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Scott Frank, Post Auditor, presented an overview of recent performance audit reports conducted by Legislative Post Audit. He highlighted some areas of recent and upcoming audit work and included a short overview of recent Post Audit reports ([Attachment 1](#)).

Final action on: SB7 — Conducting information technology audits.

Chairperson Masterson proposed that the committee consider final action on **SB7** which was heard in committee on January 27, 2015. Scott Frank, Post Auditor, refreshed the committee on the contents of the bill. He said concerns were raised by the law enforcement community because they thought the language in the bill was too broad. A balloon amendment was written to address the concerns of the KBI ([Attachment 2](#)).

*Senator Denning made a motion for an amendment that changes the language to address the concerns of the KBI contained in the original **SB7** bill. The motion to amend was seconded by Senator Melcher and it carried on a voice vote.*

*Senator Denning made a motion to pass **SB7** as amended, Senator Kelly seconded, and **SB7** was passed on a voice vote.*

Subcommittee report signature page:

Attached is the signature page for the Subcommittee Reports for the Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs and Kansas Guardianship Program. The report was signed by all members of the Subcommittee except Senator Kelly ([Attachment 3](#)).

Subcommittee reports on:

Senator Denning, Chairperson of the Social Services Subcommittee gave the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs. He said his agency takes care of health care, disability and long- term care needs of eligible veterans ([Attachment 4](#)).

Senator Denning made a motion for an amendment to allow the Veteran's Affairs agency to remove the expenditure limitations on several non SGF funds that are used to take care of veteran's needs. The subcommittee recommended that when they use any of these funds, they report the usage to the finance council. The time frame included in this motion is FY 2015, 2016 and 2017. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion to amend carried on a voice vote ([Attachment 5](#)).

Senator Denning made a motion to adopt the Subcommittee Report as amended for the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion carried.

Senator Denning, Chairperson of the Social Services Subcommittee gave the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Guardianship Program. He explained that this agency is funded completely out of SGF. It provides guardianship for physically or mentally disabled persons ([Attachment 6](#)).

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Senator Kelly made a motion to restore the Governor's allotment of \$51,738 for FY2016 and \$52,049 FY2017, with the second by Senator Francisco.

Senator Denning made a substitute motion to review this agency's funding at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Senator Arpke.

Senator Francisco stated the importance of this agency and said she feels the funding should be reinstated now and if this \$50,000 makes a difference at Omnibus, we will know where we can go to get that amount.

Senator Denning's substitute motion was renewed and the substitute motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Denning made a motion to adopt the Subcommittee Report as amended for the Kansas Guardianship Program for FY2015, FY2016, and FY2017. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell, and the Report was adopted on a voice vote by the committee.

Subcommittee report signature page:

Attached is the signature page signed by all members of the Subcommittee for the Subcommittee Reports for the Kansas School for the Blind, Kansas School for the Deaf, Kansas State Historical Society, and Kansas State Library ([Attachment 7](#)).

Subcommittee reports on:

Senator Arpke, Chairperson of the Education Subcommittee gave the Subcommittee Report for the following:

- Kansas School for the Blind ([Attachment 8](#));
- Kansas School for the Deaf ([Attachment 9](#));
- Kansas Historical Society ([Attachment 10](#));
- Kansas State Library ([Attachment 11](#)).

Senator Arpke made a motion to adopt the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas School for the Blind, Kansas School for the Deaf, Kansas Historical Society, and Kansas State Library for FY2015, FY2016 and FY2017. The motion was seconded by Senator Melcher, and the Subcommittee Report was adopted on a voice vote.

The next Ways and Means Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 10:30 in Room 548-S at the Capitol.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:46 am.