

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 10:30 am on Tuesday, February 10, 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
J G Scott, Legislative Research
Justin Carroll, Legislative Research
Bobbi Mariani, Legislative Research
Mark Skoglund, Legislative Research
David Fye, Legislative Research
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research
Debbie Luper, Chief of Staff
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Andy Tompkins, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents
Shawn Sullivan, Director, Division of the Budget

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Senator Denning made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning the Governor's mega- and capital improvements bills for FY2016 and FY2017. Senator Arpke seconded the motion and the motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Hearing on: SB161 — Vacation and discretionary policies of the boards of regents relating to university support staff.

Chairperson Masterson opened the hearing on **SB161**.

Jill Wolters, First Assistant, Revisor of Statutes, explained that under current law, classified employees known as support staff may vote to become unclassified. This bill would allow the Board of Regents to adopt policies to authorize the universities to provide leave time to the university support staff ([Attachment 1](#)).

PROPONENTS:

Andy Tompkins, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents, supports this bill which gives leave time for support staff at Kansas universities ([Attachment 2](#)).

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Senator Kelly asked how the leave time for support staff was being handled now. Mr Tompkins said they just had to stay with what their current policy stated because they had no authority to change it.

OPPONENTS:

There were no opponents to come before the committee.

NEUTRAL:

There were no neutral conferees to come before the committee.

After all questions were answered, the Chairperson closed the hearing on **SB161**.

Hearing on: SB162 — Joint revenue estimates, move April 20 date to May 4.

Chairperson Masterson opened the hearing on **SB162**.

Jill Wolters, First Assistant Revisor of Statutes, presented the bill brief on **SB162** which, if passed, changes the joint estimates of revenue from April 20 to May 4 ([Attachment 3](#)).

Senator Kelly asked about the historical chronology on the estimate dates. Ms Wolters said the statute was adopted in 1990 using the dates of September and April 4. In 2003 for that year only, it was amended for the reporting to be December 4 and April 22. Then in 2004, the Legislature changed the April date to the 20th. Ms Wolters said December 4 has never changed.

Senator Francisco asked if there was other information to be obtained beside accurate tax collection by moving the date to May 4. Ms Wolters said the main objective is to obtain accurate tax collection figures.

PROPONENTS:

There were no proponents to come before the committee.

PROPONENT WRITTEN ONLY:

Shawn Sullivan, Director, Division of the Budget ([Attachment 4](#)).

Even though Mr Sullivan submitted written only testimony he was available for questions.

Senator Melcher referred to the timing of the bill and wanted to know what the advantages were in changing the date to May 4. Mr Sullivan said the May 4 date will provide more accurate and firm revenue estimates including both payroll and income taxes. Senator Melcher asked if there were any negative effects to moving this date back and Mr Sullivan replied, the only one he could ascertain would be the legislative calendar.

OPPONENTS:

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There were no opponents to come before the committee.

NEUTRAL:

There were no neutral conferees to come before the committee.

The chairperson closed the hearing on **SB162**.

Final action on: SB161 — Vacation and discretionary policies of the boards of regents relating to university support staff.

Chairperson Masterson asked the committee if there was objection to taking final action on **SB161**. Since there was none, the Chairperson asked for a motion for action on the bill.

*Senator Kelly made a motion and Senator Francisco seconded the motion to pass **SB161**. The motion carried on a voice vote and the bill was passed.*

Final action on: SB162 — Joint revenue estimates, move April 20 date to May 4.

Chairman Masterson asked the committee if there was objection to taking final action on **SB162**. Since there was no objection, he asked for a motion for action on the bill.

*Senator Kelly made a motion to pass **SB162**. Senator Denning seconded and the motion carried on a voice vote and the bill was passed.*

The next Ways and Means Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 10:30 am, in Room 548-S at the Capitol.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 10:56 am.