

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 10:30 am on Wednesday, February 11, 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
Dylan Dear, Legislative Research
Ben Wilhelm, Legislative Research
Dezeree Hodish, Legislative Research
Debbie Luper, Chief of Staff
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Scott Frank, Post Auditor, Legislative Post Audit

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Senator Denning made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning identifying and describing the scope of nurse practitioners. Senator Arpke seconded the motion and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Hearing on: HB2005 — Office of information technology services; for budgetary purposes, such office shall be considered a separate agency.

The Chairperson opened the hearing on **HB2005**. Jill Wolters, First Assistant Revisor explained that this bill creates a new section of law requiring OTIS be considered a separate agency for budgetary purposes only ([Attachment 1](#)).

PROPOSERS:

There were no proponents to come before the committee.

OPPOSERS:

There were no opponents to come before the committee.

NEUTRAL:

Scott Frank, Post Auditor, addressed the committee to provide neutral background testimony

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[\(Attachment 2\).](#)

After a question and answer period, the Chairperson closed the hearing on **HB2005**.

Subcommittee report signature page:

All members of the Department of Administration/Gaming Subcommittee signed the signature page for the Department of Administration, Kansas Lottery, and Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission [\(Attachment 3\).](#)

Subcommittee reports on:

Senator Melcher, Chairperson of the Department of Administration/Gaming Subcommittee gave the Subcommittee Report for the Department of Administration [\(Attachment 4\).](#)

Senator Melcher made a motion to adopt the Subcommittee Report for the Department of Administration for FY2015, FY2016, and FY2017. The motion was seconded by Senator Kerschen and the Subcommittee Report was adopted.

Senator Melcher, Chairperson of the, Department of the Administration/Gaming Subcommittee gave the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Lottery [\(Attachment 5\).](#)

Senator Melcher moved to adopt the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Lottery for FY2015, FY2016, FY2017. The motion was seconded by Senator Denning and the Subcommittee Report was adopted.

Senator Melcher, Chairperson of the Subcommittee, Department of Administration/Gaming gave the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission [\(Attachment 6\).](#)

Senator Kelly questioned the 19 FTE's budgeted for FY2016. Senator Melcher explained these were budgeted for the new casino that will be opened in the future, and they will not be hired until they are needed. He also said budgeting for the FTE's is difficult since they are still in the casino contract negotiations.

Senator Powell asked if there were any race tracks running horses in Kansas at this time. Senator Melcher said there were not. Senator Powell inquired if a contract had been approved for the new casino; Senator Melcher replied that none has been approved at this time. He said there are several steps that are required and each step in the process has to be approved before they can move to the next step. He said each step has a set time frame for approval and all of the steps must be taken before a contract can be negotiated.

Senator Tyson questioned the wisdom of the budgeted increases of approximately \$2 million in each year from FY2014 to FY2015 and again from FY2015 to FY2016, especially in these tough economic times. She felt a \$4 million increase in two years was not warranted. Senator Melcher said there were

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two components to these budgetary increases, and both of these costs can fluctuate. They are FTE's and other costs that are associated with opening a new casino.

Senator Melcher moved to adopt the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission for FY 2015, FY016 and FY2017. The motion was seconded by Senator Kerschen and the Subcommittee Report was adopted.

The next Ways and Means Committee meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2015, at 10:30 am, in Room 548-S at the Capitol.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 10:53 am.