

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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

All members were present except:

Senator Larry Powell – Excused

Senator Laura Kelly – Excused

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

Dezeree Hodish, Legislative Research

Ben Wilhelm, Legislative Research

Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research

Mark Savoy, Legislative Research

Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research

Debbie Luper, Chief of Staff

Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Bill introductions**

*Senator Arpke made a motion to introduce proposed legislation from the Secretary of State's Office.*

*The motion was seconded by Senator Kerschen and was adopted on a voice vote.*

### **Hearing on: HB2010 — Conducting information technology audits.**

After the Chairperson opened the hearing on **HB2010**, Jill Wolters, First Assistant Revisor, explained to the committee, this bill was a mirror image of SB7, which was heard in Senate Ways and Means on January 27, 2015. This bill gives Legislative Post Audit the authority to conduct information technology audits ([Attachment 1](#)).

Senator Melcher asked if this bill is the same except for the amendment to satisfy the concerns of the KBI. Ms Wolters said that is correct.

### **PROPOSERS:**

There were no proponents to come before the committee.

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**OPPONENTS:**

There were no opponents to come before the committee.

**NEUTRAL:**

No neutral parties appeared before the committee.

**WRITTEN ONLY PROPONENT:**

Scott Frank, Post Auditor provided written testimony in support which would amend the Legislative Post Audit Act to create a new form of IT audit - systems implementation audits. He also stated this bill is identical to **SB7** ([Attachment 2](#)).

The Chairperson closed the hearing on **SB2010**.

**Subcommittee report signature page:**

All members of the General Government, Legislative, and Elected Officials Subcommittee signed the signature page for the Subcommittee Reports for the Kansas Attorney General ([Attachment 3](#)).

**Subcommittee reports on:**

Senator Kerschen, Chairperson of the General Government, Legislative, and elected Officials Subcommittee, gave the Subcommittee Report for the Attorney General ([Attachment 4](#)).

*Senator Kerschen made a motion to adopt the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Attorney General for FY2015, FY2016 and FY2017. The motion was seconded by Senator Arpke and the Subcommittee Report was adopted.*

**Subcommittee report signature page:**

All members of the Transportation and Public Safety Subcommittee signed the signature page for the Subcommittee Reports for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation ([Attachment 5](#)).

**Subcommittee reports on:**

Senator Masterson, Chairperson of the Transportation and Public Safety Subcommittee gave the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation ([Attachment 6](#)).

*Senator Masterson made a motion to adopt the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation for FY2015, FY2016, and FY2017. Senator Arpke seconded the motion and the Subcommittee Report was adopted on a voice vote.*

**Subcommittee report signature page:**

All members of the Education Subcommittee signed the signature page for the Subcommittee Reports for Postsecondary Education Systemwide, Kansas Board of Regents, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Kansas State University Veterinary Medical Center,

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Kansas State University - Extension Systems and Agricultural Research Programs, Pittsburg State University, University of Kansas, University of Kansas Medical Center, and Wichita State University, except Senator Kelly, the Ranking Minority member ([Attachment 7](#)). Senator Kelly outlined her objections to the Higher Education Budget Subcommittee Report in her Minority Report ([Attachment 8](#)).

### **Subcommittee reports on:**

Senator Arpke, Chairman of the Education Subcommittee, gave the Subcommittee Report for Postsecondary Education Systemwide. Senator Arpke explained he would explain the Postsecondary Education Systemwide budget summary because it encompassed all of the higher educational institutions in Kansas ([Attachment 9](#)).

Senator Arpke explained the Subcommittee Report for Postsecondary Education Systemwide for FY2015 and there were no questions.

Senator Arpke gave an overview and explained the Postsecondary Education Systemwide Subcommittee Report FY2016, and asked for questions and comments.

Senator Francisco asked for more information regarding the proposal for the Kansas comprehensive grant program. She said there is information concerning how much the program would increase the grants to the independent and private colleges, but there was no information on how much the grant funds would decrease for the State Universities. Senator Arpke replied the decrease would be 25% which equates to \$3 million.

Senator Francisco then referred to the geological survey concerning seismic activity in Kansas. She said \$100 million has been requested for this project, and wanted to know how the geological survey would be funded because the money was not in the FY2016 budget. Senator Arpke replied that no accommodations have been made for the project because he felt it should be moved to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

Senator Tyson requested an explanation concerning the \$16.5 million addition for Fort Hays State University (FHSU). Senator Arpke said there has been a change in leadership at FHSU and some previously planned projects have been canceled and replaced by some new ones. He said these projects are not requesting new or additional money, just re-appropriated funds.

Senator Tyson wanted to know why the ESARP funds were deleted from Kansas State University (KSU). Senator Arpke informed the committee, during KSU's presentation, the committee requested follow-up information of the impact of these programs on each county. He said no information was received so the funds were deleted for FY2016 and FY2017.

Senator Kerschen inquired about the geologic survey. He wanted to know if the \$100 million requested

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was an addition to the Governor's recommendation. Senator Arpke said it was just a continuation of the allotment.

Senator Kerschen made a motion to continue the geologic survey for seismic activity for the University of Kansas by adding Line 2 back to the Subcommittee Report. He said no extra funds are involved, but just the continuation of the program already in place. Senator Francisco seconded the motion and the motion failed.

Senator Francisco said money has been budgeted for equipment for the KBI lab at Washburn for FY2016. She asked for the amount that was budgeted for faculty to teach the programs. Senator Arpke reported that the university has ramped-up this program and the faculty is at the university now, teaching classes and when the building opens, an intern program will work on equipment and projects. Senator Francisco said it was her understanding, the money for faculty for the KBI lab was not in the budget. Senator Arpke said he misunderstood the question, and money for faculty was not in the budget.

Senator Francisco made a motion to add \$920,000 at Omnibus for faculty for the forensic program at Washburn. The motion was seconded by Senator Kerschen and the motion was adopted.

Senator Francisco said she had not received any information concerning medical scholarships for the expansion at Wichita State University. She said before students can enroll in medical school, they must obtain an undergraduate degree, and she feels we are not adequately funding the undergraduate degrees' programs.

Senator Francisco made a motion to delete Item 1, \$4.6 million for operating expenses for the University of Kansas, and delete Item 1, \$3.7 million for the Wichita expansion project and Item 4, \$1 million for medical scholarships for the University of Kansas Medical Center. Senator Kerschen seconded the motion.

Senator Francisco made a motion to amend her previous motion to delete Item 1, \$4.6 million from SGF for operating expenses for the University of Kansas, and delete Item 1, add \$3.7 million for the Wichita expansion project for the University of Kansas Medical Center. Senator Kerschen seconded the motion to amend Senator Francisco's motion. The motion failed on a voice vote.

Senator Francisco made a motion to review at Omnibus, the deletion of Item 1, \$4.6 million for operating expenditures at the University of Kansas and the addition of \$3.7 million for the Wichita project for FY2016. Senator Kerschen seconded the motion and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Senator Arpke gave the overview of the Subcommittee Report for the Postsecondary Education Systemwide for FY2017. He then asked for questions or comments.

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Senator Francisco asked for an explanation of the rural health bridging funds. Senator Arpke said this program was started by the Governor last year, and it's purpose is to locate doctors to rural communities in Kansas.

Senator Francisco made a motion to delete Item 3, and retain \$1,400 for rural health bridging and take the \$1,400 from Item 4, \$1 million for the medical scholarships which would change the amount in Item 4 to \$998,600 for the University of Kansas Medical Center. The motion died for lack of a second.

Senator Denning made a motion to delete Item 1, for the University of Kansas, and Item 1, of the University of Kansas Medical Center and review the two items at Omnibus. Senator Francisco seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Senator Kerschen made a motion to consider at Omnibus for the University of Kansas, Item 2 which deleted the funds for the geological survey for FY2016 and FY2017. Senator Francisco seconded the motion and the motion failed on a voice vote.

Senator O'Donnell made a motion to review at Omnibus Item 1, for Kansas State University for FY2016 and FY2017. Senator Francisco seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Tyson made a motion to review at Omnibus, Item 1 for Kansas State University Medical Center for FY2016 and FY2017. The motion was seconded by Senator Kerschen, and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Senator Francisco made a motion to review at Omnibus the amount of \$920,000 for faculty and equipment for the KBI lab at Washburn University for FY2017, Senator Kerschen seconded the motion, and the motion failed to pass.

Senator Francisco made a motion to add for Wichita State University deletion of \$1 million transfer for SIBOR project and review at Omnibus. The motion dies because of the lack of a second.

Senator Francisco gave an explanation of Senator Kelly's Minority Report who was unable to attend the March 5, 2015 Ways and Means committee meeting.

Senator Arpke made a motion to adopt the Subcommittee Report for Postsecondary Education Systemwide for FY2015, FY2016, and FY2016. The motion was seconded by Senator Melcher and the Subcommittee Report was adopted.

Included in the Subcommittee Report for the Education Subcommittee are:

- Kansas Board of Regents ([Attachment 10](#));

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- Emporia State University ([Attachment 11](#));
- Fort Hays State University ([Attachment 2](#));
- Kansas State University ([Attachment 13](#));
- Kansas State University Veterinary Medical Center ([Attachment 14](#));
- Kansas State University - Extension Systems and Agricultural Research Programs ([Attachment 15](#));
- Pittsburg State University ([Attachment 16](#));
- University of Kansas ([Attachment 17](#));
- University of Kansas Medical Center ([Attachment 18](#));
- Wichita State University ([Attachment 19](#)).

### **Possible action on bills previously heard**

There was no action taken on bills previously heard.

The next Ways and Means Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 9:00 am, in Room 582-N at the Capitol.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 11:47 am.