

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 10:30 am on Monday, March 23, 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
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research
Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research
David Fye, Legislative Research
Andy Chiamopoulos, Legislative Research
Ben Wilhelm, 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

There were no bill introductions.

Confirmation hearings on: Christopher Long, Kansas Public Employees Retirement Board of Trustees

After the Chairperson called the meeting to order, he asked for a motion for reappointment of Christopher Long to the Kansas Public Employees Retirement Board of Trustees. He said, if reappointed, Mr Long's term would expire on January 15, 2019 ([Attachment 1](#)).

Senator Denning made a motion to reappoint Christopher Long to another four-year term to the Kansas Public Employees Retirement Board of Trustees. Senator Arpke seconded the motion and Mr. Long was reappointed by a voice vote of the committee.

At 11:55 am, Chairperson Masterson recessed the meeting until 1:15 pm.

The Chairperson reconvened Senate Ways and Means Committee at 1:20 pm.

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Senator Denning made a motion to reconsider **S Sub for HB2135**. Senator Melcher seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Denning made a motion to reinstate Item #1 of the Subcommittee Report for the University of Kansas for FY2016 and FY2017, for the Board of Regents delete Items #2 and #3 for FY2016 and delete Item #2 for FY 2017, and for the University of Kansas Medical Center delete Item #4 for FY2016 and FY2017. Senator Arpke seconded the motion and the motion to amend was adopted.

Senator Kelly requested that in the future, these kind of amendments be in writing. She said it is difficult to follow when several amendments have been made to reports for which considerable time has elapsed since they were adopted.

J G Scott, Assistant Director for Fiscal Affairs, gave a report to the committee concerning an efficiency study that the House adopted. He said the House added \$3 million to the Legislature's budget for this efficiency study. He stated that the study would encompass all governmental agencies except the Legislative and Judicial branches. He said the scope of the study would include:

- Mission statements;
- Reviewing all programs;
- Review services provided.

Mr Scott said the consultants would look for duplications of services, and examine the structure of the agency to recommend any possible inefficiencies, and examine controls to make certain that agency and professional standards are met. He said they reviewed the studies conducted from two other states, North Carolina and Louisiana. Mr Scott said after the study was completed, a preliminary report would be drafted and presented to the House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means Committees at the beginning of the 2016 session.

Mr Scott reported that the Legislative Budget Committee would be assigned the task to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) and to develop the scope of the contract. The Committee would then review the RFP's and make a recommendation to the Legislative Coordinating Council, who would secure the vendor by contract.

Senator Kerschen inquired if there were any companies in mind who had expertise in this area. Mr Scott said Deloitte Consulting, LLP was awarded the contract for both the North Carolina and Louisiana studies.

Senator Francisco asked if reports of savings were received from North Carolina or Louisiana. Mr Scott said in Louisiana the reported amount of proposed possible savings was approximately in the \$600 million range.

Senator Kelly asked if this was a study Legislative Post Audit could conduct if they were budgeted the appropriate resources. Mr Scott said they do these types of audits on a much smaller scale. Senator Masterson responded that the House's intention was to have a neutral source evaluate government.

Senator Melcher said we would use a business consultant that is experienced at doing efficiency

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studies in the private sector, such as, redefining compensation plans and alternative methods for process redevelopment. He said these are not typically in the realm of Legislative Post Audit. Senator Masterson asked to what budget the funds were appropriated. Mr Scott said it was added to the Legislature's budget.

Senator Denning made a motion to add \$3 million from the State General Fund and add language that the Legislature procure professional consulting services to assist in review and evaluation of State government examining the agencies' core functions, procedures, and efficiencies for FY2015 and FY2016. Senator Powell seconded the motion and the motion to amend was adopted.

Senator Powell made a motion to adopt the proviso that adds the language for the Department of Agriculture to prepare a zero based budget for FY2014 and FY2015 and present it to the House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means Committees prior to January 29, 2016 ([Attachment 2](#)).

Senator Arpke seconded the motion.

Senator Francisco asked how this affected the Department of Agriculture since their budget has been adopted for FY2016 and FY2017. Senator Powell said this was to be presented to the Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means Committees and wouldn't necessarily be their government budget. He said they agreed to be the pilot program to see if this type of model budget was feasible.

The Chairperson renewed the motion and the motion to adopt the proviso carried on a voice vote.

Senator Denning made a motion to pass **Senate Substitute for HB2135** as amended giving the Office of the Revisor of Statutes the authority to make technical corrections. Senator Arpke seconded the motion and the motion was passed on a roll call vote.

Final action on: SB241 — Amending the procedure for the approval of state contracts.

Daniel Yoza, Assistant Revisor, briefly updated the committee on the purpose of this bill.

Senator Denning made a motion to pass **SB241**. the motion was seconded by Senator Melcher and the motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Final action on: SB248 — Repealing; key deposit funds.

Daniel Yoza, Assistant Revisor, briefly updated the committee on the content of this bill.

Senator Denning made a motion to pass **SB248**. The motion was seconded by Senator Melcher and the motion carried on a voice vote and the bill was passed.

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Final action on: SB249 — Purchasing; competitive bids; vehicle repairs.

Daniel Yoza, Assistant Revisor, briefly updated the committee on the content of this bill.

*Senator Denning made a motion to pass **SB249**. The motion was seconded by Senator Melcher.*

Senator Francisco informed the committee she was introducing an amendment to **SB249** that adds the words "or less" to Lines 21 and 27 of the bill ([Attachment 3](#)).

*Senator Francisco made a substitute motion to amend **SB249**. The motion was seconded by Senator Denning and the motion was adopted on a voice vote.*

*Senator Denning made a motion to pass **SB249** as amended. The motion was seconded by Senator Francisco and the motion carried on a voice vote and the bill was passed.*

Final action on: SB250 — Joint committee on state building construction; reports of the secretary of administration.

Daniel Yoza, Assistant Revisor, briefly updated the committee on the content of this bill.

*Senator Denning made a motion to pass **SB250**. Senator Arpke seconded the motion and the motion was adopted and the bill was passed.*

No further Senate Ways and Means committee meetings are scheduled at this time.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm.