

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 3:00pm on Tuesday, April 28, 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  
Bobbi Mariani, Legislative Research  
Justin Carroll, Legislative Research  
Ben Wilhelm, Legislative Research  
Dezeree Hodish, Legislative Research  
Mark Savoy, Legislative Research  
Andy Chiamopoulos, Legislative Research  
Jennifer Ouellette, Legislative Research  
Dylan Dear, Legislative Research  
Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research  
Mark Dapp, Legislative Research  
Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research  
Mark Skoglund, Legislative Research  
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research  
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research  
David Fye, 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](#)

### **Possible bill introductions**

There were no bill introductions.

### **Overview of Consensus Revenue Estimates**

Chris Courtwright, Principal Economist, gave a report on the Consensus Revenue Estimates and explained that this estimate is the base from which the Governor and the Legislature build the annual report. He said the revised estimates incorporate the fiscal effect of all 2015 legislation signed into law through a certain period of time. ([Attachment 1](#)).

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Bobbi Mariani, Managing Fiscal Analyst, reported on the consensus caseload estimates for FY2015, FY2016, and FY2017 ([Attachment 2](#)).

Dezeree Hodish, Fiscal Analyst, explained the Expanded Lottery Act Revenues Fund Table for FY2014 to FY2017 ([Attachment 3](#)).

J G Scott, Assistant Director for Fiscal Affairs, asked the committee to take note of the State Water Fund Table ([Attachment 4](#)), the Economic Development Initiatives Fund Table ([Attachment 5](#)), and the Children's Initiatives Fund Table ([Attachment 6](#)). He said these tables would not be reviewed but was included for future reference. Mr Scott reported on the State General Fund Receipts, Expenditures and Balances which included the April 20 Consensus Revenue Estimates and Conference Committee Action as of April 2, 2015 ([Attachment 7](#)). He then outlined the Governor's recommended revenue and tax adjustments ([Attachment 8](#)).

### **Overview of Governor's Budget Amendment**

Shawn Sullivan, Director of the Budget, explained the Governor's Budget Amendments, and said they reflect new issues that have arisen or are changes that can be made based upon new information that has been ascertained at this time ([Attachment 9](#)).

The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 4:15 pm.

### **Overview of Omnibus Bill**

Chairperson Masterson reconvened the meeting at 4:30 pm and announced that the committee would be focusing on the items to be considered in the Omnibus bill.

A handout was distributed to the committee from the Kansas Highway Patrol. It highlighted the trooper shortage problem, their competitive compensation plan and how they would keep and recruit new troopers ([Attachment 10](#)).

J G Scott, Assistant Director for Fiscal Affairs, gave a brief overview of his handout "Items for Omnibus Consideration." He explained that each Legislative Research Fiscal Analyst would explain the items for Omnibus consideration that was assigned to them ([Attachment 11](#)).

Another handout was distributed to the committee, "Kansas Veterinary Medical Examiners Efficiencies Gained by Merging with KDA" ([Attachment 12](#)).

### **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 Thursday, April 29, 2015, at 10:30 am, in Room 548-S at the Capitol.

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Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 5:29 pm.