

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 10:30 am on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Jeff Melcher – Excused

Committee staff present:
David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Scott Abbott, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Bobbi Mariani, Legislative Research Department
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research Department
Dylan Dear, Legislative Research Department
Dezeree Hodish, Legislative Research Department
Debbie Luper, Chief of Staff
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Ryan Vincent, Deputy Director/General Counsel, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation
Jennifer Sexson, Manager, Kansas Community Services Block Grant Program
J.R. Behan, Director, Moderate Income Housing Program

Others in attendance:
[See Attached List](#)

Point of personal privilege:

Senator Francisco introduced Julia Larkin from Free State High School and Hannah Stewart from Lawrence High School who acted as her pages for the day.

Senator Kerschen introduced his pages who were visiting the Capitol, Shayla Cowin, Olivia and Grace Malanchuk, and Malena Heck from Solomon High School.

Senator Kelly introduced a page from her district, Ethan Schultz, from Seaman High School.

Senator Masterson introduced his guest, John (Six) Milburn, who was shadowing him for the day at the Capitol.

Informational hearing: Community Services Block Grant Authority

Ryan Vincent, Deputy Director/General Counsel, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, introduced other members of the block grant program. The Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) serves as a primary administrator of federal housing programs for the State of Kansas ([Attachment 1](#)).

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Ways and Means at 10:30 am on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

Jennifer Sexson, Manager, Kansas Community Services Block Grant Program spoke as a representative of the KHRC. She informed the committee that KHRC is a public corporation that administers Federal and State housing program on behalf of the State of Kansas. Ms. Sexson said the State of Kansas receives \$5.4 million in Federal Community Services Block Grant funds, and in order for the State to remain eligible for these funds, a legislative hearing is required once every 3 years ([Attachment 2](#)).

Informational hearing: Moderate Income Housing Program - Housing Authority

J. R. Behan, Manager, Moderate Income Housing Program (MIH) explained the history and overview of the program. He said the program serves the needs of moderate income households that cannot afford market-rate housing, yet will not qualify for federal housing assistance ([Attachment 3](#)).

Senator Francisco asked if the Community Services Block Grant program serves TANIF recipients.

Mr. Behan called the following to the podium to provide the answer:

Jeannette Colyer, Executive Director, Northeast Kansas Action Program, and Twany Stottlemire, Executive Director, Community Action, Topeka, Kansas. Both said they do not access any TANIF funds nor do they use their CSBG funds for services, with the exception of one isolated case.

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 Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 548-S at the Capitol.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.