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Stephen R. Cloud
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Rep. Stephen R. Cloud at
Chairperson

9:12 a.m./p.m. on March 19, 1984 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Rep. Love - Excused
Rep. Louis - Excused

Committee staff present:

Carolyn Rampey - Legislative Research Department
Jackie Breymeyer - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bill Belleville - Director, Division of Information Systems & Computing (DISC)
Sharon Cook - Executive Director, Kansas Commission for the Hearing Impaired
Michael Byington - Topeka Independent Living Resource Center, Inc.
Testimony from Gabriel Faimon - Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, SRS

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Rep. Stephen R. Cloud, Chairman. The minutes of the March 13 meeting were approved. The Chairman called on Rep. Hassler, Subcommittee B Chairperson, to give the Subcommittee B Report on the Division of Information Systems and Computing (DISC). (See Attachment) I

Rep. Hassler read through the report with added input from Bill Belleville, DISC director, when solicited. Discussion centered on getting the agencies involved to cooperate for coordination of processes and disaster recovery planning. Mr. Belleville stated the approximate value of the computer hardware plus the discs and tapes, but not including the wiring at 50 million dollars. He accented the fact that it is the service the equipment renders that makes it so invaluable. He said there was no money budgeted for a professional to come in and train his people in disaster planning. This was discussed at length by the Committee.

It was decided to add as Item 6 the recommendation to encourage DISC to continue its efforts to address the need for a disaster recovery plan. Carolyn Rampey, research, will draft the appropriate language. The Chairman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak to SB 534. As no one else wished to address the bill, the Chairman stated that this concluded the public hearing on SB 534.

Rep. Hassler moved that the Subcommittee B Report on DISC be adopted. Rep. Walker gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

The Committee turned its attention to SB 536-continuing Commission for hearing impaired.

Testimony from Gabriel R. Faimon, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services, SRS was distributed. (See Attachment) II

Sharon Cook, Executive Director, Kansas Commission for the Hearing Impaired, stated that she is in support of SB 536, but is more concerned about HB 2893. Without this bill which provides the commission with needed services, it will be a paper commission. (See Attachment) III

Michael Byington, Topeka Independent Living Resources Center, Inc., appeared in support of SB 536. He said he didn't want to sound like a "me too" person, but he goes along with everything that Sharon Cook said. He also emphasized the importance of HB 2893. (See Attachment) IV

As no one else was present to testify on SB 536, the public hearing on this bill was concluded. Rep. Sprague asked if a motion on the bill was in order. On being advised by the Chairman that it was, Rep. Sprague moved that SB 536 be passed. Rep. Harder gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

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SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

March 16, 1984

TO: House Governmental Organization Committee
FROM: Subcommittee B
RE: Division of Information Systems and Computing

*revised
(item 6 added)*

Pursuant to its sunset review of the Division of Information Systems and Computing (DISC), State Department of Administration, the Subcommittee makes the following recommendations:

1. S.B. 534, which would continue DISC until July 1, 1992, should be recommended favorably.
2. The Subcommittee believes DISC has an important role to play in the management of the state's data processing activities. This control is important, both to oversee and coordinate the rapid growth of data processing activities and to make information available to policy makers who must make decisions about the level of computerization the state should pursue and evaluate specific legislation and agency requests with regard to data processing needs and costs.

In general, the Subcommittee believes the mechanisms for central management and the dissemination of information already exist. However, these mechanisms and procedures need to be strengthened in the following ways:

- a. Currently, state agencies submit their long-range data processing plans to DISC for its review and comment. The Subcommittee recommends that DISC direct agencies to provide cost data in a consistent format which includes the current and anticipated costs of existing data processing projects, the cost of proposed projects, and the ongoing operational costs once a new system is in place. These estimates should include as comprehensive a list of costs as possible, such as the cost of in-house agency personnel, payments to DISC or private vendors and consultants, and any other associated costs. The Subcommittee's recommendation is compatible with a similar recommendation made to the 1984 Legislature by the House Committee on Communications, Computers, and Technology, which further directed DISC to evaluate the impact of agency data processing requests upon the state's central hardware and other resources and to make that information available.

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- b. In order to ensure that each agency's budget request for data processing expenses is compatible with the agency's long-range data processing plan, the Division of the Budget should require that agency budget submissions contain the same general information as that requested by DISC for the long-range plan. That is, agencies should be directed to include in their budget requests a description of the data processing activities they are presently engaged in or propose to undertake. In addition, current and anticipated costs should be clearly identified, including costs for personnel, equipment, and other expenses.
 - c. In its analysis of agency budgets and other related activities, the Legislative Research Department should make greater efforts to identify and analyze data processing projects and their costs and to make that information more readily available to Legislators. Specific recommendations of the Subcommittee are that the Research Department staff should expect agencies to submit complete and comprehensive information and, if they do not, to ask that additional information be provided. In addition, data processing projects and estimated expenditures should be specifically identified in any agency budget analyses or fiscal impact statements of specific legislation which the Research Department prepares.
3. DISC should continue its efforts to make the best use of its computer capacity by shifting as many applications as possible from peak times to nights and weekends.
4. The Subcommittee believes agencies would benefit from a greater exchange of ideas among themselves regarding data processing activities and services. Too often, it appears, agencies develop their own projects and systems without knowing whether other agencies with similar needs have developed systems which are more efficient or less expensive. In addition, it is possible that some services, such as the repair of data processing equipment, could be provided free or at a low cost to agencies by other state agencies. Because DISC is aware of most agency data processing plans and activities, it is in a position to facilitate interaction and coordination among agencies. The Subcommittee encourages DISC in its effort to help agencies work together whenever possible.
5. The Subcommittee recognizes the contribution made by the House Standing Committee on Communications, Computers, and Technology and believes the role played by that Committee should involve both houses of the Legislature. Therefore, the Subcommittee strongly encourages the establishment of a Joint Committee on Communications, Computers and Technology.

6. DISC should continue its efforts to address the need for a disaster recovery plan which would identify steps to be taken in the event of a fire, tornado, or other disaster and, in general, include recommendations designed to ensure the security of the state's data processing system.

Subcommittee Members:

Representative Elaine Hassler, Chairperson
Representative Ginger Barr
Representative Jesse Harder
Representative Jim Murphy
Representative Tom Walker

STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Statement Regarding Senate Bill No. 536

I. Short Title of Bill

An Act Concerning the Kansas Sunset Law; Continuing the Kansas Commission for the Hearing Impaired in Existence; Amending K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 74-7274 and Repealing the Existing Section.

II. Background

The Kansas Commission for the Hearing Impaired was established by the 1982 Legislature. Duties of the Commission are set forth in K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 75-5391 et seq. Unless the Legislature reauthorizes the Commission, under provisions of the Kansas Sunset Law, it will cease operations on June 30, 1984.

III. Discussion

Testimony presented before the House Governmental Organization Committee on January 27, 1984, outlined the rationale regarding why operation of the Commission should be continued. Since that time, the House of Representatives has passed House Bill No. 2893, which reauthorizes the Commission. The Senate currently has not approved the measure. House passage of Senate Bill No. 536 would assure continuation of the Commission with its existing statutory authority, if the Senate failed to pass House Bill No. 2893.

IV. SRS Position

The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services urges favorable consideration of Senate Bill No. 536 to ensure that operation of the Kansas Commission for the Hearing Impaired is continued through June 30, 1992.

Gabriel R. Faimon
Commissioner
Rehabilitation Services
Social and Rehabilitation Services
296-3911
March 19, 1984

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Senate Bill No. 536 would continue the Kansas Commission for the Hearing Impaired for eight (8) years as would House Bill No. 2893.

House Bill No. 2893 provides for an expansion of duties of the Commission to enable the provision of interpreting services, a state-wide toll free Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) message relay service and community Sign Language classes. These services have been targeted by the Kansas Commission for the Hearing Impaired as necessary to provide basic access to many of the services in the State of Kansas not currently accessible to deaf citizens.

House Bill No. 2893 is preferred to Senate Bill No. 536.

IV. SRS Position

The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services urges favorable consideration of Senate Bill No. 536.

Sharon K. Cook
Executive Director
Kansas Commission for the Hearing Impaired
Social and Rehabilitation Services
296-2874
March 19, 1984

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MITCH COOPER, L.M.S.W.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NANCY BELOHLAVEK
PRESIDENT

SENATE BILL 536

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

TESTIMONY DELIVERED BY MICHAEL BYINGTON

MARCH 19, 1984

My boss, Mr. Mitch Cooper, sends his regrets that he can not be present this morning. He has asked that I deliver our agency's testimony concerning Senate Bill 536 in his absence.

As one of the four centers for independent living serving disabled persons in Kansas, our staff has certainly observed that the deaf and hearing impaired across the state have been well served by the Kansas Commission for the Hearing Impaired. This Commission, through its most dedicated and talented staff, has, for example, made available statewide a resource directory of services available to deaf and hearing impaired Kansans. It has much improved the availability of interpreter services across that state, and it has most certainly proven to be a valuable resource to agencies such as ours in assisting us in serving deaf and hearing impaired consumers more efficiently and cost effectively.

While thus we most certainly support Senate Bill 536 because we feel Kansas can ill afford to do without the Commission For Hearing Impaired, we would encourage the Committee and the Kansas Legislature as a whole to even more enthusiastically support House Bill 2893. This bill would strengthen the role of the Kansas Commission for the Hearing Impaired in that it would allow it to directly participate in the provision of interpreter services for the deaf and thus make these necessary services more easily available and cost effective. We have, in the past, submitted separate testimony concerning House Bill 2893 so we shall not elaborate further via this document.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Michael Byington