

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Flower at 9:00 a.m. on January 30, 1996, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Crabb - Excused  
Representative Lloyd - Excused  
Representative Powers - Excused  
Representative Thimesch - Excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes  
Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Gary Bothwell, Director, Kansas Grain Inspection Department  
Jamie Clover Adams, Vice President of Government Affairs, Kansas Grain and Feed Association  
Joe Lieber, Executive Vice President, Kansas Cooperative Council

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Flower reported that Allie Devine, Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture, has requested that the Department's three legislative proposals introduced as a committee bill at the January 25 meeting be split into three separate bills. Representative Weiland moved to reconsider committee action taken on the Department of Agriculture's proposed bill last week. The motion was seconded by Representative Correll. The motion passed.

Representative Bryant moved to introduce the three bill proposals by the Department of Agriculture as three separate committee bills. Seconded by Representative Sloan, the motion passed.

**Hearing on HB 2641 - Grain Inspection Department; increase in hourly fee rate; repeal statute concerning Kansas City, Missouri; earnings tax relating to department no longer applicable.**

Gary Bothwell, Director of the Kansas Grain Inspection Department, addressed the committee in support of **HB 2641**. This bill would raise the maximum charge for amending a warehouse license and raise the hourly maximum charge for additional voluntary audits of an elevator. They propose to increase the maximum license fee from \$75 to \$300, with a current charge of \$100. They propose to increase the maximum hourly voluntary audit charge from \$20 to \$50, with a current charge of \$30. This bill would also repeal the Kansas statute which allows their agency to reimburse employees for the Kansas City, Missouri, earnings tax they were required to pay when their inspection laboratory was located in Kansas City, Missouri. As they moved their laboratory out of Kansas City in 1985, this statute is no longer valid. (Attachment 1)

Jamie Clover Adams, Vice President of Government Affairs, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, testified in support of **HB 2641**. She provided the committee with some background information and an organizational chart of the Kansas Grain Inspection Department. The Warehouse Division is the regulatory arm of KGID. All elevators in the state storing producers' grain must have either a state or federal license. She itemized the many cost saving initiatives the Department has undertaken, saving approximately \$100,000, annually. This fee increase is an effort by the Department to make the Warehouse Division self-sufficient. She said this was one bill in a package of three to make the Department self-sufficient. The other two are **HB 2595** and **HB 2643**. (Attachment 2)

Joe Lieber, Executive Vice President of the Kansas Cooperative Council, testified in support of **HB 2641**. Even though the provisions of **HB 2641** will increase fees to their members, they feel the increases

CONTINUATION SHEET

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are warranted if the Kansas Grain Inspection Department is to continue to be of service to the industry and the public. (Attachment3)

This concluded the hearing on HB 2641.

**Hearing on HB 2643 - Amendments to the Grain Inspection Department statutes relating to cooperative agreements, grain warehouse charges, and establishing fees.**

Gary Bothwell, Director of the Kansas Grain Inspection Department, addressed the committee in support of HB 2643. This bill would allow them to license elevators in bordering states when their operations are headquartered in Kansas. It would permit elevators to file their maximum and minimum handling charges once, instead of annually, unless there is a change. This legislation would also give the Department more authority to set inspection fees. The director would set the fees, with approval received from the Grain Advisory Commission and the Federal Grain Inspection Service. He stated that warehouse fees would continue to go through the formal rules and regulation process; while fees for inspection would not go through the rules and regulation process.

Jamie Clover Adams, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, testified in support of HB 2643. She stated that the Inspection Division provides official grain grading services to the industry, receiving their authority from the Federal Grain Inspection Service. As official grading services are not always required, this service is considered permissive. She discussed the three changes this bill would implement--reciprocal agreements, storage changes, and inspection fee setting changes. Ms. Clover Adams stated that it has come to her attention that an amendment to HB 2643 may be necessary. It has been suggested that the exemption of inspection fees and services from the formal rules and regulation process be handled in the same manner as Wildlife and Parks. (Attachment2)

Joe Lieber, Kansas Cooperative Council, appeared as a proponent of HB 2643. He felt allowing licensure of warehouse elevators across state lines would allow more cooperation among our bordering states and help prevent duplication. He supports removing fee setting from the rules and regulations process allowing the director to establish fees after receiving approval from the State Grain Advisory Commission and the Federal Grain Inspection Service. Requiring elevators to submit storage charges only when a change occurs would save unnecessary paper work. (Attachment4)

Chairperson Flower closed the hearing on HB 2643.

Mr. Bothwell and Ms. Clover Adams stated that the report on a potential merger of the Grain Inspection Department and the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the possible privatization of the Grain Inspection Division would be ready for the committee by February 1, 1996, as requested by the Interim Committee on Agriculture and Livestock. Chairperson Flower asked them to present their report to the committee in person, rather than written only. A specific date will be scheduled.

Representative Bryant moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 24, and 25 as presented. The motion was seconded by Representative Weiland. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 1996.



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**CHAIRPERSON FLOWER AND DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE --**

I am Gary Bothwell, Director of the Kansas Grain Inspection Department. Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today.

H.B. 2641 proposes to raise the maximum charge for amending a warehouse license and to raise the hourly maximum charge for additional voluntary audits of an elevator. Presently, the maximum license amendment charge is \$75. We propose to increase the maximum to \$300, then raise our fee from \$75 to \$100. We propose to increase the maximum hourly charge from \$20 to \$50, then set the hourly fee at \$30. H.B. 2641 also would repeal K.S.A. 75-1712, which allows our agency to reimburse employees for the Kansas City, Missouri earnings tax they were required to pay when our inspection laboratory was located in Kansas City, Missouri.

H.B. 2643 would allow us to license elevators in bordering states when their operations are headquartered in Kansas. The bill also would allow elevators to file once, instead of annually, their maximum and minimum handling charges, unless there is a change. This will eliminate non-productive paperwork for the elevators and for Warehouse Division personnel. Finally, H.B. 2643 gives the Grain Inspection Department more authority to set inspection fees. The director would set the fees, with approval received from the Grain Advisory Commission and the Federal Grain Inspection Service. Under our designation, all fees must be approved by F.G.I.S.

Thank you for allowing me to appear today. These two bills will allow us to generate more income and adjust our fees to keep up with rapid changes in the grain industry.

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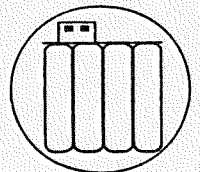
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**STATEMENT OF THE  
KANSAS GRAIN AND FEED ASSOCIATION  
TO THE  
HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE  
REP. JOANN FLOWER, CHAIR  
REGARDING H.B. 2641 & H.B. 2643  
JANUARY 30, 1996**

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KGFA, promoting a viable business climate through sound public policy for nearly a century.

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The Kansas Grain and Feed Association .....

..... a voluntary state organization founded in 1896 providing governmental representation, educational opportunities and a wide variety of other services to the vast and indispensable grain and feed marketing system. The 1200 members of the KGFA include country elevators, subterminal and terminal elevators, feed manufacturers, grain merchandisers and allied industries such as railroads, grain exchanges, equipment manufacturers and insurance firms.

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Madam Chair and members of the Committee, I am Jamie Clover Adams, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA). We appreciate the opportunity to appear today in support of H.B. 2641 and H.B. 2643.

KGFA is a voluntary state organization founded in 1896 to provide government representation, educational opportunities and a wide variety of other services to the vast and indispensable grain and feed marketing system. The 1200 members of the KGFA include both independent and cooperative country elevators, subterminal and terminal elevators, feed manufacturers, grain merchandisers and allied industries such as railroads, grain exchanges, equipment manufacturers and insurance firms.

### Background

KGID is divided into two (2) divisions.\* The Warehouse Division is the regulatory arm of KGID. First passed in 1907, the Kansas Public Warehouse Law requires all elevators in the state storing producer's grain to have a warehouse license. The law permits an elevator to have either a state or federal license. The license, with its bond requirements and audit procedures ensures that producer grain will be stored securely in a financially stable warehousing operation.

The KGID requested state general funds to supplement fees to operate the warehouse division in the past two fiscal years -- the only time in its nearly 90-year history. They were appropriated \$131,787 in fiscal year 1995 and \$90,000 in fiscal year 1996. However, no state general funds have been requested for fiscal year 1997. KGID has taken the direction of the legislative budget committees to heart -- make the warehouse division self-sufficient.

The Inspection Division was founded in 1897 and provides official grain grading services to the grain industry. However, elevators do not have to use official grading services in all circumstances since unofficial grades are permitted if the parties to the trading contract agree. Consequently, grading services are considered permissive. The KGID Inspection Division is the agency designated by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) to perform official grading services in Kansas. They derive their authority to issue official grades from this designation which must be renewed every three years. The current designation runs through August, 1997. Currently, 8 coastal states are FGIS delegated (FGIS does the work in those states) and 10 states are designated (like Kansas). The remainder of the country is covered by 48 different private agencies

### H.B. 2643

H.B. 2643 does three (3) things. First, it would permit Kansas to enter into agreements with surrounding states to license the warehouses of Kansas based companies. Second, it would repeal the requirement that elevators annually submit storage charges to KGID requiring that elevators only submit changes when they occur. Third, KGFA proposes to exempt the fee setting for inspection services from the formal rule and regulation process.

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\* See attached organization chart.

*Reciprocal agreements.* KGID Director Gary Bothwell has discussed reciprocal agreements with Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma. All are amenable. H.B. 2643 allows KGID to license warehouses in other states if the company is headquartered in Kansas. Many times companies with facilities in two states will select a federal license so they only have to deal with one regulatory agency. A reciprocal agreement with surrounding states would give these firms the opportunity to return to the state system and still only have to deal with one regulatory agency. It also allows KGID to increase its client base.

*Storage Charges.* We are requesting a change to the storage charge submission procedure for several reasons. First, the range which is set by the Kansas Grain Advisory Commission does not change each year. Storage charges do not change that frequently either. Consequently, the elevators and KGID are processing forms on an annual basis that make no real changes in storage charges. H.B. 2643 eliminates the annual filing requirement but retains the requirement that elevators file storage charge changes when they occur. Further, they are still required to post their storage charges at the facility. Warehouse auditor monitor compliance.

*Inspection Fee Setting Changes.* H.B. 2643 modifies the method by which fees for inspection services are set. We ask for this change for several reasons. First, KGID inspection services must remain competitive since it is a permissive service. They must be able to meet the needs of their customers. Meeting changes in the marketplace is difficult, if not impossible under the current fee setting system. Second, this same problem with timeliness applies to providing new services as the industry structure continues to change.

Under the provisions of H.B. 2643, inspection fees are set by the Director and approved by the Grain Advisory Commission. However, state statute would continue to govern maximum charges. Also, current federal law would remain in force which requires all inspection fees and service changes of Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) designed agencies -- KGID -- to be approved by FGIS at USDA. After discussion with members of the Joint Rules and Regulations Committee, KGFA offers the attached balloon which meets the needs of KGID and industry for flexibility and timeliness but also addresses the concerns of the Joint Rules and Regulations Committee. The balloon amends 77-415 and adds inspection fee setting to the list of exempt rules. What this means is that fee increases or new services would be submitted to the Department of Administration for form and the Attorney General for legality. A notice, similar to the attached would be printed in the Kansas Administrative Regulations (K.A.R.) so the public is properly notified. Fee increases and service changes must still be approved by FGIS and statutory maximums remain in state law.

#### H.B. 2641

This bill amends the Kansas Public Warehouse Law and impacts only the Warehouse Division of KGID -- the regulatory arm. First, it increases the statutory maximum charge for warehouse (elevator) license amendments from \$75 to \$300. Second, it increases the statutory maximum hourly charge for requested warehouse audits -- above and beyond the mandatory examination -- from \$20 to \$50.



The KGID Warehouse Division has been told by the appropriations committees to become self-sufficient. This can be done in one of two ways. First, KGID can cut costs. They have done this. I would like to outline briefly what the Department has done administratively to cut costs. A table showing total estimated savings follows.

1. They changed the examiner's standard work week to four nine-hour days and four hours on Friday. They are required to be home on Thursday evening and to work on files on Friday. KGID estimates the annual per diem savings at **approximately \$20,000.**
2. They increased the minimum mileage for an overnight stay to 60 miles. The annual per diem savings is included in the figure in number one above.
3. They exchanged the mini vans leased from the central motor pool for compact cars. KGID estimates **an \$8000 savings each year.**
4. They obtained new office space in North Topeka and are combining the general office with the North Topeka laboratory. The Department is **saving approximately \$27,000 per year** in lease costs.
5. The Warehouse Division examiners and headquarters management now hold one meeting annually instead of two.
6. The Inspection Division is now operating under fluctuating hours with an **approximate annual savings in overtime of \$45,000.**

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES	ANNUAL SAVINGS
Proposal 1 - Work Week & Overnight Stay	\$ 20,000
Proposal 3 - Compact Cars	\$ 8,000
Proposal 4 - New Office Space	\$ 27,000
Proposal 6 - Fluctuating Hours	\$ 45,000
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL SAVINGS</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

The second way to become self-sufficient is to increase price. H.B. 2643 allows the Warehouse Division to do this by increasing the statutory maximum charge for warehouse (elevator) license amendments from \$75 to \$300. The Department indicates that the actual increase will be approximately \$25. Warehouse license amendments require the Department to visit the facility, determine the capacity of the additional storage and measure the grain. They must also determine if additional bonding is required and review the company financial records to ensure the company meets the statutory net-worth requirements. Warehouse audit files and billing records must be updated. All of this takes time and resources. Current charges have not kept pace with costs and must be changed to reflect the true costs of these transactions.

H.B. 2643 also increases the statutory maximum hourly charge for requested warehouse audits -- above and beyond the mandatory examination -- from \$20 to \$50. The Department

indicates the price would increase to \$30 per hour. The current maximum charge established in statute does not reflect today's costs. By comparison, the going rate for a private firm to perform such an audit is approximately \$50 per hour. This is a service and should be funded by those who use the service.

### Conclusions

H.B. 2643 and H.B. 2641 represent two bills in a package of three\*\* to assist KGID in remaining competitive and providing Kansas warehousemen with a choice between a federal and state warehouse license and efficient grain grading services. We ask for the Committee's favorable consideration of these measures.

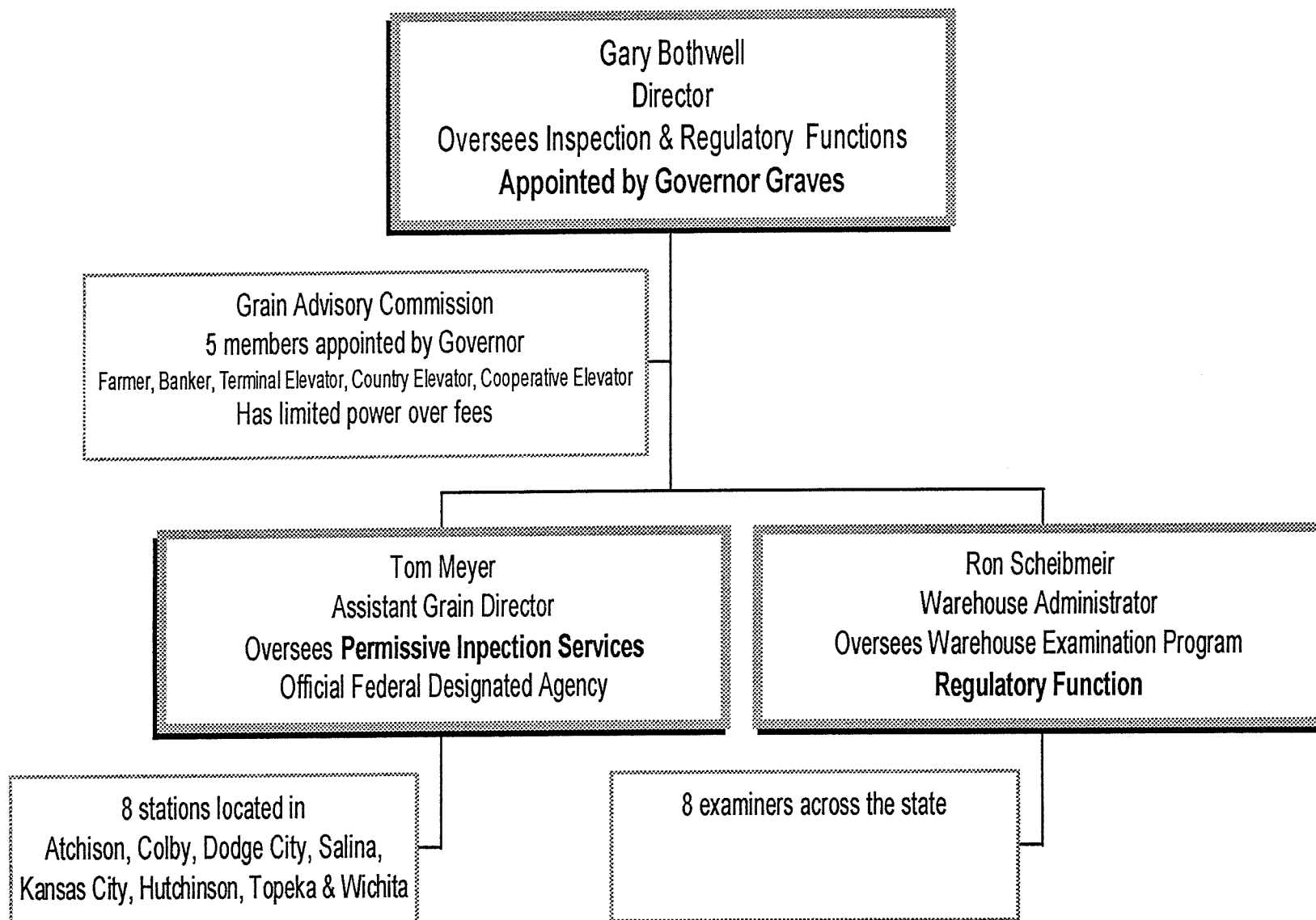
I would be happy to stand for any questions.

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\*\* The third bill is H.B. 2595 introduced by the Interim Special Committee on Agriculture and Livestock. It permits KGID to retain the interest on their fee fund. This bill was approved by the House Appropriations Committee on Thursday, January 18 and is on the General Orders calendar in the House.

# KANSAS GRAIN INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

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state agencies, or for the printing or duplicating of materials for state agencies; (k) establishes personnel standards, job classifications, or job ranges for state employees who are in the classified civil service; (l) fixes or approves rates, prices, or charges, or rates, joint rates, fares, tolls, charges, rules, regulations, classifications or schedules of common carriers or public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the state corporation commission, except when a statute specifically requires the same to be fixed by a rule or regulation; (m) determines the valuation of securities held by insurance companies; (n) is a statistical plan relating to the administration of rate regulation laws applicable to casualty insurance or to fire and allied lines insurance; (o) is a form, the content or substantive requirements of which are prescribed by regulation or statute; (p) is a pamphlet or other explanatory material not intended or designed as interpretation of legislation enforced or adopted by a state agency but is merely informational in nature; (q) fixes the seasons and establishes bag limits and possession limits for game birds and game animals, if such seasons, bag limits and possession limits are made known to the public by other means; (r) fixes the seasons and establishes creel, size and possession limits for fish, if such seasons and creel, size and possession limits are made known to the public by other means; (s) fixes the seasons and establishes bag limits and season limits for fur-bearing animals, if such seasons, bag limits and season limits are made known to the public by other means; (t) establishes records retention and disposition schedules for any or all state agencies.

**History:** L. 1965, ch. 506, § 1; L. 1977, ch. 321, § 1; L. 1978, ch. 120, § 24; L. 1978, ch. 386, § 1; L. 1980, ch. 303, § 1; L. 1981, ch. 364, § 1; L. 1981, ch. 157, § 3; L. 1981, ch. 365, § 1; L. 1982, ch. 385, § 2; L. 1982, ch. 386, § 1; L. 1982, ch. 142, § 26; L. 1983, ch. 307, § 1; L. 1989, ch. 282, § 1; July 1.

**Revisor's Note:**

Corporation commission directed to comply with filing act with respect to regulations referred to in 55-141a.

**Cross References to Related Sections:**

State board of education rules and regulations adopted under constitutional authority, see 72-7514b.

**Law Review and Bar Journal References:**

Definition of "state agency" almost identical to 1947 provision, but definition of "rule and regulation" has been substantially changed, Winton M. Hinkle, 7 W.L.J. 61 (1967).

"Development of Fair Employment Legislation in Kansas," Joseph P. Doherty, 8 W.L.J. 205, 233 (1970).

"Dubious Doctrines in Administrative Law," Ryan and Edwin P. Carpenter, 11 W.L.J. 683, 699 (1972).

Note concerning the advertising of public utilities, W.L.J. 683, 699 (1977).

"Kansas Groundwater Management," Peck, 29 K.L.R. 51, 66, 68, 73, 91 (1977).

"Kansas Diversion: Defendant's Remedial Opportunities," Joseph Brian, 350 (1981).

"The New Mandamus—State ex rel. House of Representatives," Henry E. K.L.R. 733 (1985).

**Attorney General's Opinions:**

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1. Order of corporation commission directed to publish its own rules. Kansas Public Service Corporation Commission, 199 K. 736, 742.

2. Administrative regulation 81-1-1 filed and 17-1270 mentioned. Allen v. State, 356, 449 P.2d 1010.

3. Mentioned; parolee not entitled as to have counsel appear at revocation hearing. Stucker, 203 K. 253, 257, 453 P.2d 257.

4. Cited in case concerning the administration of second injury fund. Leiker v. Manor Hotel, 906, 913, 457 P.2d 107.

5. Board of social welfare manual setting of services fees on cost plus basis attacked. Home v. Kansas State Bd. of Social Welfare, 1327, 1333.

6. Changes in inspection code previously adopted by private group as regulations not effective until submitted to state official. Safety Valve Industries v. Wolgast, 672 (1987).

**77-415a.** Secretary of state shall publish rules and regulations.

Secretary of state shall file and publish all rules and regulations as provided by article 4 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated.

**History:** L. 1988, ch. 366, § 1.

**77-415b.** Rules and regulations shall be referred from office of revisor to office of secretary of state; rules and regulations continued in effect; expiration of rules and regulations.

for (u) setting of inspection fees and services by the Kansas Grain Inspection Department.

(1) the name, address and permit number of the permittee;

(2) for each day, the name and license number of resident and nonresident individuals guided for hunting or fishing or both;

(3) for each day, a listing of the department land and water areas used while providing guide services for hunting or fishing or both; and

(4) other information as required by the secretary.

(b) Each commercial guide permittee shall submit interim reports to the department that contain elements of subsection (a) when requested by the secretary. Such reports shall cover specific hunting or fishing activities and shall be due within deadlines established by the secretary.

(c) Failure to submit a requested interim report by the established deadline shall result in permit suspension until the interim report has been received by the department.

(d) Each report submitted by a commercial guide permittee shall include all guiding activity of all associate guides employed by the commercial guide permittee.

(e) Each annual report shall be complete through December 31 of the permit year and shall be due to the department not later than January 15 of the following year.

(f) A renewed commercial guide permit or a renewed associate guide permit shall be suspended at 5:00 p.m. on January 15 of the permit renewal year if the annual report for the previous permit year is not received by the department by January 15 of that permit year. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1989 Supp. 32-807 and L. 1990, Chapter 141, section 1; implementing L. 1990, Chapter 141, section 1; effective Jan. 28, 1991.)

**115-21-3. Provisional guides; registration and reporting.** (a) Each individual desiring to conduct guide services as a provisional guide shall register with the department by providing their name and address to the department.

(b) The required registration information may be submitted by the individual or for the individual by another person.

(c) Each provisional guide shall possess a valid provisional guide card issued by the department to the provisional guide while the provisional guide is conducting guide services.

(d) The registration and provisional guide card shall be valid from date of issuance through De-

ember 31 of the year for which the provisional guide card is issued.

(e) If required by the secretary, a provisional guide shall submit a report to the department within 10 days after guiding activities for the calendar year are completed or December 31, whichever event occurs first.

(f) The report shall be submitted on forms provided by the department and shall contain:

(1) The provisional guide's name and address;

(2) the number of days guided and the number of clients guided per day;

(3) the amount of income received for each day of guiding activity; and

(4) other information as required by the secretary.

(g) This regulation shall be effective January 1, 1994. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 32-807 as amended by L. 1993, Chapter 185, section 2 and K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 32-964 as amended by L. 1993, Chapter 278, section 1; implementing K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 32-964 as amended by L. 1993, Chapter 278, section 1; effective Jan. 1, 1994.)

Article 22 to 24.—RESERVED

Article 25.—EXEMPT REGULATIONS

Article 25 fixes the seasons and establishes creel, size and possession limits for fish and bag limits and possession limits for game birds, game and fur-bearing animals as authorized by K.S.A. 77-415. Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department: Office of the Secretary, Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson, Room 502-N, Topeka, KS 66612-1220.

Article 26 to 29.—RESERVED

Article 30.—BOATING

**115-30-1. Display of identification number and decal.** (a) All vessels required to be numbered pursuant to 1989 H.B. 2005, section 142, except sailboards, shall display the identification number stated on the certificate of number issued by the department to the vessel owner and the decals supplied by the department to the vessel owner as follows:

(1) each number consisting of a combination of capital letters and arabic numbers shall read from left to right and shall be preceded by the decal;

(2) each character of the number shall be in block form and easily read;



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Kansas Cooperative Council

Madam Chair and members of the committee, I'm Joe Lieber, Executive Vice President of the Kansas Cooperative Council. The Council's membership consists of nearly 200 cooperative businesses, having a combined total of nearly 200,000 members.

The Kansas Cooperative Council supports increasing the statutory maximum charge for warehouse license amendments from \$75 to \$300. We also support increasing the statutory maximum hourly charge for request warehouse audits, above and beyond the mandatory examination, from \$20 to \$50.

Even though the provision of HB 2641 will increase fees to our members, our members feel the increases are warranted if the Kansas Grain Inspection Department is to continue to be of service to the industry and the public.

The Council supports the provisions in HB 2641. Thank you for your time and I'll be happy to answer questions.

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Testimony on HB 2643  
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HB 2643 allows the Kansas Grain Inspection Department (KGID) to:

1. License warehouses of elevators across state lines. This would allow more cooperation among our bordering states and help prevent duplication.
2. The director to establish fees after receiving approval from the State Grain Advisory Commission and the Federal Grain Inspection Service prior to implementation. This provision exempts the fee setting from the rules and regulations process.
3. Repeal the requirement that elevators annually submit storage changes to the KGID if there are no changes. Elevators would require submittal only if a change occurs.

The Kansas Cooperative Council supports these provisions and supports HB 2643.

Thank you for your time, and I'll be happy to answer questions.

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