

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Flower at 9:00 a.m. on February 21, 1996, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Minutes of the February 15 and 16 meetings were distributed. Chairperson Flower asked members to notify the secretary of any corrections or additions before 5:00 p.m. today or they will be considered approved as presented.

Chairperson Flower called the committee's attention to a letter from David Frey, Kansas Wheat Commission, supporting a strong phytosanitary certification program in the State of Kansas as contained in HB 2983. (Attachment 1) Copies of the Fiscal Notes for HB 2982, HB 2983, and HB 2984 were also distributed.

**Discussion and action on HB 2983 - Plant pest act fees.**

Chairperson Flower opened discussion on HB 2983.

Representative Lloyd moved to strike the word "nurseryperson" and substitute "nursery" on Page 1, Lines 19 and 34. The motion was seconded by Representative Freeborn. Following an explanation from staff as to why this gender neutral term was used, Representative Lloyd, with Representative Freeborn's consent, withdrew his motion.

Representative Sloan moved to change the \$100 certificate fee limit to \$50 on Page 2, Line 9; to change the \$35 fee for plants and plant products shipped into another country to \$20 on Page 2, Line 15; and to change the effective date of the act from publication in the Kansas Register to publication in the Kansas statutes on Page 2, Lines 23 and 24. The motion was seconded by Representative Humerickhouse. The motion carried.

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes, offered clarifying language that the Secretary of Agriculture could change the fee amounts. On Page 2, Line 16, following the word "country" remove the period and add "until the secretary adopts rules and regulations fixing a different fee therefore under this subsection." Representative Powers moved to add the clarifying language. The motion was seconded by Representative Bryant. The motion passed.

Representative Sloan moved to pass HB 2983 favorably as amended. Representative Powers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Discussion and action on HB 2984 - Allowing the secretary of agriculture to contract with private entities in regard to the plant pest act; allowing the secretary to join the interstate pest control compact.**

Representative Powers moved to pass HB 2984 favorably. It was seconded by Representative Lloyd. It was clarified by the department that the compact could not assess the state for additional money or

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cancel its membership for nonpayment of requested funds. It was determined that the state could withdraw from the compact at any time if this was deemed appropriate. The motion for passage of HB 2984 carried.

Discussion and action on HB 2982 - Powers and duties of the secretary of agriculture.

Chairperson Flower opened discussion on HB 2982. Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes, distributed for the committee's information copies of the statutes, with the pertinent language underlined, setting forth the general powers and duties of the secretary of Wildlife and Parks, of Transportation, of Social and Rehabilitation Services, and of Commerce and Housing. (Attachment 2)

Although other secretaries have been granted these powers, there was concern that the language was too broad in this bill. Representative Sloan moved to strike the words "of every nature" on Line 16, and to strike the words "to do other acts and things necessary and proper to" on Line 19. The motion was seconded by Representative Luthi. The amendment passed.

Representative Sloan moved to pass HB 2982 favorably as amended. Seconded by Representative Humerickhouse, the motion carried.

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department, provided copies of a memorandum on the history of the Kansas Corporate Farming Law. This information was requested at the hearing on HB 2951.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 1996.

# HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: 2/21/96

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Tom Sim	Kansas Dept. of Agriculture
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Leslie Kaufman	Kansas Farm Bureau
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Representative Joann Flower  
Chairperson  
House Agriculture Committee

Dear Representative Flower.

This letter is to express our support for the continuation of a strong phytosanitary survey and certification program in the state of Kansas.

The enclosed papers cite several phytosanitary wheat issues that are currently on the front burner for U.S. wheat sales. Phytosanitary issues are very important wheat quality issues of the day. Kansas has been well ahead of the rest of the country in surviving for grain pests and now stands to benefit from the fact that we can provide a clean track record to most customers concerning the pests that they worry about, as we were able to do with plant protection officials from the Kansas Department of Agriculture and for a group of visiting scientists from Brazil, last fall.

Technology is allowing all importers to detect minute levels of contaminants from applied chemicals to natural yet undesirable substances such as ergot, smut, rust or bunt diseases.

The new trade agreements (especially GATT) are allowing for the re-writing of all phytosanitary requirements, however, they must be scientifically based and no more stringent than the rules applied to domestic products.

Recently, the Kansas Wheat Commission attended a meeting about karnal bunt wheat disease and the possible lifting of an embargo on Mexican wheat into the U.S.. The meeting took place in Denver with Federal phytosanitary regulators (APHIS) and representatives of several states. The Kansas phytosanitary survey information presented by the Kansas Department of Agriculture was the most comprehensive of any state and the only information that showed our area to be free of karnal bunt.

In this era of re-writing the rules, our phytosanitary information is more important than ever and it is essential that this program in Kansas be kept strong and credible.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

**To:** House Agriculture Committee  
**From:** Jill Ann Wolters, Assistant Revisor  
**Date:** February 21, 1996  
**Subject:** Secretary's duties and powers

For your information, the following are the statutes, with the pertinent language underlined, of the secretary of Wildlife and Parks, of Transportation, of Social and Rehabilitation services and of Commerce and Housing general powers and duties.

**Statute #32-807**  
**Chapter 32.--WILDLIFE, PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**Article 8.--DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS**  
*Title Powers of secretary.*

The secretary shall have the power to:

(a) Adopt, in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805 and amendments thereto, such rules and regulations as necessary to implement, administer and enforce the provisions of the wildlife and parks laws of this state;

(b) enter into such contracts and agreements as necessary or incidental to the performance of the powers and duties of the secretary;

(c) employ or contract for, and fix the compensation of, consulting engineers, attorneys, accountants and construction and financial experts, all of whom shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act;

(d) designate an official seal and alter it at the secretary's pleasure;

(e) sue, be sued, plead and be impleaded in the name of the department;

(f) purchase, lease, accept gifts or grants of or otherwise acquire in the name of the state such water, water rights, easements, facilities, equipment, moneys and other real and personal property, and interests therein, including any property abandoned on department lands and waters, and maintain, improve, extend, consolidate, exchange and dispose of such property, as the secretary deems appropriate to

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carry out the intent and purposes of the wildlife and parks laws of this state;

(g) acquire, establish, develop, construct, maintain and improve state parks, state lakes, recreational grounds, wildlife areas and sanctuaries, fish hatcheries, natural areas, physical structures, dams, lakes, reservoirs, embankments for impounding water, roads, landscaping, habitats, vegetation and other property, improvements and facilities for the purposes of wildlife management, preservation of natural areas and historic sites and providing recreational or cultural opportunities and facilities to the public and for such other purposes as suitable to carry out the intent and purposes of wildlife and parks laws of this state;

(h) operate and regulate the use of state parks, state lakes, recreational grounds, wildlife areas and sanctuaries, fish hatcheries, natural areas, historic sites and other lands, waters and facilities under the jurisdiction and control of the secretary, so as to promote the public health, safety and decency and the purposes for which such lands, waters and facilities are maintained and operated and to protect and safeguard such lands, waters and facilities, including but not limited to:

(1) Regulating the demeanor, actions and activities of persons using or within such lands, waters and facilities;

(2) providing for the inspection of boats, the issuance of permits for operation of watercraft of all kinds and the charging and collection of fees for the inspection and operation of such craft;

(3) prescribing the type, style, location and equipment of all wharves, docks, anchorages, pavilions, restaurants and other structures or buildings which may be constructed along the shores or upon the water of any body of water or land controlled by the department, and providing for the licensing, inspection and supervision of such structures or buildings;

(4) granting and imposing charges for permits and for all commercial uses or purposes for which any of the properties of the department may be used;

(5) charging fees to use special facilities provided for the public or giving written authorization to lessees of the department to charge such fees; and

(6) operating, renting or leasing any such lands, waters and facilities which in the judgment of the secretary are necessary or desirable for the use and pleasure of visitors or for management of such lands, waters and facilities and fixing and collecting reasonable fees, tolls, rentals and charges for the use or operation thereof. All contracts or leases for the exercise of any concession shall be entered into only upon the basis of sealed proposals which shall be made and let by the secretary except that: (A) Where a concessionaire has an existing lease with the secretary or any agency of the federal government which the secretary desires to renew, renegotiate or acquire and sublease, such lease or sublease may be negotiated directly in accordance with rules and regulations of the secretary and without compliance with the requirements hereinbefore specified; (B) any such contract or lease for a term of 30 days or less may be made by the secretary directly in accordance with rules and regulations of the secretary; and (C) the secretary shall have authority to reject any or all proposals;

(i) have exclusive administrative control over state parks, state lakes, recreational areas, wildlife areas and sanctuaries, fish hatcheries, natural areas and other lands, waters and facilities under the jurisdiction of the secretary;

(j) provide for protection against fire and storm damage to the lands, waters and facilities under the jurisdiction of the secretary;

(k) contract with the federal government pursuant to public law 89-72 in order to acquire land by purchase, lease, agreement or otherwise on El Dorado and Hillsdale reservoir project lands;

(l) apply for, receive and accept from any federal agency any federal grants available for the purposes of the wildlife and parks laws of this state;

(m) have authority, control and jurisdiction over all matters relating to the development and conservation of wildlife and recreation resources of the state insofar as it pertains to forests, woodlands, public lands, submarginal lands, prevention of soil erosion, habitats and the control and utilization of waters, including all lakes, streams, reservoirs and dams, except that this subsection shall not prohibit any political subdivision of the state or private corporation from having full control of any lake now constructed and owned by it;

(n) conduct research in matters relating to the purposes of the wildlife and parks laws of this state and disseminate information relating thereto for the public use and benefit;

(o) publicize to the citizens of this and other states the natural resources and facilities existing in Kansas and encourage people to visit Kansas by disseminating available information as to the natural resources and recreational advantages of the state;

(p) develop public recreation as related to natural resources and implement a state recreational plan which may include, but shall not be limited to, the general location, character and extent of state lands, waters and facilities for public recreational purposes and methods for better use of lands, waters and facilities which are within the scope of the plan or the purpose of the wildlife and parks laws of this state but, before implementation of such plan or any part thereof, the secretary shall submit it to any state agency affected thereby for such agency's advice and recommendations;

(q) provide for the preservation, protection, introduction, distribution, restocking and restoration of wildlife, and the public use thereof, in this state, including, but not limited to:

(1) Establishing, by rules and regulations adopted in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805 and amendments thereto, open seasons when wildlife may be taken or transported in the state of Kansas, or in any part or area of the state designated by counties, major streams, federal impoundments or federal, state or county highways, or by other recognizable boundaries, which open seasons may be established for a specified time in one year only or for a specified time in an indefinite number of years and which open seasons on migratory birds shall not extend beyond or exceed those in effect under federal laws and regulations;

(2) establishing, by rules and regulations adopted in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805 and amendments thereto, the number of wildlife which may be taken by a person, as the legal limit for any one calendar day and for the open season, which limit on migratory fowl shall not extend beyond or exceed those limits in effect under federal laws and regulations;

(3) establishing, by rules and regulations adopted in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805 and amendments thereto, the legal size limits of fish



or frogs which may be taken;

(4) establishing, by rules and regulations adopted in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805 and amendments thereto, the conditions, procedure and rules under which any person may sell, purchase, buy, deal or trade in wildlife in the state of Kansas; and

(5) capturing, propagating, transporting, selling, exchanging, giving or distributing any species of wildlife, by any means or manner, needed for stocking or restocking any lands or waters in this state, except that the power to capture any species of wildlife for any purpose shall not apply to private property except by permission of the owners of the property or in the case of an emergency threatening the public health or welfare;

(r) establish, by rules and regulations adopted in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805 and amendments thereto, the period of time that a license, permit, stamp or other issue of the department shall be in effect, unless such period is otherwise established by law, and provisions for acceptance of any issue of the department before its effective date as a valid issue if the secretary determines such acceptance best serves the public good; and

(s) do such other acts and things as necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of the wildlife and parks laws of this state and to better protect, conserve, control, use, increase, develop and provide for the enjoyment of the natural resources of this state.

**Statute #39-708c**

**Chapter 39.--MENTALLY ILL, INCAPACITATED AND DEPENDENT PERSONS;  
SOCIAL WELFARE Article 7.--SOCIAL WELFARE**

*Title Powers and duties of secretary of social and rehabilitation services; community work experience programs; disbursal of property including food stamps; division of services for the blind; children and youth service program; medical care for needy persons; payment schedules for health care providers; centralized payment of welfare expenditures.*

(a) The secretary of social and rehabilitation services shall develop state plans, as provided under the federal social security act, whereby the state cooperates with the federal government in its program of assisting the states financially in furnishing assistance and services to eligible individuals. The secretary shall undertake to cooperate with the federal government on any other federal program providing federal financial assistance and services in the field of social welfare not inconsistent with this act. The secretary is not

required to develop a state plan for participation or cooperation in all federal social security act programs or other federal programs that are available. The secretary shall also have the power, but is not required, to develop a state plan in regard to assistance and services in which the federal government does not participate.

(b) The secretary shall have the power and duty to determine the general policies relating to all forms of social welfare which are administered or supervised by the secretary and to adopt the rules and regulations therefor.

(c) The secretary shall hire, in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas civil service act, such employees as may be needed, in the judgment of the secretary, to carry out the provisions of this act. The secretary shall advise the governor and the legislature on all social welfare matters covered in this act.

(d) The secretary shall establish and maintain intake offices throughout the state. The secretary may establish and create area offices to coordinate and supervise the administration of the intake offices located within the area. The number and location of intake offices and area offices shall be within the discretion of the secretary. Each intake office shall be open at least 12 hours of each working week on a regularly scheduled basis. The secretary shall supervise all social welfare activities of the intake offices and area offices. The secretary may lease office or business space, but no lease or rental contract shall be for a period to exceed 10 years. A person desiring public assistance, or if the person is incapable or incapacitated, a relative, friend, personal representative or conservator of the person shall make application at the intake office. When it is necessary, employees may take applications elsewhere at any time. The applications shall contain a statement of the amount of property, both personal and real, in which the applicant has an interest and of all income which the applicant may have at the time of the filing of the application and such other information as may be required by the secretary. When a husband and wife are living together the combined income or resources of both shall be considered in determining the eligibility of either or both for assistance unless otherwise prohibited by law. The form of application, the procedure for the determination of eligibility and the amount and kind of assistance or service shall be determined by the secretary.

(e) The secretary shall provide special

inservice training for employees of the secretary and may provide the training as a part of the job or at accredited educational institutions.

(f) The secretary shall establish an adequate system of financial records. The secretary shall make annual reports to the governor and shall make any reports required by federal agencies.

(g) The secretary shall sponsor, operate or supervise community work experience programs whereby recipients of assistance shall work out a part or all of their assistance and conserve work skills and develop new skills. The compensation credited to recipients for the programs shall be based upon an hourly rate equal to or in excess of the federal minimum wage hourly rate. The programs shall be administered by the secretary. In the programs, the secretary shall provide protection to the recipient under the workmen's compensation act or shall provide comparable protection and may enter into cooperative arrangements with other public officials and agencies or with private not-for-profit corporations providing assistance to needy persons in developing, subject to the approval of the secretary, the programs under this section.

(h) The secretary may receive, have custody of, protect, administer, disburse, dispose of and account for federal or private commodities, equipment, supplies and any kind of property, including food stamps or coupons, which are given, granted, loaned or advanced to the state of Kansas for social welfare works, and for any other purposes provided for by federal laws or rules and regulations or by private devise, grant or loan, or from corporations organized to act as federal agencies, and to do all things and acts which are necessary or required to perform the functions and carry out the provisions of federal laws, rules and regulations under which such commodities, equipment, supplies and other property may be given, granted, loaned or advanced to the state of Kansas, and to act as an agent of the federal government when designated as an agent, and do and perform all things and acts that may be required by the federal laws or rules and regulations not inconsistent with the act.

(i) The secretary may assist other departments, agencies and institutions of the state and federal government and of other states under interstate agreements, when so requested, by performing services in conformity with the purpose of this act.

(j) The secretary shall have authority to

lease real and personal property whenever the property is not available through the state or a political subdivision of the state, for carrying on the functions of the secretary.

(k) All contracts shall be made in the name of "secretary of social and rehabilitation services," and in that name the secretary may sue and be sued on such contracts. The grant of authority under this subsection shall not be construed to be a waiver of any rights retained by the state under the 11th amendment to the United States constitution and shall be subject to and shall not supersede the provisions of any appropriations act of this state.

(l) All moneys and property of any kind whatsoever received from the Kansas emergency relief committee or from any other state department or political subdivision of the state shall be used by the secretary in the administration and promotion of social welfare in the state of Kansas. The property may be given, loaned or placed at the disposal of any county, city or state agency engaged in the promotion of social welfare.

(m) The secretary shall prepare annually, at the time and in the form directed by the governor, a budget covering the estimated receipts and expenditures of the secretary for the ensuing year.

(n) The secretary shall have authority to make grants of funds, commodities or other needed property to local units of government under rules and regulations adopted by the secretary for the promotion of social welfare in local units of government.

(o) The secretary shall have authority to sell any property in the secretary's possession received from any source whatsoever for which there is no need or use in the administration or the promotion of social welfare in the state of Kansas.

(p) The secretary shall adopt a seal.

(q) The secretary shall initiate or cooperate with other agencies in developing programs for the prevention of blindness, the restoration of eyesight and the vocational rehabilitation of blind persons and shall establish a division of services for the blind. The secretary may initiate or cooperate with other agencies in developing programs for the prevention and rehabilitation of other handicapped persons.

(r) The secretary shall develop a children and youth service program and shall administer or supervise program activities including the care and protection of children who are deprived, defective, wayward, miscreant, delinquent, children in need of care, juvenile offenders or children in danger of becoming juvenile offenders. The secretary shall cooperate with the federal government through its appropriate agency or instrumentality in establishing, extending and strengthening such services and undertake other services to children authorized by law. Nothing in this act shall be construed as authorizing any state official, agent or representative, in carrying out any of the provisions of this act, to take charge of any child over the objection of either of the parents of such child or of the person standing in loco parentis to such child except pursuant to a proper court order.

(s) The secretary shall develop plans financed by federal funds or state funds or both for providing medical care for needy persons. The secretary, in developing the plan, may enter into an agreement with an agent or intermediary for the purpose of performing certain functions, including the making of medical payment reviews, determining the amount due the medical vendors from the state in accordance with standards set by the secretary, preparing and certifying to the secretary lists of medical vendors and the amounts due them and other related functions determined by the secretary. The secretary may also provide medical, remedial, preventive or rehabilitative care and services for needy persons by the payment of premiums to the federal social security system for the purchase of supplemental medical insurance benefits as provided by the federal social security act and amendments thereto. Medicaid recipients who were residents of a nursing facility on September 1, 1991, and who subsequently lost eligibility in the period September 1, 1991, through June 30, 1992, due to an increase in income shall be considered to meet the 300% income cap eligibility test.

(t) The secretary shall carry on research and compile statistics relative to the entire social welfare program throughout the state, including all phases of dependency, defectiveness, delinquency and related problems; develop plans in cooperation with other public and private agencies for the prevention as well as treatment of conditions giving rise to social welfare problems.

(u) The secretary may receive grants, gifts, bequests, money or aid of any character whatsoever, for state welfare work. All moneys

coming into the hands of the secretary shall be deposited in the state social welfare fund provided for in this act.

(v) The secretary may enter into agreements with other states or the welfare department of other states, in regard to the manner of determining the state of residence in disputed cases, the manner of returning persons to the place of residence and the bearing or sharing of the costs.

(w) The secretary shall perform any other duties and services necessary to carry out the purposes of this act and promote social welfare in the state of Kansas, not inconsistent with the state law.

(x) The secretary shall establish payment schedules for each group of health care providers. Any payment schedules which are a part of the state medicaid plan shall conform to state and federal law. The secretary shall not be required to make any payments under the state medicaid plan which do not meet requirements for state and federal financial participation.

(1) The secretary shall consider budgetary constraints as a factor in establishing payment schedules so long as the result complies with state and federal law.

(2) The secretary shall establish payment schedules for providers of hospital and adult care home services under the medicaid plan that are reasonable and adequate to meet the costs which must be incurred by efficiently and economically operated facilities in order to provide care and services in conformity with applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and quality and safety standards. The secretary shall not be required to establish rates for any such facility that are in excess of the minimum necessary to efficiently and economically meet those standards regardless of any excess costs incurred by any such facility.

(y) The secretary shall maintain a system of centralized payment for all welfare expenditures.

Statute #68-404

**Chapter 68.--ROADS AND BRIDGES**

**Article 4.--STATE HIGHWAYS**

*Title Powers and duties of secretary of transportation.*

The secretary of transportation shall have the following powers, duties, authority and

jurisdiction:

(a) General supervision over the administration of all road and bridge laws and over the construction and maintenance of all roads, bridges and culverts throughout the state, except that such supervision by the secretary shall not extend to township roads, except that any township road for which federal aid is granted shall be under the supervision of the secretary;

(b) to compile information concerning the road, bridge and culvert materials of the state and furnish such information to boards of county commissioners, township highway commissioners, county engineers and other highway officials; the secretary shall answer all inquiries of such officials concerning highway construction and maintenance and shall advise them of the reasonable prices for materials and construction work;

(c) devise and adopt standard plans and specifications for road, bridge and culvert construction and maintenance suited to the needs of the different counties of the state and furnish them to county engineers;

(d) make a biennial report for the use of the legislature and may issue bulletins and pamphlets, which shall be printed as public documents;

(e) carry on such other highway educational work, and may cooperate with the state and national organizations for the support and advancement of highway construction;

(f) may make investigations of the highway conditions in any county, assist boards of county commissioners and the attorney general in the prosecution or defense of patent suits relative to road and bridge construction when so requested, and the secretary shall report any violations of the law to the attorney general who shall take such steps as are necessary regarding such violations;

(g) to enter upon any property to make surveys, examinations, investigations, and tests, and to acquire other necessary and relevant data in contemplation of (1) establishing the location of a road, street or highway;

(2) acquiring land, property, and road building materials; or (3) performing other operations incident to highway construction, reconstruction or maintenance. Prior to entering upon any such property the secretary shall first

request permission of the landowner to do so. Where consent to do the things authorized in this subsection (g) is not given to the secretary by the owner or occupant of the land involved, the secretary may proceed as authorized after giving 10 days written notice to landowner or occupant of the secretary's intention to conduct such surveys, examinations, investigations and tests. Entry upon any property, pursuant to this subsection, shall not be considered to be a legal trespass and no damages shall be recoverable on that account alone. In case of any actual or demonstrable damages to the premises, the secretary shall pay the owner of the premises the amount of the damages. Upon failure of the landowner and such secretary to agree upon the amount of damages the landowner may file an action against the secretary in the district court of the county in which the land is situated to recover such damages;

(h) to make tests, do research, to inspect and test all materials, supplies, equipment, and machinery used for state highway purposes or highway projects involving federal funds, and to develop methods and procedures for this purpose. Tests of such materials, supplies or equipment may be made available, upon payment of actual costs therefor, to any federal agency or political subdivision of the state;

(i) to maintain and develop testing laboratories to carry out the requirements of this act;

(j) to perform such other acts and duties and exercise such authority as will give the provisions of this act and other laws relating to the secretary or department of transportation full force and effect;

(k) to adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this act and any other laws relating to the secretary or department of transportation; and

(l) to adopt rules and regulations relating to debarment and suspension of contractors for cause.

**Statute #74-5005**

**Chapter 74.--STATE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES**

**Article 50.--DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND HOUSING**

*Title Powers and duties of department.*

The department shall be the lead agency of



the state for economic development or commerce through the promotion of business, industry, trade and tourism within the state. In general, but not by way of limitation, the department shall have, exercise and perform the following powers and duties:

(a) To assume central responsibility for implementing all facets of a comprehensive, long-term, economic development strategy and for coordinating the efforts of both state agencies and local economic development groups as they relate to that objective;

(b) to coordinate the implementation of the strategy with all other state and local agencies and offices and state educational institutions which do research work, develop materials and programs, gather statistics, or which perform functions related to economic development; and such state and local agencies and offices and state educational institutions shall advise and cooperate with the department in the planning and accomplishment of the purposes of this act;

(c) to advise and cooperate with all federal departments, research institutions, educational institutions and agencies, quasi-public professional societies, private business and agricultural organizations and associations, and any other party, public or private, and to call upon such parties for consultation, and assistance in their respective fields of interest, to the end that all up to date available technical advice, information and assistance be gathered for the use of the department, the governor, the legislature, and the people of this state;

(d) to enter into agreements necessary to carry out the purposes of this act;

(e) to conduct an effective business information service, keeping up to date information on such things as manufacturing industries, labor supply and economic trends in employment, income, savings and purchasing power within the state, utilizing the services and information available from the division of the budget of the department of administration;

(f) to support a coordinated program of scientific and industrial research with the objective of developing additional uses of the state's natural resources, agriculture, agricultural products, new and better industrial products and processes, and the best possible utilization of the raw materials in the state; and to coordinate this responsibility with the state educational institutions, with all state

and federal agencies, and all public and private institutions within or outside the state, all in an effort to assist and encourage new industries or expansion of existing industries through basic research, applied research and new development;

(g) to maintain and keep current all available information regarding the industrial opportunities and possibilities of the state, including raw materials and by-products; power and water resources; transportation facilities; available markets and the marketing limitations of the state; labor supply; banking and financing facilities; availability of industrial sites; and the advantages the state and its particular sections have as industrial locations; and such information shall be used for the encouragement of new industries in the state and the expansion of existing industries within the state;

(h) to publicize information and the economic advantages of the state which make it a desirable place for commercial and industrial operations and as a good place in which to live;

(i) to establish a clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of information concerning the number and location of public and private postsecondary vocational and technical education programs in areas critical to economic development;

(j) to acquaint the people of this state with the industries within the state and encourage closer cooperation between the farming, commercial and industrial enterprises and the people of the state;

(k) to encourage and promote the traveling public to visit this state by publicizing information as to the recreational, historic and natural advantages of the state and its facilities for transient travel and to contract with organizations for the purpose of promoting tourism within the state; and the department may request other state agencies such as, but not limited to, the Kansas water office, the Kansas department of wildlife and parks and the department of transportation, for assistance and all such agencies shall coordinate information and their respective efforts with the department to most efficiently and economically carry out the purpose and intent of this subsection;

(l) to participate in economic development and planning assistance programs of the federal government to political subdivisions;

(m) to assist counties and cities in industrial development through the establishment

of industrial development corporations, including site surveys, small business administration situations, and render such other similar assistance as may be required; and in those instances where it is deemed appropriate, to contract with and make a service charge to the county or city involved for such services rendered;

(n) to render assistance to private enterprise on planning problems and site surveys upon request and shall make a reasonable service charge for such services rendered; and any moneys received for services rendered, as provided in this subsection, shall be deposited in the fund and expended therefrom, as provided in subsection (o);

(o) to make agreements with other states and with the United States government, or its agencies, and to accept funds from the federal government, or its agencies, or any other source for research studies, investigation, planning and other purposes related to the duties of the department; and any funds so received shall be deposited in the state treasury and shall be credited to a special revenue fund which is hereby created and shall be known as the "economic development fund" or used in accordance with or direction of the contributing federal agencies; and expenditures from such fund may be made for any purpose in keeping with the responsibilities, functions and authority of the department; and warrants on such fund shall be drawn in the same manner as required of other state agencies upon vouchers signed by the secretary;

(p) to do other and further acts as shall be necessary and proper in fostering and promoting the industrial development and economic welfare of the state;

(q) to organize, or cause to be organized, an advisory board or boards representing interested groups, including industry, labor, agriculture, scientific research, the press, the professions, industrial associations, civic groups, etc.; and such board or boards shall advise with the department as to its work and the department shall, as far as practicable, cooperate with such board or boards, and secure the active aid thereof in the accomplishment of the aims and objectives of the department;

(r) to perform the duties imposed under the venture capital tax credit act;

(s) to serve as the central agency and clearinghouse to collect and disseminate ideas

and information bearing on local planning problems; and, in so doing, the department, upon request of the board of county commissioners of any county or the governing body of any city in the state, may make a study and report upon any planning problem of such county or city submitted to it; and

(t) to disseminate to the public information concerning economic development programs available in the state, regardless of whether such programs are administered by the department or some other agency and the department shall make available audio-visual and written materials describing the economic development programs to local chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, banks and public libraries and shall take other measures as may be necessary to effectuate the purpose of this subsection.