

Approved: January 17, 1996

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Carol Dawson, at 9:00 a.m. on January 11, 1996 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:     Rep. Robert Tomlinson, Excused  
  Rep. Herman Dillon, Excused  
  Rep. Britt Nichols, Excused  
  Rep. Lisa Benlon, Excused

Committee staff present:     Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department  
  Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department  
  Donna Luttjohann, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Leo Hafner, Div of Post-Audit

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Carol Dawson asked Carolyn Rampey to brief the Committee regarding K-GOAL reviews. She explained that the K-GOAL review replaced the Sunset Law that would automatically terminate a state agency unless the legislature reinstated it.

Mr. Hafner was recognized by Chairman Dawson to brief the Committee regarding the Post-Audit Division's K-GOAL review of the Department of Health and Environment, Department of Transportation and Department of Agriculture. See **Attachment 1**.

The minutes for January 10, 1996, were brought to the Committee's attention. Rep. Cox made a motion to approve the minutes. Rep. Tanner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Dawson adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m. with the next meeting scheduled January 17, 1996 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS

GUEST LIST

January 11, 1996

                      
Rita Escobar

Mary S. Hoover

Leo Hafner

Judy Payne

Representing

SRS Admin.

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Legislative Post Audit

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**The law requires each agency subject to review under K-GOAL to have a performance audit conducted by the Legislative Post Auditor which must be completed by the 30th day of the session.**

**The scope of each audit is established by the Legislative Post Audit Committee.**

**The scope may be broad or narrow but within the scope, we are supposed to consider the following things:**

- Whether all operations of the agency have been authorized by the Legislature
- Whether all operations are being performed efficiently and effectively
- Whether regulatory operations are reasonably designed to protect the public
- Whether regulatory operations could be performed in a less restrictive manner and still adequately protect the public.
- Whether regulatory actions have the effect of increasing the cost of good or services and whether the increased cost creates more public harm than terminating regulatory operations might cause.
- Whether there is a need for a change in the way an agency is organized that might enable it to fulfill its purposes in a more efficient, effective or economical manner.
- Whether the termination of any of an agency's operations would significantly harm or endanger the rights, health, safety or welfare of the public.

**Audits completed no more than two years in advance of the session in which an agency is reviewed may be designated a K-GOAL audit.**

## **Agencies scheduled to be reviewed under K-GOAL during the 1996 session**

- **Department of Health and Environment**
- **Department of Transportation**
- **Department of Agriculture**

# Department of Health and Environment -- (two audits)

## **Audit #1:**

### *Reviewing the Department of Health and Environment's System for Assessing the Impact of Rules and Regulations Mandated by the Federal Government*

Has the Department of Health and Environment adequately assessed the impact of new federal regulations on State and local government and the private sector before adopting those regulations?

What procedures has the Department established to monitor and measure the impact of new regulations it has adopted?

## **Audit #2:**

### *Reviewing the Implementation of Kansas' Waste Tire Disposal Program*

Has the Department of Health and Environment established an adequate program to implement and enforce the State's waste tire disposal policies?

Has the Department established reasonable controls over waste tire disposal grants?

## Department of Transportation

### *Reviewing Highway Construction in Kansas*

Has the Department met the goals established for the Comprehensive Highway Program?

Have the Department's highway construction practices ensured that construction work has been of high quality and at the lowest cost?

## Department of Agriculture

### *Reviewing the Department of Agriculture's Weights and Measures Enforcement Program*

Has the Weights and Measures Program within the Department of Agriculture been effective at ensuring the accuracy of scales, scanners, and other measuring devices?

Does Kansas have an adequate program for testing gasoline sold at the pump to ensure that mislabeled gasoline is not being sold to consumers?

(This audit will be available after January 16, 1996)

**Agencies that will be coming up of review in the next legislative session:**

- Department of Revenue
- Kansas Public Employees Retirement System
- State Conservation Commission

Suggestions on topics to be covered in audits of these agencies are encouraged.