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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sandy Praeger at 10:00 a.m. on January 23, 1996 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Ann Bunten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jayne Aylward, Deputy Secretary/Director of Field Operations,
Kansas Department on Aging
Pat Kinnaird, Director, Older Worker Employment Program,
North Central Flint Hills Area on Aging

Others attending: See attached list

Hearing on SB 462 -- Older Kansans employment administered by the Secretary of Human Resources

Jayne Aylward, KDOA, testified before the Committee in support of SB 462. Ms. Aylward noted that the bill would transfer the administration of the Older Kansans Employment Program (OKEP) from KDOA to the Kansas Department of Human Resources. The reason for the transfer is intended to provide a "single point of entry" to employment and training services for Kansans of all ages. Placing OKEP under the Kansas Department of Human Resources would provide easier access to the other Kansas employment and job training programs which are currently housed there. (Attachment 1) Committee discussion related to the advantages associated with the transfer.

Pat Kinnaird, Director, Older Worker Employment Program, North Central Flint Hills Area on Aging in Manhattan, Kansas, expressed support for SB 462 noting that such a transfer would be more efficient and provide better services to older Kansans seeking employment. (Attachment 2) Committee discussion related to the advantages of transfer, access of programs, and promotion and coordination of programs.

There were no opponents to SB 462.

Action on SB 462

Senator Langworthy made a motion the Committee recommend SB 462 favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Ramirez. The motion carried.

Hearing on SB 463

Jayne Aylward, KDOA, testified before the Committee in support of SB 463 which would eliminate the Senior Care Act (SCA) Interagency Coordinating Committee. Ms. Aylward noted that the Coordinating Committee was non-essential and outlived its useful purpose. (Attachment 3)

There were no opponents to SB 463.

Action on SB 463

Senator Jones made a motion the Committee recommend SB 463 favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 1996.

SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Sandy Strand	Ks Advocates for Better Care
Terry Leatherman	KCCI
Melissa Wangemann	Helm, Ebert & Weir
Bdo Williams	Ks Pharmacist Assoc.
Bill Howell	PHARMACIA/UPDOWN Inc.
Ken Bahr	Ks Hospital Assn.
JASON PISSENDORGER	KCC
JILL CRUMPACKER	GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
Hymie Fisher Jones	Kansas Health Care Assn.
Jane Ford	Kansas Hospital Assn.
Andie A. Kamin	Ks. Dept. on Aging
Bill Curren	WDAZ
Pat Kamin	NC-74 Area Agency on Aging
John Hanna	Associated Press
Secretary Wayne Franklin	Ks. Dept of Human Resources
Kate R. Latessa	" " " " "
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TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
BY
JAYNE AYLWARD
DEPUTY SECRETARY/DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS
KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING

January 23, 1996

Madam Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for giving the Kansas Department on Aging (KDOA) the opportunity to testify in favor of SB 462. As you will recall, this legislation was introduced at the request of KDOA.

PURPOSE

SB 462 transfers the administration of the Older Kansans Employment Program (OKEP) from KDOA to the Kansas Department of Human Resources (KDHR). Last fall, a temporary transfer was accomplished through an interagency agreement. Of course, Legislative approval is necessary to make the transfer permanent. SB 462 was requested by the department as the vehicle for that legislative consideration.

REASONS FOR TRANSFER

The term "single point of entry" has become familiar to most individuals involved in state government. The transfer of OKEP

to KDHR is intended to provide a "single point of entry" to employment and training services for Kansans of all ages.

Until last fall, KDOA administered the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) through an interagency agreement with KDHR.

Administration of JTPA was transferred back to KDHR along with the OKEP program.

KDOA believes that KDHR is the state agency that our Kansas customers associate with employment opportunities, because that agency already administers a wide variety of employment programs. Placing OKEP in KDHR will provide easier access to the other Kansas employment and job training programs which are currently housed there.

FISCAL IMPACT

In FY 96 the legislature appropriated \$ 244,928 in program grants to KDOA for OKEP. The program was administered by one employment specialist at KDOA. The major fiscal impact will be an approximate \$ 245,000 reduction in program grants to KDOA and an accompanying increase in this funding to KDHR. In addition, we

feel that employee time will be better spent if all employment program administrators are in the same location. The KDOA employment specialist was transferred to KDHR in November when the interagency agreement took effect.

I appreciate having the opportunity to testify in favor of SB 462 and thank the committee for your consideration of this proposal.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

TESTIMONY FOR SENATE HEARING

SB 462

TRANSFER OF OLDER WORKER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FROM

KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING

TO

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

JANUARY 23, 1996

My name is Pat Kinnaird. I am the Older Worker Employment Program Director for the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging in Manhattan, Kansas. I am pleased to be able to speak today in support of the transfer of the Older Worker Employment Programs from the Kansas Department on Aging to the Kansas Department of Human Resources.

I would like to preface my remarks by saying that it has been an excellent experience working with the Kansas Department on Aging and most particularly Ardie Davis.

Our Area Agency on Aging and the Older Kansans Employment Program support the transfer of the older worker employment programs from the Kansas Department on Aging to the Kansas Department of Human Resources for several reasons:

First, we support the governor's plan to group similar services to provide better service to the customers of the State of Kansas.

We also feel that more direct contact with the administrative entity helps us to do better work and eliminate time lapses in information.

The closer contact will also help us to be more intimately involved in the one-stop shop concept and to advocate for the older individuals in the implementation of the one-stop shop.

The rapport we have developed with the staff of Department of Human Resources will help us to deal effectively with the changes which are imminent in employment and training programs.

The experience and success we have with older worker programs will position us to manage Title V monies from the Older Americans Act and other resources that may be block-granted down to the states.

We hope that because of the demonstrated effectiveness of our service to older Kansans seeking work and training we will be considered first as a service provider in the event that federal employment funds are "block-granted" to the state.

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JAYNE AYLWARD
DEPUTY SECRETARY/DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS
KANSAS DEPARTMENT ON AGING

January 23, 1996

Madam Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for giving the Kansas Department on Aging (KDOA) the opportunity to appear in support of SB 463 today. This bill was introduced at the request of the department.

BACKGROUND

SB 463 eliminates the Senior Care Act (SCA) Interagency Coordinating Committee, which was established when the SCA was originally authorized by the legislature. The Interagency Coordinating Committee is charged with advising the Secretary of Aging on implementation of the SCA program. The committee also reviews the SCA Annual Report prepared for the legislature by KDOA.

When the legislation enacting the Senior Care Act was implemented, communication between KDOA, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (H&E) needed improvement. Shortly after the SCA was implemented, then Governor Finney directed the three

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departments to meet regularly to improve interagency communications.

The Long Term Care Action Committee resulted from these meetings. This group met for several years and presented progress reports to the legislature.

Interagency staff communications have improved so significantly that the Long Term Care Action Committee has disbanded.

Representatives from all affected agencies are typically included in working on issues that involve their respective agencies. Current notable examples of this interagency cooperation include the joint efforts of SRS, H&E and KDOA in developing the SRS "LIFE" program, the H&E Assisted Living Regulations, and the proposed transfer of long term care programs for the elderly from SRS to KDOA.

REASONS FOR ELIMINATION

Governor Graves requested all agencies to examine where they could "turn out the lights" on non-essential boards and committees. KDOA believes that the interagency coordinating committee has outlived its useful purpose. While it has reviewed

the annual report to the legislature as required, it is otherwise inactive. The individuals who have served as agency representatives agree that the committee could be discontinued.

FISCAL IMPACT

KDOA did not request or receive any additional budget authority for the Interagency Coordinating Council. A small amount of staff time was used for committee member communication, so passage of SB 463 will permit more productive utilization of that KDOA employee time.

It is important to note that the SCA Annual Report to the Legislature would not be eliminated by passage of SB 463. This report will continue to be provided to the governor and the legislature by December 31 as it was this year.

KDOA appreciates the opportunity to appear in support of SB 463 and urges your favorable consideration of this proposal. I will be happy to answer any questions.