

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arlen Siegfroid at 1:30 P.M. on March 5, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Oletha Faust-Goudeau- excused
Representative Judy Morrison- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office
Carol Doel, Committee Assistant

Conferees:

Rosanne Siemens, Executive Director Kansas Library Association
Christie Brandau - State Librarian
Micaela Ayers, Director, L.W. Nixon Library, Butler Community College

Others attending:

See attached list

Chairman Siegfroid opened the meeting for bill introductions and requested a bill regarding the regulation of dog and horse tracks. The Chairman moved the bill with a second by Representative Peterson. With no objections, this will be accepted.

There were no other bill introductions.

The Chairman entertained a motion for approval of minutes from the meetings of February 19th, February 20th, February 28th, and March 1st.

Representative Olson moved the minutes of February 19th, February 20th, February 28th, and March 1st with a second by Representative Ruiz. Motion passed.

The Chair opened the floor for public hearing on **SB 67** - Libraries, creating the state library board and related entities.

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor, gave an explanation of the bill.

Rosanne Siemens, Executive Director of the Kansas Library Association presented testimony as a proponent of **SB 67** which would combine both the State Library Advisory Commission and the Kansas Library Network Board. In their opinion, combining the two boards would increase efficiency. (Attachment 1)

Christie Brandau, State Librarian, addressed the Committee in support of **SB 67**. Ms. Brandau related that the bill will repeal the current State Library Advisory Commission (SLAC), and the Kansas Library Network Board (KLNK), and replace it with one board, the State Library of Kansas Board which would promote simplification and economy. (Attachment 2)

Also supporting **SB 67** was Micaela Ayers, Director of Library Services, Butler Community College, Eldorado, Kansas. Ms. Ayers, stated that the coming together of the State Library Advisory Commission and the Kansas Library Network would make it easier for libraries of all types, and locals, to talk together and work together toward better library service for the entire state of Kansas. (Attachment 3)

With no other person wishing to speak to the bill, the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 67**.

Chairman Siegfroid appointed a subcommittee of Representative Olson, Chairman; Representative Brown, and Representative Ruiz to study **HB 2451** - Concerning child support enforcement; relating to medical support and fees.

With no further business before the committee, The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Representative Siegfried and members of the committee my testimony is short.

I have been asked to convey to you by the KLA Council and the membership of the association that KLA supports this bill.

It was in the thoughtful process of reorganizing the State Library in order to better serve libraries in Kansas, and to ultimately serve those who use libraries, that Christie Brandau, State Librarian, had the idea to combine both the State Library Advisory Commission and the Kansas Library Network Board. Having served on both boards (at different times in my career), I was often asked to explain how they were different and what roles they served. This indicated confusion as to why both boards existed. Combining these boards eliminates that confusion, in the library community, and to the public.

Any time two boards are doing the work one board can do, combining them becomes more efficient.

I have heard no negative comment about SB 67. This idea and change was well received by the members of both boards and by the library community in Kansas. If there are opponents I am not aware of who they might be and why they would not approve of such a smart change.

I am here today on behalf of the 1,600 members of KLA to ask you to support SB 67.

Please feel free to contact me at kansaslibraryassociation@yahoo.com if you have questions.

Thank you,

Rosanne Siemens, Executive Director

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TO: House Federal and State Affairs Committee

FROM: Christie Brandau, State Librarian

RE: Testimony on SB67 to create the *State Library of Kansas Board*

Senate Bill 67 will repeal the current State Library Advisory Commission (SLAC), created in 1963, and the Kansas Library Network Board (KLNb), created in 1981, and replace it with one board, the *State Library of Kansas Board*. This bill promotes simplification and economy by establishing that there is just one board charged with the function of advising the State Library of Kansas.

Here is a little background on the two existing boards:

1. The State Library Advisory Commission has served as the State Library's primary governing board for many years. It has long been a board with representation from libraries and the public, helping to advise the State Library in its role of providing Kansans with the best possible library service.
2. The Kansas Library Network Board was created to foster greater resource sharing among all types of Kansas libraries. KLNb also came to serve as a type of research and development board where resource sharing concepts, often aided by new technology, could be studied and recommended for implementation. The KLNb was charged with hiring a director, and that person reported to the KLNb.

The KLNb launched several successful projects, including the Kansas Library Card, and a long list of some of the most talented librarians in the state served among its board members.

Even while the KLNb enjoyed success, there has been confusion about its place and mission in relation to the State Library Advisory Commission. On occasion, there has also been less-than-perfect transition for a KLNb project from research expectation and the State Library's ability to marshal needed resources to bring the concept to fruition. There has also been a less-than-

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clear understanding about the reporting obligations of the KLNB director. In statute, this position reports to the KLNB, but in practice, this position is housed in the State Library and funded by the State Library, which of course, operates with the advice of the State Library Advisory Commission.

What is proposed in SB67 continues the duties of the State Library Advisory Commission while folding in the emphasis on resource sharing by the KLNB to create one State Library of Kansas Board.

The proposal before you, and the details of the bill, have been worked out and agreed to by major sectors of the Kansas library community. In fact, there is such overwhelming support for the combination of these boards that their membership has been meeting jointly since the spring of 2006.

In summary, this bill:

- simplifies by reducing the number of policy boards for the State Library from two to one
- promotes economy by reducing membership, including travel and other meeting costs
- provides the needed diversity to represent the public and library groups

This bill represents a reorganization of a state policy board to make it more effective and efficient. At the same time, the reorganization proposed here will allow libraries to speak to you, to your constituents and to library users throughout the state with a single and stronger voice.

I encourage your support of SB67.

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To: Representative Arlen Siegfried, Chair

Representative Steve Huebert, Vice Chair
Representative Elaine Bowers
Representative Anthony Brown
Representative Steve Brunk
Representative Richard Carlson
Representative Owen Donohoe
Representative Benjamin Hodge
Representative Lance Kinzer
Representative Forrest Knox
Representative Judy Morrison
Representative Robert Olson
Representative Ted Powers
Representative Dale Swenson
Representative Michael Peterson
Representative Nile Dillmore
Representative Oletha Faust-Goudeau
Representative Tom Hawk
Representative Broderick Henderson
Representative Judith Loganbill
Representative Ann Mah
Representative Melody McCray-Miller
Representative Louis Ruiz

From: Micaela Ayers
Director of Library Services
Butler Community College
El Dorado, Kansas

Re: SB 67, Combining the Kansas Library Advisory Commission and the
Kansas Library Network Board

Good Morning.

Thank you for the opportunity to visit with you about SB 67.

My name is Micaela Ayers. I am the Director of Library Services for Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kansas.

I'm also the current chairperson of the Kansas Library Commission.

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As Christie has explained, SB 67 would combine the Kansas Library Commission and the Kansas Library Network Board into one board to be called the State Library of Kansas Board.

I am here to convey to you that this is a good thing. A wide variety of library personalities and library constituencies have contributed to what is now spelled out in SB 67.

Members of both boards have been meeting together now for approximately 18 months and they have been productive and effective.

All of the members of both boards support SB 67. In fact, I think it is fair to say the entire Kansas library community supports this proposal.

This is an efficiency measure. The adoption of SB 67 will make it easier for libraries of all types, and locals, to talk together and work together toward better library service for the entire state of Kansas.

I encourage you to approve SB 67.