

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 3:30 p.m. on February 16, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Pat Matzek, Committee Assistant

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Powell opened the meeting with action on the following bills.

**Action on:**

**HCR 5004 - Urging Congress to oppose federal legislation interfering with a state's ability to direct the transport or processing of horses.**

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, advised of a one word technical amendment on Page 2 of the bill, replacing the word "legislative" with "congressional."

Representative Johnson made a motion to accept the amendment. The motion was seconded by Representative Bowers. There was no further discussion and by majority vote of the Committee, the motion was carried.

Representative Fund made a motion to favorably pass the bill out, as amended. Representative Palmer seconded the motion. On majority vote of the Committee, the motion was carried.

**Action on:**

**HB 2213 - Loan agreements pursuant to the veterinary training program for rural Kansas.**

Representative Johnson introduced a balloon amendment which was passed out to members of the Committee (Attachment 1). The balloon amendment as explained by Representative Johnson removes the language previously introduced by Representative Lukert, as well as removing the population limit of the counties where a veterinary can practice.

Representative Johnson made a motion to move the balloon amendment. The motion was seconded by Representative Hayzlett. A discussion followed. Chairman Powell called for a vote of the Committee and as no clear majority was evident, a Division was called for and by majority of the show of hands, the amendment failed.

Representative Lukert made a motion to offer another amendment to go back to the original bill and strike the bill as far as lengthening the time, and further stated it would keep everything in place with the original bill except changing the scholarship to \$10,000 a year for ten students rather than \$20,000 for five students. Representative Svaty seconded the motion. A discussion followed. On majority vote of the Committee, the amendment failed.

Back on the bill.

Representative Johnson made a motion to table the bill. Representative Svaty seconded the motion. On majority vote of the Committee, the bill was tabled.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Agriculture And Natural Resources Committee at 3:30 p.m. on February 16, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

**Action on:**

**HB 2063 - Adjusting fees imposed by the secretary of agriculture for weights and measures services.**

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department, explained **HB 2063**, stating this is the bill dealing with the fee issue the Committee has heard in other areas from the Department of Agriculture, but this one in particular relates to part of the agency dealing with weights and measures. One of the issues before the Committee is noted on the first page where the fee for services provided by the metrology lab would increase from \$50 to \$70 an hour.

Questions were asked and comments were made.

Representative Fund moved to pass this bill out favorably. Representative Svaty seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. On majority vote of the Committee, the motion carried.

**Action on:**

**HB 2121 - Amendments to department of agriculture fertilizer and pesticide programs, fixing fees, definitions.**

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department, explained **HB 2121** deals with numerous changes made to the statutes dealing with pesticides and fertilizer programs of the Department of Agriculture. Also included in this bill are proposed changes in the fees such as failure to file an affidavit and pay inspection fees, and the business license application fee, to name a few. The fees are shown to sunset on June 30, 2010. The agency is coming back again seeking resolution of these fees as to whether or not to extend the sunset, make the fees permanent or allow the fees to return to their 2002 levels.

Questions were asked and comments were made.

Members of the Committee noted amended changes offered by the Department of Agriculture.

Representative Johnson made a motion to adopt the recommended changes on pages 9 and 28. Representative Svaty seconded the motion. On majority vote of the Committee, the motion was carried.

Representative Svaty made a motion to pass the bill out as amended. Representative Fund seconded the motion. On majority vote of the Committee, the motion was carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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DATE: 2-16-09

NAME	REPRESENTING
Fislie Kaufman	Ks Co-ops Council
JJ Jones	KS Commerce
Ron Seiber	KARA
Mike Beam	Ks. Livestock Assn.
John Donley	" " "
Mary Jane Staniewicz	Seaboard
Sue Peterson	K-STATE

# HOUSE BILL No. 2213

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Proposed Amendment

9 AN ACT concerning the veterinary training program for rural Kansans;  
10 relating to certain loans and agreements; amending K.S.A. 2008 Supp.  
11 76-4,112 and repealing the existing section.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 76-4,112 is hereby amended to read as  
15 follows: 76-4,112. (a) There is hereby established the veterinary training  
16 program for rural Kansas at the college of veterinary medicine at Kansas  
17 state university which shall be developed and implemented in order to  
18 provide encouragement, opportunities and incentives for persons pur-  
19 suing a veterinary medicine degree program at Kansas state university to  
20 locate their veterinary practice in rural Kansas communities and receive  
21 specialized training targeted to meet the needs of livestock producers and  
22 rural Kansas communities. The program shall be administered by the  
23 college of veterinary medicine at Kansas state university.

24 (b) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, in accordance with  
25 the provisions of this section, the college may enter into program agree-  
26 ments with up to five first-year veterinary students per year who have  
27 entered into a program agreement. Preference shall be given to those  
28 students who are Kansas residents and who agree to serve in a county as  
29 described in subsection (d)(3) ~~which is determined to be an underserved~~  
30 ~~area for the practice of veterinary medicine as determined by the college.~~

31 (c) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, each student enter-  
32 ing into a program agreement under this section shall receive a loan  
33 in the amount of \$20,000 per year for not more than four years for tuition,  
34 books, supplies and other school expenses, and travel and training ex-  
35 penses incurred by the student in pursuing a veterinary medicine degree.  
36 Upon satisfaction of all commitments under the provisions of the agree-  
37 ment and the provisions of this section, the loans provided pursuant to  
38 this section shall be deemed satisfied and forgiven.

39 (d) Each program agreement shall require that the person receiving  
40 the loan:

- 41 (1) Complete the veterinary medicine degree program at the college;
- 42 (2) complete all advanced training in public health, livestock biose-  
43 curity, foreign animal disease diagnosis, regulatory veterinary medicine

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1 and zoonotic disease, and an externship and mentoring requirement with  
2 a licensed, accredited veterinarian in rural Kansas as required by the  
3 college;

4 ~~(3) for a person who entered into a program agreement on or before~~  
5 ~~the effective date of this act, engage in the full-time practice of veterinary~~  
6 ~~medicine in any county in Kansas which has a population not exceeding~~  
7 ~~35,000 at the time the person entered into the program agreement for a~~  
8 ~~period of at least 12 continuous months for each separate year a student~~  
9 ~~receives a loan under the program, unless such obligation is otherwise~~  
10 ~~satisfied as provided in this section. A person who enters into a program~~  
11 ~~agreement on and after the effective date of this act shall engage in the~~  
12 ~~full time practice of veterinary medicine in any county in Kansas, which~~  
13 ~~has a population not exceeding 10,000 at the time the person entered into~~  
14 ~~the program agreement for a period of at least 18 continuous months for~~  
15 ~~each separate year a student receives a loan under the program, unless~~  
16 ~~such obligation is otherwise satisfied as provided in this section. A pro-~~  
17 ~~gram agreement whereby the person pursuant to such agreement is en-~~  
18 ~~gaging in the full time practice of veterinary medicine in a county that no~~  
19 ~~longer meets the maximum population requirements provided in this sub-~~  
20 ~~section after the date that such program agreement was entered into by~~  
21 ~~the college and the person shall continue in full force and effect subject~~  
22 ~~to the other requirements contained in this section;~~

23 (4) commence such full-time practice of veterinary medicine within  
24 90 days after completion of such person's degree program, or if such  
25 person enters a post-degree training program such as a graduate school  
26 or internship or residency program, within 90 days after completion of  
27 such post-degree training program; and

28 (5) upon failure to satisfy the obligation to engage in the full-time  
29 practice of veterinary medicine in accordance with the provisions of this  
30 section, repay to the college, within 90 days of such failure, the amount  
31 equal to the amount loaned to such person less a prorated amount based  
32 on any such periods of practice of veterinary medicine meeting the  
33 requirements of this section, plus interest at the prime rate of interest  
34 plus 2% from the date such loan accrued. Such interest shall be com-  
35 pounded annually.

36 (e) An obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in  
37 accordance with the provisions of this section shall be postponed during;  
38 (1) Any period of temporary medical disability during which the person  
39 obligated is unable to practice veterinary medicine due to such disability;  
40 and (2) any other period of postponement agreed to or determined in  
41 accordance with criteria agreed to in the practice agreement.

42 (f) An obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in  
43 accordance with the provisions of the agreement and this section shall be

1 satisfied: (1) If the obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary med-  
2 icine in accordance with the agreement has been completed; (2) if, be-  
3 cause of permanent disability, the person obligated is unable to practice  
4 veterinary medicine; or (3) the person obligated dies.

5 (g) The college may adopt additional provisions, requirements or con-  
6 ditions to participate in this program as are practicable and appropriate  
7 to accomplish the provisions of the program or may be required for the  
8 implementation or administration of the program, and, in any case, as are  
9 not inconsistent with the provisions of this section or the provisions of  
10 appropriation acts.

11 (h) As used in this section: (1) "College" means the college of vet-  
12 erinary medicine at Kansas state university; (2) "program" means the  
13 veterinary training program for rural Kansas established pursuant to this  
14 section; and (3) "program agreement" means an agreement to meet all  
15 the obligations provided in this section by a person who is a first-year  
16 veterinary student at the college, and provides benefits to such person as  
17 provided in this section.

18 (i) The college shall not enter into any program agreements pursuant  
19 to the provisions of this section after July 1, 2016. All program agreements  
20 entered into prior to such date shall continue in full force and effect  
21 subject to the requirements of this section.

22 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 76-4,112 is hereby repealed.

23 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
24 publication in the statute book.