

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON KPERS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sharon Schwartz at 2:37 p.m. on April 30, 2009, in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Harold Lane - Excused
Representative Robert Olson - Absent
Representative Jeff Whitham - Excused

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Karen Gross, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Glenn Deck, Executive Director, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS)

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chair Schwartz opened the meeting. She recognized Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department, and asked him to bring the Committee up to date on **HB 2400 - KPERS, increasing employer contributions**, since the bill's hearing on April 1, 2009. Mr. Efird reminded the Committee **HB 2400** would raise the annual cap on employer contribution increases from the current 0.6% to 1.0% for the state's payments for KPERS state and school groups, effective July 1, 2010.

Chair Schwartz then recognized Glenn Deck, Executive Director, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, who stated that raising the state's employer contribution rate would be one of the actions needed to address the KPERS long-term financial issue. He noted the Joint Committee recommended that the 2009 Legislature consider increasing the annual statutory cap for state contributions to 1.0% no later than FY 2012 in order to increase annual contributions by the state for KPERS.

Questions and answers followed.

Chair Schwartz recognized Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, who outlined further issues of **HB 2400**, that the Committee may need to address in the future.

Lengthy discussion followed by the Committee. Representative Huntington moved the Committee increase the employer contribution rate from .6% to 1.0% to appropriate \$18.41 million for KPERS in FY 2011, seconded by Representative Shultz. The motion carried.

Representative Huntington moved the Committee recommend **HB 2400** as amended favorably for passage, seconded by Representative Long. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

No future committee meetings are scheduled for the 2009 Session.

Representative Sharon Schwartz, Chair