

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Yoder at 9:08 a.m. on January 29, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except.

Kasha Kelley - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Christina Butler, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
JG Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Kelly Cure, Chief of Staff  
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 House Appropriations Committee Rules
- Attachment 2 House Appropriations Notice to Conferees
- Attachment 3 Comparison of FY 2009 Budget Adjustments
- Attachment 4 Alternative Proposal to Senate Ways and Means Committee Recommendations
- Attachment 5 Special City and County Highway Fund
- Attachment 6 Highway Equalization
- Attachment 7 Kansas Board of Regents Athletics Response
- Attachment 8 Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Feasibility Study

Chairman Yoder welcomed Committee members and guests and noted that today is Kansas Day. The Committee will meet tomorrow and begin work on **HB 2022**.

Chairman Yoder responded to questions from Committee members regarding the procedures involved with working bills and the time frame involved.

Chairman presented information on House Appropriations Committee Rules (Attachment 1) and House Appropriations Notice to Conferees (Attachment 2).

Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented an overview of the Comparison of FY 2009 Budget Adjustments (Attachment 3). Adjustments based on the Governor's recommendations total \$200.4 million. The Senate Ways and Means Committee adjustments total \$301.7 million. The Senate tentative adjustments total \$334.8 million.

Alan Conroy responded to questions from Committee members regarding the transfer balances and budget adjustments and the impact on clients. The Governor's proposal represents a 3 percent cut to programs except for legislative, judicial, K-12 and social service caseloads. The Senate's proposal is a 1.5 percent cut to programs except K-12.

### ● Additional Information Requested

- Explanation of \$7.6 million in Transfer of Other Special Revenue Balances
- Counties identified that will be effected by special highway fund transfers, including the estimated distribution amount
- Components of the debt restructuring
- Base Aid Per Pupil Clarification

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Katy Belot, Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), responded to questions from Committee members regarding budget reductions. These proposed reductions would not effect social service caseloads.

- Additional Information Requested
  - Proposed SRS budget cut list by priority

Alan Conroy and JG Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department, responded to questions from Committee members in regards to the Governor's recommendation for moratoriums for KPERS, Death and Disability and the State Health Plan. The use of special fee funds, benefit adjustments from employee plan contributions and required steps for closing facilities was discussed. It was noted that the consensus group will meet in April, to review collections and compare estimates. Authority has been delegated to the Secretary of Administration.

- Additional Information Requested
  - EDIF Impact

Alan Conroy reviewed the Alternative Proposal to Senate Ways and Means Committee Recommendations (Attachment 4) Special City and County Highway Fund (Attachment 5) and the Highway Equalization document (Attachment 6), which Committee members had requested.

Alan Conroy responded to questions from Committee members regarding pay backs to counties.

- Additional Information Requested
  - A list of all amendments passed on the bill
  - Policy changes not listed on the Comparison FY 2009 Budget Adjustment handout

Chairman Yoder discussed the Kansas Board of Regents Athletics Response (Attachment 7) and the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Feasibility Study (Attachment 8), in response to follow up information requested by Committee members.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

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Kevin Yoder, Chairman