

**House Ag & Natural Resources Budget Committee
Committee Report to the House Appropriations Committee**

On March 5, 2012, the Budget Committee held a hearing on House Bill No. 2755, concerning the state fair. Representative Powell moved, Representative Johnson seconded, that the House agriculture and natural resources budget committee recommend favorable for passage by the House Appropriations Committee HB 2755. The motion was adopted.

Background information:

House Bill No. 2755 allows the Kansas fairgrounds foundation to raze any existing building and to construct a new building on state-owned property of the state fairgrounds from any private moneys of the foundation. The capital improvement project for such building or facility has to have received prior approval by the state fair board. The capital improvement projects shall be totally financed from private moneys and the buildings and facilities constructed shall become the property of Kansas upon completion and acceptance by the state fair board. The state fair board must first advise and consult with the joint committee on state building construction prior to approval. The plans and specifications for such projects are not required to have prior approval by the secretary of administration or the director of architectural services.

Proponents testifying included Denny Stoecklein, General Manager, Kansas State Fair and Molly McVicker, Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation. Written testimony was received from Dr. Becky Klingler, Chairman, Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation.

Opponents testifying included Trudy Aron, American Institute of Architects and Mike Gibson, Associated General Contractors of Kansas.



Representative Sharon Schwartz, Chairperson