

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marc Rhoades at 9:00 a.m. on January 18, 2011, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kasha Kelley - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J.G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Shirley Morrow, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant, Appropriations Committee
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant, Appropriations Committee

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Overview of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
- Attachment 2 Kansas Department of Health and Environment Testimony
- Attachment 3 Kansas Department of Health and Environment Annual Report-2010

Chairman Rhoades welcomed committee members and reviewed the committee agenda.

Representative Donohoe made a motion to introduce legislation regarding the budget. The motion was seconded by Representative Crum. Motion carried.

Chairman Rhoades introduced Robin Jennison, Acting Secretary, Wildlife and Parks.

Robin Jennison, Acting Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks presented an overview on the status of the department, ([Attachment 1](#)). He stated that the Governor's Budget recommendation includes merging the Travel and Tourism program into the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. There will be no park closures and the existing level of service continues. The FY 2012 recommended budget reflects \$1 million from road funds into the Parks Division, and several enhancements are recommended that would continue to develop outdoor recreation opportunities and protect the state's natural resources. The use of public cabins was discussed. The State General Fund (SGF) expenditures represents a 4% budget reduction, an additional \$4.3 million of special revenue funds for the Tourism Division has been recommended for FY 2012. Numerous initiatives to promote tourism and outdoor recreation within the state was discussed.

Discussion followed by committee members. Acting Secretary Jennison responded to questions from members. Dick Koerth, Assistant Secretary for Administration, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks discussed Wildscape, and the use of fees and permits to maintain parks.

Dr. Bob Moser, Acting Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, provided testimony on agency goals, ([Attachment 2](#)) and referred to the agency's Annual Report 2010, ([Attachment 3](#)). The total expenditures recommended for FY 2012 total \$247.2 million of which \$217.2 are non-SGF, which represents 12.14% of the total agency budget, he noted. A review of the FY 2010 legislation and the impact on the agency's programs or regulatory activity was reviewed. Short-term goals were identified and included the protection of health and environment for all Kansans, and an evaluation of the impact on agency programs and services upon review of the Governor's budget recommendations. Long-term goals included preparation for aligning Kansas Health Policy Authority services and programs into the agency, develop a strategic plan based on assessments to determine priorities, collaboration within the health care providers to find solutions to fragmented health care delivery and improved health care systems.

Acting Secretary Moser responded to questions from committee members.

Chairman Rhoades thanked Acting Secretary Moser for appearing before the committee and he reviewed the agenda for tomorrow's committee meeting.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Marc Rhoades, Chairman