

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rhoades called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. on April 27, 2011, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

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
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant, Appropriations Committee

Others attending:

See attached list

Conferees:

Ed McKechnie, Kansas Board of Regents
Zulma Tora-Ramos, Wichita State University
Tom Hilpert, Hawker-Beechcraft
Jason Dalen, Civic Council of Greater Kansas City
Phil Straub, Garmin International
Keith Warta, Bartlett & West, Inc.
Corey Peterson, Associated General Contractors of Kansas

Chairman Rhoades welcomed committee members and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Senate Substitute for HB 2149: University engineering initiative act

Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, presented an overview of **Senate Substitute for HB 2149 (Attachment 1)**, and responded to committee members questions regarding the authorization of expanded lottery act revenues fund (ELARF). He stated that the first \$4 million credited to ELARF shall be transferred to the Kan-grow engineering fund. It was noted that the goal is to annually increase engineering graduates within state educational institutions.

Ed McKechnie, Vice-Chair, Kansas Board of Regents, presented testimony as a proponent of **Senate Substitute for HB 2149 (Attachment 2)**, and responded to questions from committee members. He discussed that impact of educating engineering students as an investment in the economic recovery of Kansas.

Zulma Tora-Ramos, Dean of Engineering, Wichita State University and representing the University of Kansas and Kansas State University, presented testimony as a proponent of **Senate Substitute for HB 2149 (Attachment 3)**, and responded to questions from committee members. She discussed three strategies that will maximize the effectiveness of the state's investment within the three universities, which included recruitment of more students, increase the percentage of students graduating and build capacity for a larger student body.

Tom Hilpert, Director Advanced Design and Central Engineering, Hawker Beechcraft, presented testimony as a proponent of Senate Substitute for **HB 2149 (Attachment 4)**.

Jason Dalen, Associate Director, The Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, presented testimony as a proponent of **Senate Substitute for HB 2149 (Attachment 5)**.

Phil Straub, Vice President of Aviation Engineering, Garmin International, presented testimony as a proponent of **Senate Substitute for HB 2149 (Attachment 6)**.

Keith Warta, President, Bartlett and West, Inc., presented testimony as a proponent of **Senate Substitute for HB 2149 (Attachment 7)**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Corey Peterson, Executive Vice-president, Associated General Contractors of Kansas, presented testimony as a proponent of Senate Substitute for **HB 2149** (Attachment 7).

Chairman Rhoades reviewed the agenda for the next committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Marc Rhoades, Chairman