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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marc Rhoades at 9:04 AM on Friday, January 27, 2012 in 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Ward Cassidy – excused  
Jerry Henry – excused  
Marvin Kleeb – excused  
Clark Shutlz - excused  
Gene Suellentrop - excused

Committee staff present:

Dylan Dear, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department  
Michael Wales, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department  
Jim Wilson, First Assistant, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Nobuko Folmsbee, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Cindy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant  
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Representative Aurand made a motion to introduce legislation regarding technical education. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Peck made a motion to introduce legislation regarding the superintendent of the Highway Patrol authorization to charge and collect fees. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Dennis Taylor, Secretary, Department of Administration and Office of the Repealer, reviewed an organizational chart reflecting staff restructuring that has taken place within the department (Attachment 1). He stated that no additional functions have been added for appropriation as staff remains the same as fiscal services were consolidated within the management restructuring.

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Secretary Taylor responded to questions from committee members. He stated that all human resources functions are now included within the Department of Administration as opposed to the Department of Labor. The hiring process remains unchanged and the baseline for determining staffing needs would be identified through workload analysis. A review of staff retirement and resignations followed. It was noted that approximately 800 vacant positions will not be filled and excess office space will be realized in FY 2012 - 2014 when lease agreements are up for renewal. Non-state owned space will be evaluated and options reviewed in the best interest of the state and agency. Concern was expressed for fee funded and state agencies and costs for rental space with low occupancy. It was noted that data will be collected to review options in order to make rational decisions. Discussion followed regarding the lack of efficiency in the hiring process, options for utilizing private as oppose to state office space based on cost and potential state buildings which could be sold. Additional issues discussed included agency services provided; rate charges, cost structure, and options to capture savings and increased efficiencies were reviewed.

Kent Olson, Office of Inspector General, Department of Administration, responded to questions from committee members regarding the SMART financial computer system. This program is used by the Board of Regents and Department of Education, he noted.

Marilyn Jacobson, Office of General Services, Department of Administration, responded to questions from committee members regarding the state architect. She noted that the state architect manages state-wide programs and the Statehouse architect reports to the Legislative Coordinating Counsel and is paid by the legislature and a small percentage of wages paid by the Department of Administration. The Capitol Restoration Committee provides oversight of projects managed by the Statehouse architect.

Secretary Taylor provided an overview of the Office of the Repealer. He stated this provides a state-wide website for individuals to submit their suggestions, recommendations or concerns. To date that are no recommendations for repeal, but areas that could be dealt directly with the agency, he added. There are 51 laws that the Office of the Repealer is working on with the Office of the Revisors. It was noted that these bills could be packaged together.

Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor, stated that some bills will be single section reviews, amended sections and group topics by subject to meet the legislative deadline.

Kraig Knowlton, Office of Human Resources, Department of Administration, provided an overview of the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program. Employee requirement for participation was reviewed. And, two incentives for eligible employees were offered: state payment of employee contribution or a one-time lump sum payment.

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Kraig Knowlton responded to questions from committee members regarding the impact on staffing reductions and costs to the state. He stated that additional information regarding the annual savings in all funds and State General Funds will be provided. Performance measures by organization and job descriptions based on were reviewed.

It was noted that the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program was discussed with Kansas Public Retirees System.

A copy of the Cost Savings Analysis through the use of private printing services was distributed to committee members (Attachment 2).

Chairman Rhoades reviewed the agenda for the next committee meeting, which will include a hearing on **HB 2493**, which was introduced last Friday, it was noted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.