

Approved: March 20, 2012

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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marc Rhoades at 9:10 AM on Wednesday, March 14, Room 2012 in 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Kasha Kelley – excused

Clark Shultz - excused

Committee staff present:

J.G. Scott, Chief 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.

Chairman Rhoades called the meeting to order and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Chairman Rhoades made a motion to introduction legislation regarding a technical amendment to the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System. The motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. The motion carried.

Chairman Rhoades opened discussion on: **HB 2572 Adjutant general; funding for disasters; creating the disaster reimbursement fund; insurance fees and premium taxes; KUSF.**

Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided an overview of Representative Kleeb's balloon amendment.

Representative Kleeb discussed his motion on the bill from the March 7th committee meeting.

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Representative Kleeb made a substitute motion to remove the language in Sec. 6 of the bill regarding no disaster relief payment would be made to any municipality that does not have insurance. The motion was seconded by Representative Mast.

Representative Kleeb renewed the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion followed by committee members.

Major Lee Tapanilli, Adjutant General, responded to questions from committee members. He provided an explanation on the process for determining disaster claims and noted that the bill puts the funds in place prior to a disaster as opposed to after an occurrence.

Steve Harsha, State Public Assistance Office, Kansas Department of Emergency Management, provided information on the impact of volunteer credits when assisting with emergency assistance. He noted that a worksheet is formulated that contains volunteers information by name, project and volunteer hours to off-set the 15% cost share. The community of Chapman was referred to and the impact of volunteers during the recent disaster.

Representative Feuerborn made a motion to approve the bill favorable for passage as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. The motion carried.

Chairman Rhoades opened discussion on **HB 2691 – Biennial budget estimates for state agencies.**

Jill Wolter, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided an overview of the bill.

Discussion followed by committee members.

Representative Crum made a substitute motion for a sunset provision for FY 2015 for review. The motion was seconded by Representative Cassidy.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the timeframe for the sunset provision and budget reporting for agencies.

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J.G. Scott, Legislative Research Department, provided an overview on the procedure for biennial budgeting. The agency budget request for any changes would be reviewed by the committee and amendments can always be made to any existing budget, he noted. This bill would provide for supplemental budgets in FY 2013 and agency budget recommendation for FY 2014 and FY 2015.

Representative Crum renewed the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion continued by committee members regarding the impact of the bill.

J.G. Scott, Legislative Research Department, responded to questions from committee members regarding no limit funds, and noted that if additional federal dollars came in, agencies could spend the additional funds without adjustments to the budget.

Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, responded to questions from committee members. He reviewed the Governor's Budget recommendation procedure and amendments that would be needed in the statutes for the passage of this bill.

Discussion continued by committee members regarding the concerns and the need for additional information regarding the impact of the bill.

Representative Gatewood made a motion to table the bill until an interim study could be conducted and reviewed by the committee. The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. The motion carried.

Chairman Rhoades opened discussion on **HB 2746 - Court of appeals, delay 14th judge position to January 2014**

Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided an overview of the bill.

Representative Feuerborn made a substitute motion to consider the 14th judge every five years which would change the date from FY 2013 to FY 2018 in the bill. The motion was seconded by Representative Mast. The motion carried.

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Representative Feuerborn made a motion to approve the bill favorably for passage as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Mast. The motion carried.

Chairman Rhoades opened discussion on **HB 2745 Postsecondary educational institutions; reducing the exception percentage for qualified admissions; eliminating funding for remedial courses.**

Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided an overview of the bill and responded to questions from committee members. It was noted that there were no amendments to the bill. It was noted that currently students pay for remedial courses and currently there is \$3.5 million for funding received and student payments.

Representative Gordon made a motion to table the bill. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. The motion failed.

Discussion continued by committee members regarding enrollment data and graduation rates. The reduced percentage rate and the impact this bill would present for smaller universities was discussed. Student qualifications for success in higher levels of education was discussed and the importance of remedial courses.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding student scholarships.

Representative McLeland made a motion to approve the bill favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Brown.

Representative DeGraaf made a substitute motion to place a cap at 4% as oppose to 5% as indicated in the bill. The motion was seconded by Representative Brown. The motion failed.

Representative McLeland renewed the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Rhoades reviewed the agenda for the next committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:31 a.m.

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