

MINUTES OF HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Representative Mike Burgess, Chair, at 3:30 p.m. on February 10, 2011, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Rep. Rocky Fund – Excused
Rep. Steve Johnson – Excused
Rep. John Grange – Excused
Rep. Judith Loganbill – Excused

Committee staff present:

Julian Efird, Legislative Research
Iraida Orr, Legislative Research
Katherine McBride, Revisor of Statutes
Rena Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Linda Herrick, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

None

Others attending:

(see attached list)

Chair Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2140 - Repealing certain expired committees, task forces and requests for reports to the legislators**. He called upon Katherine McBride to give the Revisor's overview on the bill. Ms. McBride noted the first section pertains to the Kansas special commission on surface water quality standards, which has expired, in addition to other commissions and task forces that have expired. The Chair asked if anyone had questions. Ms. McBride added that this bill involved committees or task forces that were established to submit reports by a certain date, and all of those dates have passed.

Julian Efird explained how bills are generated. Normally, they come from legislators or constituents. In this case, the origin of the bill was the Special Committee on Legislative Streamlining. Representative Burgess indicated he had chaired that committee. At this time, no one has signed up to testify on the bill, he asked for any proponents, opponents, or neutrals that might like to address the committee. There were none. Chair Burgess added that often times, when a bill is established that will sunset, language is added for an expiration of the bill, but this did not happen for these particular cases. This is purely a cleanup bill and a recommendation of the Special Committee on Legislative Streamlining to do so.

Representative DeGraaf asked if there was actually a report that went to this committee or some other committee. Chair Burgess indicated the report went to the LCC. Chair Burgess indicated this would be a good topic for a presentation on this report after turnaround. Ms. McBride also explained that the amended statute provided that the stream designations and criteria will continue to be in full force and effect unless otherwise revised by rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary of Administration.

Chair Burgess noted a fiscal note has been furnished on the bill which indicates the passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the respective agency operations. The chair asked for any further discussion on the bill. There being none, the hearing was closed.

The Chair indicated that **HB 2157 - concerning the disclosure of tax information to the state treasurer for the purpose of locating unclaimed property owners**, was heard yesterday. Representative Ruiz made a motion in favor of passing the bill and it was seconded by Representative DeGraaf. The Chair asked for further discussion. There being none, the committee unanimously voted to approve the motion.

Chair Burgess distributed to the committee, for information only, a copy of "State Budget Reform Toolkit," published by the American Legislative Exchange Council. Three different people had called attention to this publication, and since this committee is working on similar issues, the Chair thought the publication would be helpful and of interest to the committee members.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2011. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.