

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Representative Mike Burgess, Chair, at 3:30 p.m., February 14, 2011 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Rocky Fund - Excused  
Representative Kay Wolf - Excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Luke Bell, Kansas Association of Realtors  
Lindsey Douglas, Kansas Department of Transportation  
Amy Garton, Frontier Military Scenic Byway  
Jim Huston, Highway Advisory Commission  
Gary Reser, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association  
Daniel Rothschild (via Skype), Mercatus Center  
Jerry Younger, Kansas Department of Transportation

Others attending:

(see attached list)

Chair Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2230 - Repealing K.S.A. 68-1038**, and called upon Katherine McBride to give a briefing. Ms. McBride reported that this bill abolishes the Frontier Military Scenic Byway. There were no questions, and Chair Burgess thanked Ms. McBride for the briefing. The Chair called upon the proponents of the bill to testify. Appearing were:

Amy Garton, Chair, Frontier Military Scenic Byway; and Marketing Manager, Overland Park Convention and Visitors Bureau (Attachment 1)  
Lindsey Douglas, Chief of Governmental Affairs, Kansas Department of Transportation (Attachment 2)

Amy Garton works for the Overland Park Convention and Visitors Bureau and also serves as the Chair of the Frontier Military Scenic Byway Committee. Repealing this bill would allow the Byway to be moved under the Kansas Byways Program and its enrichment and marketing efforts. The FMSB Committee feels this change would assist in the re-application process as a national byway designation and would change its name to Frontier Military Historic Byway. Lindsey Douglas, Chief of Governmental Affairs, Kansas Department of Transportation, also testified as a proponent to the bill. The Department of Transportation concurs with the Byway Committee and feels the route is better suited as an "historic" byway. With no other proponents, opponents, or neutrals, and no questions, the hearing on this bill was closed by the Chair.

Chair Burgess then opened the hearing on **HB 2175 - Abolishing the Highway Advisory Commission**. Katherine McBride provided the briefing. The first statute repealed by the bill, K.S.A. 75-5002, established the highway advisory commission, while the latter statute repealed by the bill, K.S.A. 75-5003, referred to the organization, meetings, minutes, cost, etc. of the commission. There were no questions and Chair Burgess thanked Ms. McBride for the briefing. The Chair called upon the proponents of the bill to testify. Appearing were:

Jan Huston, Chair, Highway Advisory Commission from Americus, Kansas (Attachment 3)  
Jerry Younger, Deputy Secretary for Engineering & State Transportation Engineer,  
Kansas Department of Transportation (Attachment 4)

With no other proponents, opponents, or neutrals, and no questions, the hearing on this bill was closed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Government Efficiency Committee at 3:30 p.m. on February 14, 2011, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

Chair Burgess then opened the hearing on **HB 2120 - Kansas government effectiveness and efficiency commission act**. Katherine McBride gave a briefing on the bill. This bill would establish the Kansas streamlining government commission, providing for an independent review of state agencies of the executive branch of state government.

The Chair called upon proponents of the bill to provide testimony. They were:

Daniel Rothschild (via Skype), Managing Director, State and Local Policy Project, Mercatus Center, George Mason University ([Attachment 5](#))

Written Testimony only:

Dave Trabert, President, Kansas Policy Institute ([Attachment 6](#))

Kent Eckles, Vice President, Government Affairs, Kansas Chamber of Commerce ([Attachment 7](#))

Derrick Sontag, Americans for Prosperity-Kansas ([Attachment 8](#))

Scott Douglas, Larned, Ks ([Attachment 9](#))

The Chair called upon opponents of the bill to provide testimony. Appearing was:

Gary Reser, Executive Vice President, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association ([Attachment 10](#))

Mr. Reser asked for amendments to the bill to exclude agencies that are exclusively fee funded and receive no State General Fund (SGF) monies. He agreed with the amendment being offered by the Kansas Association of Realtors as well.

The Chair called upon neutrals of the bill to provide testimony. Appearing was:

Luke Bell, Vice President, Governmental Affairs, Kansas Association of Realtors ([Attachment 11](#))

Mr. Bell asked for amendments to the bill to exclude the Kansas Association of Realtors and provided proposed amendments, including the definition of a fee funded state agency.

With no other proponents, opponents, or neutrals, and no questions, the hearing on this bill was closed.

Chair Burgess then opened discussion on **HB 2140 - Repealing certain expired committees, task forces and requests for reports to the legislators**. Representative DeGraaf made a motion for favorable passage of this bill, and it was seconded by Representative Ruiz. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2011.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.