

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Representative Mike Burgess, Chair, at 3:30 p.m., February 16, 2011 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Rocky Fund - Excused  
Representative John Grange - Excused  
Representative Kay Wolf - Excused

Committee staff present:

Julian Efirm, 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:

Jane Carter, Executive Director, Kansas Organization of State Employees  
Leonard Gilroy (via Skype), Reason Foundation, CA  
Ron Hein, Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association  
Representative Marvin Kleeb  
Jim Mullins, Americans for Prosperity-Kansas  
Bill Sneed, University of Kansas Hospital Authority  
Written Testimony Only:  
Dave Trabert, Kansas Policy Institute, Wichita, KS

Others attending:

(see attached list)

Chair Burgess opened the hearing on **HB 2194 - Creating the council on efficient government; requirements concerning state contractors**, and asked for proponents of the bill. Representative Kleeb was the first proponent giving testimony (Attachment 1) in order to get to another meeting. Rena Jefferies then provided a briefing on the bill.

Mr. Leonard Gilroy, Director of Government Reform, Reason Foundation, California, provided testimony (Attachment 2) via Skype. He referred to government efficiency in Florida, Virginia, and Louisiana. The Chair asked that Mr. Gilroy furnish this information for distribution to the Government Efficiency Committee. Mr. Ron Hein, Hein Law Firm, presented proponent testimony (Attachment 3) on behalf of the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association. Written proponent testimony was furnished by Dave Trabert, Kansas Policy Institute (Attachment 4). Mr. Jim Mullins, Americans for Prosperity-Kansas, suggested some clarifications to the bill, including using full cost accounting (Attachment 5).

Ms. Jane Carter, Kansas Organization of State Employees, provided verbal testimony opposing the bill, noting that privatization will jeopardize the jobs for state employees. Ms. Carter promised to furnish written testimony later (Attachment 6) and at that time, to also provide the committee "The Pew Center on the States Government Performance Project, Grading the States 2008 – Kansas."

Mr. Bill Sneed, representing the University of Kansas Hospital Authority, provided neutral testimony (Attachment 7) and requested the committee to add language to the bill to exempt the University of Kansas Hospital Authority due to the definition of state agency. Chair Burgess thanked all conferees for their testimony.

The hearing on **HB 2158 - State agencies: performance measures** was held yesterday. Chair Burgess asked Rena Jefferies to provide a briefing on the two amendments to the bill. After this, it was moved by Representative Ruiz for favorable passage of the bill with the two amendments. There was a second by Representative DeGraaf, and the committee voted unanimously for favorably passage as amended.

The Chair noted that as there seems to be some confusion between **HB 2120 - Kansas government effectiveness and efficiency commission act** and the bill being heard today, **HB 2194**, it may be that a new title will be needed to differentiate the bills, so action on both will be delayed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Government Efficiency Committee at 3:30 p.m. on February 16, 2011, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.