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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Sloan at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 in 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Michael Peterson

Committee staff present:

Mary Koles, Committee Assistant

Jay Hall, Legislative Research Department

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Earl Lewis, Kansas Water Office

Joseph A Heppert, University of Kansas

Jason Glasrud, Department of Commerce

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan welcomed Earl Lewis, Kansas Water Office, back to the committee.

Earl Lewis, Assistant Director, Kansas Water Office explained the estimated fiscal impact of the balloon for **HB 2096–Providing for a coordinated water data repository system; granting preservation easements; drinking water costs in water plan storage rates.** The balloon is primarily policy in nature and has no positive or negative fiscal impact. It was noted the original \$340,000 impact was removed from the original fiscal note because of Committee amendments (Attachment 1). Representatives Trent LeDoux and Vern Swanson asked questions.

Action on: HB 2096–Providing for a coordinated water data repository system; granting preservation easements; drinking water costs in water plan storage rates

Chairman Sloan opened **HB 2096**.

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Representative Barbara Bollier moved to allow discussion; Representative Don Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus of the Committee. There was no discussion.

Representative Randy Garber moved to pass **HB 2096** favorably out of Committee.
Representative Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Sloan welcomed and introduced Joseph Heppert, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Kansas, and Jason Glasrud, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Commerce Pat George. Dr. Heppert introduced Dr. Dan Andresen, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, Kansas State University, and Ken Stafford, Chief Information Officer, Wichita State University. All four individuals serve on the Vision 2020 High Performance Computing Committee.

Joseph Heppert, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Kansas, addressed the increasing use of high performance computing and Kansas' need to be competitive in the 21st Century. He stressed the importance of understanding the real need for high performance computing capabilities - what is in Kansas' best interest. A twelve month study will identify the State's assets and needs; surveys will be developed and an advisory committee will guide development of a high performance computing plan for Kansas. Policy recommendations will be made to Vision 2020 in January, 2013. The white paper, "Summary Report: Vision 2020 High Performance Computing Committee," developed in 2011 by the computing committee further explains Dr. Heppert's remarks ([Attachment 2](#)).

Jason Glasrud, Chief of Staff, Kansas Department of Commerce, described Commerce's role in evaluating the need for high performance computing (would Kansas companies use) and how Kansas' companies would use it. The first step is to draft the surveys that will serve as the basis for their research. The Information and Telecommunications Technology Center at KU will be an indispensable resource in the evaluation process ([Attachment 3](#)).

Questions were asked and comments made by Chairman Sloan and Representatives Ron Worley and Vern Swanson. Several discussions focused on the survey questions; the study committee will return to the Committee with the proposed questions before the end of this session.

Chairman Sloan thanked Dr. Heppert and Mr Glasrud for their presentations and responses to comments and questions.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.