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MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 10:33 a.m. on February 7, 2012, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Christopher Sevedge, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Jane Brueck, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Ann Mah
Diane Duffy, Kansas Board of Regents
Dr. Ed Burger, President, Hutchinson Community College

Conferees submitting written testimony:

Grace Lancaster, student
Linda Fund, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees
Andy Tompkins, CEO and President, Kansas board of Regents

Others attending:

See attached list.

Sen. Donovan called the meeting to order and introduced Representative Ann Mah who spoke in favor of **SB 296 – Concerning income taxation; relating to credits; qualified tuition and related expenses.** She pointed out these credits are targeted to mid-income Kansans wanting to add to their skills, enabling them to have better jobs, and income. (Attachment 1) Written testimony in favor of this bill was provided by Grace Lancaster, a student at Kansas University told the committee of the help this bill has provided her, and that it could also encourage her to stay in Kansas for a law degree and employment in Kansas. (Attachment 2), Linda Fund, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees wrote testimony pointing out in our grandparents' day the well-paying jobs went to people with a high school education. In the next decade, the jobs requiring post-secondary education will increase from 59% in 2008, to 63%. (Attachment 3) Andy Tompkins, CEO and President of the Kansas Board of Regents submitted written testimony telling the Committee that the Board is supportive of efforts like this bill, which will assist students and families with tuition and educational expenses. (Attachment 4)

Chairman Donovan closed the hearing on **SB 296** and opened the hearing on **SB 267 – Concerning taxation; relating to tax credits for certain contributions to community colleges, technical colleges and post-secondary educational institutions.** President Ed Berger, Hutchinson Community College spoke for the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees. He told the committee this bill would amend the existing program in two ways: extend the sunset from 2012 to 2015; and allow community colleges and technical colleges to pool the unused tax credits among themselves (just like universities

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currently do). (Attachment 5) Diane Duffy, Vice-President Finance and Administration for the Kansas Board of Regents also spoke to the committee about the tax credit program targeted to make infrastructure improvements to our public universities, community colleges and technical colleges and to request the support of the committee for SB 267. (Attachment 6) Seeing no others who wanted to provide testimony on this bill, Sen. Donovan closed this hearing.

He introduced Jonathan Williams, Director, Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force and Director, Center of State Fiscal Reform for American Legislative Exchange Council. He spoke to the committee about their principles of Taxation. He spoke specifically about the 0% tax rate and the migration of people to states that have “pro-growth tax measures. (Attachment 7)

Seeing no further business for the committee, Sen. Donovan closed the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.