

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 9:00 A.M. on March 13, 2008, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barbara Ballard - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department
Cody Gorges, Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Nobuko Folmsbee, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Chief of Staff
Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kathy Greenlee, Secretary, Department on Aging

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee Report on Department on Aging
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee Report on Kansas Development Finance Authority
- Attachment 3 Budget Committee Report on Department of Agriculture
- Attachment 4 Minority Report on Department of Agriculture, State Conservation Commission
- Attachment 5 Budget Committee Report on State Conservation Commission
- Attachment 6 Budget Committee Report on Kansas Water Office
- Attachment 7 Budget Committee Report on Department of Wildlife and Parks

Introduction of Legislation

Representative Feuerborn moved to introduce legislation concerning retirement and pensions relating to the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Department on Aging

Representative Henry, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department on Aging for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Henry, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department on Aging for FY 2009 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2009 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell.

Responding to a question from the Committee, Kathy Greenlee, Secretary, Department on Aging, noted that the Older Americans Act dictates that seniors age 60 and older are eligible to access senior services.

The Budget Committee noted that the funding requested in Item No. 5 is in addition to an

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enhancement to the agency's FY 2008 budget approved during the 2008 Legislative Session. With regard to a question concerning the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, Kathy Greenlee noted that the funding for this program is mainly received from U.S. Department of Agriculture grants. An enhancement of \$30,000 was received from the 2007 Legislature to help offset cost of the program. Ms. Greenlee noted that an enhancement for the program has not requested in the agency's FY 2009 budget.

Representative Bethell made a substitute motion to amend the Budget Committee report on the Department on Aging for FY 2009 by adding language for an addition of \$66,000 to be used for a study of the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) reimbursement rates in the State of Kansas and review at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Kelsey. Motion carried.

The Budget Committee noted that the State has one of the lowest PACE reimbursement rates in the nation.

Representative Henry made a motion to amend the Budget Committee report on Item No. 4 by adding language to allow for review of the agency's budget request on expanded attendant care services at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

The Budget Committee reported that in 1998, the State had 11,788 Kansans in nursing facilities within the State. The 2009 projected population of residents in nursing facilities in the State is 10,133 individuals. The Budget Committee felt this reduction shows the value of senior programs to provide services aimed at keeping older citizens in their homes, especially as there is growth in this segment of the state's population.

Representative Henry renewed the motion to adopt the Budget Committee report on the Department on Aging for FY 2009 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Kansas Development Finance Authority

Representative Yoder, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Development Finance Authority for FY 2009 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2009 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Responding to a question from the Committee, the Budget Committee noted that the agency's request for \$3 million would be deposited in the Housing Trust Fund and used to fund block grants for housing in disaster areas. The request would put additional funding to an existing program.

Department of Agriculture

Representative Powell, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Agriculture for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Carlin. Motion carried.

Representative Powell, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Agriculture for FY 2009 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2009 (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Yoder. Motion carried.

A minority report was presented to the Committee on the Department of Agriculture for FY 2009

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(Attachment 4).

Representative Gatewood made a substitute motion to adopt Item No. 1 of the minority report on the Department of Agriculture for FY 2009. The motion was seconded by Representative Carlin. Motion failed on a 8-11 vote.

State Conservation Commission

Representative Powell, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Agriculture for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 5). The motion was seconded by Representative McLeland. Motion carried.

A minority report on the State Conservation Commission for FY 2008 was presented to the Committee (Attachment 4).

Representative Carlin made a substitute motion to adopt the Item No. 1 of the minority report on the State Conservation Commission for FY 2008. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion failed on a 7-10 vote. Representative Carlin requested to be recorded as voting "yes".

Representative Powell, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Agriculture for FY 2009 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2009 (Attachment 5). The motion was seconded by Representative Masterson. Motion carried.

A minority report on the State Conservation Commission for FY 2009 was presented to the Committee (Attachment 4).

Representative Gatewood made a substitute motion to adopt Item No. 2 of the minority report on the State Conservation Commission for FY 2009. The motion was seconded by Representative Carlin. Motion failed on a 9-11 vote.

Kansas Water Office

Representative Powell, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Water Office for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 6). The motion was seconded by Representative Wolf. Motion carried.

Representative Powell, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Water Office for FY 2009 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2009 (Attachment 6). The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Department of Wildlife and Parks

Representative Gatewood, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Wildlife and Parks for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 7). The motion was seconded by Representative Watkins. Motion carried.

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Representative Gatewood, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Wildlife and Parks for FY 2009 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2009 (Attachment 7). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 8:00 a.m. on March 14, 2008.

Sharon Schwartz, Chair