

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lana Gordon at 3:30 P.M. on March 11, 2008 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Geraldine Flaharty- excused
Judy Morrison- excused
Robert Olson- excused
Annie Tietze- excused

Committee staff present:

Ryan Hoffman, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Matt Todd, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Peter Jasso, Kansas Film Commission Manager
Jeff Conway, Legislative Liaison, Department of Commerce
Carole Jordan, Director, Agriculture Marketing & Community Development Division
Kansas Department of Commerce

The Chair introduced Peter Jasso who gave a briefing on the Kansas Film Commission (Attachment 1).

Mr. Jasso said that the purpose of the Commission was to serve as a liaison between prospective film makers and the state of Kansas, as well as encourage and support the local film industry. He said that their staff had been downsized from 3 to 1 but they are in the midst of not only getting their website updated but trying to provide the best service possible.

In answer to what the annual budget for Film Commission was, Mr. Jasso said it was \$100,000.

Other questions and answers followed.

SB 489 - concerning economic development; regarding regional foundation funds.

Jason Long explained **SB 489** to the Committee saying it would enact certain provisions that would restrict what those contributions which go into regional foundation funds could be used for. He pointed out page 4, line 3 of new sub-section (e) adding to the law would basically be a statement that the funds in the regional business development funds are intended to be distributed to qualified entrepreneurs for the purposes of economic and leadership development in the region.

The allocation of the funds by each regional foundation was listed on page 4, in lines 9 through 15. Starting with sub-section (f), lines 16 - 25, (1) - (7), is listed which funds in the regional business development funds may be utilized by the regional foundation.

Jeff Conway addressed the Committee saying that his agency did hear the concerns about the expenditures and the direction of the regional foundation and they decided to take up the approach of tightening up the rules and regulations. He called attention to the copies of 110-13-4. Regional business development funds; eligible projects being distributed. (Attachment 2).

The hearing on **SB 489** was closed.

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Carole Jordan distributed a “visual” of the conceptual structure of a rural development mode. (Attachment 3.)

She also provided maps of the locations of regional foundations as well as the finance programs currently available to each region (Attachment 3-9) and of Kansas Enterprise Facilitation Communities. (Attachment 3-10).

Questions and answers followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2008.