

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Ryckman at 9:00 am on Monday, February 09, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Ron Highland – Excused
- Representative Gail Finney – Excused
- Representative Mark Kahrs – Excused
- Representative Mark Hutton – Excused
- Representative Gene Suellentrop – Excused
- Representative Marvin Kleebe – Excused
- Representative Pete DeGraaf – Excused

Committee staff present:

- Andy Chiamopoulos, Legislative Research Department
- J.G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
- Dylan Dear, Legislative Research Department
- Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of Revisor of Statutes
- Kathy Holscher, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
- Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
- Melinda Gaul, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Opening Remarks

Chairman Ryckman called the meeting to order and reviewed the committee meeting agenda. The committee will discuss procedures regarding motions at the next committee meeting.

Budget Committee Report on:

Representative Hoffman, Chair, Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board Budget Committee Report ([Attachment 1](#)). The Governor recommended a decrease of \$4,871 below the agency's request attributable to the reduced Kansas Public Employee Retirement System (KPERS) employer contribution rate. The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation with the adjustment to add language allowing the carry-over of unused dollars, and add language stating that no fee fund dollars can be spent on the Citizens' Regulatory Review Board activities.

Representative Hoffman made a motion to approve the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board Budget Report. Representative Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Hoffman, Chair, Agriculture and Natural Resources, presented the FY 2016 Utility

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Ratepayer Board Budget Committee Report ([See attachment 1](#)).

The Governor recommended a decrease of \$5,084 below the agency's request attributable to the reduced state employee health insurance employer contribution rate. The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation with the adjustment to add language that unused professional service dollars can be carried over, add language stating that no fee fund dollars can be spent on the Review Board's activities, and to delete \$9,078 from the fee fund for a 3.5 percent salary increase.

Representative Hoffman noted that the recommended pay increase for FY 2016 and FY 2017 was not included in the Governor's Budget Report for FY 2017, this correction has been made by the 3.5 percent salary adjustment.

Representative Hoffman made a motion to approve the FY 2016 Utility Ratepayer Board Budget Report. Representative Carlin seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the clarification of the salary increase, composition of the board and the role of the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Representative Hoffman renewed the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Hoffman, Chair, Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the FY 2017 Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board Budget Report ([See attachment 1](#)). The Governor recommended a decrease of \$5,251 below the agency's request attributable to the decrease in the employer contribution for state employee health insurance. The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation with the adjustments to add language allowing for carry-over of unused professional services dollars and stating that no fee fund dollars can be used for Citizens' Regulatory Review Board activities, and to add \$27,290 for the fee fund for the 6 percent salary increase for 6 FTE positions above the FY 2015 base salary amount.

Representative Hoffman made a motion to approve the FY 2015 Citizen's Utility Ratepayer Board Budget Report. Representative Carlin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget Committee Report on:

Representative Claeys, Chair, Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the FY 2015 Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (CPOST) Budget Committee Report ([Attachment 2](#)). The Governor recommended an all funds decrease of \$2,372 below the agency's revised budget attributable to the reduced employer contributions to KPERS. The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation.

Representative Claeys made a motion to approve the FY 2015 CPOST Budget Report. Representative Proehl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Representative Claeys, Chair, Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the FY 2016 CPOST Budget Committee Report (See attachment 2). The governor recommended an all funds decrease of \$2,946 below the agency's request attributable to a reduced employer contribution for health insurance. The budget committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation.

Representative Claeys made a motion to approve the FY 2016 CPOST Budget Report. Representative Proehl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Claeys, Chair, Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the FY 2017 CPOST Budget Committee Report (See attachment 2). The Governor recommended an all funds decrease of \$2757 below the agency's request attributable to reduced employer contributions for health insurance. The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation.

Representative Claeys made a motion to approve the FY 2017 CPOST Budget Report. Representative Proehl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hearing on: HB2135 — Claims against the state.

Chairman Ryckman opened the hearing on **HB 2135**. It was noted that there were no conferees scheduled to testify on the bill.

Justin Carroll, Kansas Legislative Research Department, provided an overview of the bill (Attachment 3). A review of the claims heard by the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State, which is chaired by Representative Todd, followed. The total payment of the claims is \$43,961. It was noted that \$2,682.21 would be paid from existing SGF funds and the remaining balance would be paid for from the Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Refund Fund in the Department of Revenue. A majority of the claims filed were from the Department of Corrections, and a summary of all claims followed.

Representative Todd and Justin Carroll responded to questions from committee members. Claim payments would not affect the State General Fund and the claims would be paid from the Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Refund Funds. With the exception of the Department of Corrections, the claims would be paid from existing resources and are based on a depreciated value of property losses incurred, it was noted.

Chairman Ryckman, closed the hearing on **HB 2135**.

Meeting adjourned: 9:42 a.m.