

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 10:30 am on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
J G Scott, Legislative Research
Bobbi Mariani, Legislative Research
Justin Carroll, Legislative Research
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research
Dylan dear, Legislative Research
Ben Wilhelm, Legislative Research
Mark Dapp, Legislative Research
Mark Savoy, Legislative Research
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research
Mark Skoglund, Legislative Research
Dezeree Hodish, Legislative Research
Jennifer Ouellete, Legislative Research
David Fye, Legislative Research
Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research
Debbie Luper, Chief of Staff
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Shannon Cotsoradis, President and CEO, Kansas Action for Children

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

On a point of personal privilege:

Senator Francisco introduced her Page, Haylee Bell Rose, from South Middle School in Lawrence, Kansas.

Senator Kerschen introduced his Shadow, Addison Dewey, from Cheney, Kansas.

Bill Introductions:

Senator Masterson made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning charter schools. The motion was seconded by Senator Denning and the motion passed on a voice vote.

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Hearing on: SB236 — Making appropriations for FY 16 and FY 17 for the judicial branch.

Chairperson Masterson opened the hearing on **SB236**.

Senator Jeff King explained **SB236** and outlined five items he requested to be added to the bill. He identified five additions to the Judicial Branch budget he would like Ways and Means to consider. He said all of the items are related to the funding for the Judicial Branch. He said four bills passed through the Judiciary Committee and he would like Senate Ways and Means to consider them in the Judicial Branch Budget. These bills are **SB15**, **SB44**, **SB51** and **SB140**, and they were amended in the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Kelly Inquired about the \$600,000 summary judgment amount to which Senator King referred and how much it differed from the projections last year. Senator King said \$600,000 would be an additional amount if summary judgment was suspended for dispositive motions. The projected amount was approximately \$2.5 to \$3 million and the actual collected amount was one-half million.

Senator Arpke asked if the electronic filing covered all court systems in Kansas. Senator King responded that it covered district courts, magistrate judges, Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. He said his understanding was that it did not cover municipal courts.

Dylan Dear, Managing Fiscal Analyst, explained **SB235** which is the Judicial Branch budget, and outlined the changes made to the Governor's recommendation. He asked the committee to keep in mind that the Judicial Branch budget will look different from most of the other agencies' budgets ([Attachment 1](#)).

There were no Proponents, Opponents or Neutral parties to appear before the committee.

After all questions were answered, the Chairperson closed the hearing on **SB236**.

Hearing on: HB2135 — Claims against the state.

The Chairperson opened the hearing on **HB2135**. Justin Carroll, Fiscal Analyst, explained this bill which is the claims against the state. He said the majority of the claims come from the Department of Corrections ([Attachment 2](#)).

There were no Proponents, Opponents or Neutral parties to appear before the committee.

The Chairperson closed the hearing on **HB2135**.

Hearing on: SB235 — Capital improvement projects for various state agencies

The Chairperson opened the hearing on **SB235**.

Senator Masterson explained the yellow sheet which is a breakdown of the State capital improvements

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[\(Attachment 3\).](#)

There were no Proponents, Opponents or Neutral parties to appear before the committee.

Since there were no questions, the Chairperson closed the hearing on **SB235**.

Hearing on: SB237 — Appropriations for FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, FY 2018 and FY 2019 for various state agencies.

Chairperson Masterson opened the hearing on **SB237**.

OPPONENT:

Shannon Cotsoradis, President and CEO, Kansas Action for Children, spoke in opposition to the bill because it includes sweeping \$17.3 million from the Endowment for Youth into SGF. [\(Attachment 4\).](#)

PROPONENT:

No proponents spoke before the committee.

NEUTRAL:

No neutral parties spoke before the committee.

Bobbi Mariani, Managing Fiscal Analyst, explained that one the Governor's Recommendations is to increase transfers from 10% to 20% for selected special revenue funds. Ms Mariani informed the committee that there has not been a bill introduced to enact the statutory change that would increase the sweep percentage. She said the Legislature would have to do this by enactment of legislation [\(Attachment 5\).](#)

Amy Deckard, Assistant Director for Information Management, explained the Children's Initiatives Fund [\(Attachment 6\).](#)

Mark Skoglund, Fiscal Analyst, explained the State Water Fund [\(Attachment 7\).](#)

Bobbi Mariani, Managing Fiscal Analyst, explained the Economic Development Initiatives Fund. She explained to the committee, according to the Governor's recommendation, there would be a negative balance for FY2017 [\(Attachment 8\).](#)

Dezeree Hodish, Fiscal Analyst, explained the Expanded Lottery Act Revenues Fund Table for FY2014 - FY2017 [\(Attachment 9\).](#)

Shirley Morrow, Principal Fiscal Analyst, explained the Educational Building Fund, the State Institutions Building Fund, and the Correctional Institutions Building Fund [\(Attachment 3\).](#)

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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J G Scott, Assistant Director for Fiscal Affairs, explained the Senate 2015 Appropriations Bill: 2015 Appropriations Bill Adjustments which reflected Senate Committee Adjustments for FY2014, FY2015, FY2016, FY2017, and FY2018. He told the committee the handout contained all of the information in the mega bill ([Attachment 10](#)). Mr Scott distributed a spreadsheet that showed a Comparison of the FY2015 - FY2017 Recommended Expenditures as of Tuesday March 17, 2015 ([Attachment 11](#)).

Senator Denning made a motion to move all of the contents of the Judiciary Budget Bill **SB236** into **HB2005** which was empty because those contents were previously moved into another bill. Senator Arpke seconded the motion and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Senator Denning made a motion to move the contents of **SB235** into and with the contents of **HB2135**. Senator Powell seconded the motion and the motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Denning made a motion to delete all references to K-12 from **SB237** and put the remaining contents into **HB2135**. Senator Powell seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote. K-12 expenditures had been previously included in the Block Grant Bill.

Final action on: SB2009 - Authorizing the division of post audit to background check contractors and other workers.

Senator Denning made a motion to pass **HB2009**. The motion was seconded by Senator Arpke and the bill was passed on a voice vote.

The next Ways and Means Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 10:30 am, in Room 548-S at the Capitol.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.