

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 10:30 am on Wednesday, February 03, 2016, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Scott Abbott, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
J.G.Scott, Legislative Research Department  
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research Department  
Dezeree Hodish, Legislative Research Department  
Justin Carroll, Legislative Research Department  
Dylan Dear, Legislative Research Department  
Bobbi Mariani, Legislative Research Department  
Mark Dapp, Legislative Research Department  
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department  
David Fye, Legislative Research Department  
Steven Wu, Legislative Research Department  
Mark Skoglund, Legislative Research Department  
Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research Department  
Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department  
Mark Savoy, Legislative Research Department  
Jennifer Ouellete, Legislative Research Department  
Debbie Luper, Chief of staff  
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Nancy Keel, Director, Parents as Teachers Association of Kansas  
Bryan Brady, CEO, First Care Clinic of Hays, Kansas Assoc. for the Medically Underserved  
Tyler Nottberg, Chairman, Business Alliance for Childhood Education and Engineering  
Hale Ritchie, Board Member, Rainbows United Inc  
Shannon Cotsoradis, CEO & President, Kansas Action for Children  
LeEtta Felter, Kansas Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund Member  
Bob Totten, Executive Vice President, Kansas Contractors Association  
Mike Johnston, CEO, Economic Lifeline  
Wendy Webb, Coordinator, Parents as Teachers, Blue Valley School District  
Tom Laing, Executive Director, Interhab  
Pat Scalia, Director, State Board of Indigents Defense Services  
Kirk Thompson, Director, Kansas Bureau of Investigation

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Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Bill Introductions**

*Senator Arpke made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning public health and transportation arrangements prior to a funeral. The motion was seconded by Senator Fitzgerald and the motion carried on a voice vote.*

*Senator Kelly made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning the disposition of real property by the State Board of Regents on behalf of Kansas State University. Senator Powell seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote.*

### **Hearing continuation on: SB389 — Appropriation revisions for FY 2017 and FY 2018 for various state agencies.**

Chairperson Masterson called the meeting to order and proceeded with continuation of the hearing on **SB389**. He announced that the hearing was continued to allow for public testimony and comments.

### **Proponents:**

No proponents came before the committee.

### **Opponents:**

Nancy Keel, Director, Parents as Teachers Association of Kansas opposed moving the Children's Initiative Fund to TANF funding ([Attachment 1](#)).

Senator Denning asked if there is a waiting list for Parents as Teachers. Ms. Keel said there is a waiting list of approximately 1,500 which varies slightly up or down. Senator Denning pointed out that means testing might allow families on the waiting list to receive services.

Senator Arpke asked schools were in the Parents as Teachers program and Ms. Keel said there are 66 programs and approximately 80 school districts.

Bryan Brady, CEO, First Care Clinic of Hays, Kansas Assoc. for the Medically Underserved (KAMU), opposed the Governor's recommendations in the primary care funding for FY2017 ([Attachment 2](#)).

Tyler Nottberg, Chairman, Business Alliance for Childhood Education and Engineering opposes the changes to the funding structure of the KEY and CIF funds ([Attachment 3](#)).

Hale Ritchie, Board Member, Rainbows United Inc., opposes moving the tiny-K infant and toddler services from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to the Kansas Department of Education, and he supports maintaining the funding from the Children's Initiative Fund (CIF)

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[\(Attachment 4\).](#)

Shannon Cotsoradis, CEO & President, Kansas Action for Children, opposed changing the structure of the KEY and CIF funds [\(Attachment 5\).](#)

LeEtta Felter, Kansas Childrens Cabinet & Trust Fund Member, opposes changing the structure of the KEY and CIF funding [\(Attachment 6\).](#)

Senator Francisco asked Ms. Felter, as a cabinet and trust fund member, if she was contacted concerning the elimination of the Children's Initiative Fund, the Kansas Endowment for Youth and moving the existing programs under the Department of Education. Ms. Felter said she was not in any discussion concerning these changes.

Wendy Webb, Coordinator, Parents as Teachers, Blue Valley School District opposes changing the CIF budget for the Parents As Teachers program [\(Attachment 7\).](#)

Senator Kelly asked how much money school districts save through the tiny-K program and Ms. Webb stated approximately 25 percent.

Bob Totten, Executive Vice President, Kansas Contractors Association opposes transferring \$25 million additional money from the Kansas Department of Transportation T-Works program. He contended the loss of funds and less maintenance is causing deterioration of pavement in some areas of the State [\(Attachment 8\).](#)

Senator Melcher stated this was a gross misrepresentation because other states would love to have Kansas' roads; he pointed out the overabundance of orange construction barrels that are throughout the state, and particularly in Johnson and Sedgwick Counties.

Mike Johnston, CEO, Economic Lifeline, opposes transferring \$25 million from the Kansas Department of Transportation [\(Attachment 9\).](#)

Tom Laing, Executive Director, Interhab, opposes moving tiny-K program from KDHE to the Department of Education [\(Attachment 10\).](#)

Pat Scalia, Director, State Board of Indigents' Defense Services requested supplemental funding of \$548,000 for defense of capital death cases for the next level of their defense [\(Attachment 11\).](#)

### **Neutral:**

Kirk Thompson, Director, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, addressed the committee concerning his struggle with recruiting and retaining special agents, crime analysts, and forensic scientists [\(Attachment 12\).](#)

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### **Neutral - Written:**

Mark Tallman, Assistant Executive Director, Kansas Association of School Boards ([Attachment 13](#)).

### **Opponent - Written:**

Kyle Kessler, Executive Director, Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas ([Attachment 14](#)).

Linda Kizzire, County Treasurer, Sedgwick County ([Attachment 15](#)).

Linda Coon, President Kansas County Treasurers Association ([Attachment 16](#)).

Doug Wareham, Exec. Vice President, Government Relations, Kansas Bankers Association ([Attachment 17](#)).

Leadell Ediger, Executive Director, Child Care Aware of Kansas ([Attachment 18](#)).

Kelly Carnago & Brent Stewart, United Way of Greater Kansas City ([Attachment 19](#)).

Gayla Shields, County Treasurer, Miami County ([Attachment 20](#)).

John J. Sherman, Board Chair, The Civic Council of Greater Kansas City ([Attachment 21](#)).

Scott Hall, Vice President, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce ([Attachment 22](#)).

Phillip Davis, CEO, Flint Hills Community Health Center ([Attachment 23](#)).

Lance Lewis, Clinic Administrator, The Guidance Center, Jefferson County ([Attachment 24](#)).

Denise Cyzman, Executive Director, Kansas Assoc for the Medically Underserved ([Attachment 25](#)).

Pam Popp, Clinic Manager, Hoxie Medical Clinic ([Attachment 26](#)).

Janet Burton Executive Director, Turner House Children's Clinic ([Attachment 27](#)).

Dr Lorene L. Stephan, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner ([Attachment 28](#)).

Erin Brower, Government Affairs Manager, Hallmark Cards, Inc., Kansas City ([Attachment 29](#)).

After a question and answer period following the presentations, the Chairperson closed the hearing on **SB389**.

### **Possible action on bills previously heard**

No action was taken on bills previously heard.

The next Ways and Means Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 548-S at the Capitol.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.