

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:30 a.m on February 13, 2003, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Nicoletta Buonasera, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jack Rickerson, Director, Division of Personnel Services

Others attending: See attached list

Bill Introduction

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to introduce a bill concerning housing; relating to the Kansas Development Finance Authority; authorizing the issuance of mortgage revenue bonds. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2003 and FY 2004 were distributed to the committee.

Subcommittee reports on:

Department of Administration (including Public Broadcasting) (Attachment 1)

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with an adjustment for FY 2003.

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Subcommittee Chairman Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with adjustment and observations for FY 2004.

Subcommittee Chairman Adkins suggested and the Committee came to an agreement to revise wording in the subcommittee budget report for the Department of Administration to revise on page 4, Item 2, part c, of FY 2004 that public television and radio are the only source and revise the sentence to indicate that there are other media outlets but that public television and radio are a valued source of information.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Department of Administration (including Public Broadcasting) for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Governmental Ethics Commission (Attachment 2)

Subcommittee Chairman Salmans reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with comments for FY 2003.

Subcommittee Chairman Salmans reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with exceptions comments for FY 2004.

Chairman Morris mentioned that there is a FY 2005 subcommittee report because the Governmental Ethics Commission is a biennial agency.

Subcommittee Chairman Salmans reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with notations for FY 2005.

Senator Salmans moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Governmental Ethics Commission for the FY 2003, FY 2004 and FY 2005 budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas Human Rights Commission (Attachment 3)

Subcommittee Chairman Salmans reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor for FY 2003.

Subcommittee Chairman Salmans reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with notation for FY 2004.

Senator Salmans moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Human Rights Commission for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas Corporation Commission (Attachment 4)

Subcommittee Chairman Salmans reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor for FY 2003.

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Subcommittee Chairman Salmans reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor for FY 2004.

Senator Salmans moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Corporation Commission for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (Attachment 5)

Subcommittee Chairman Salmans reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor for FY 2003.

Subcommittee Chairman Salmans reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendation of the Governor with notation for FY 2004.

Senator Salmans moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board for the FY 2003 and FY 2004 budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris welcomed Jack Rickerson, Director, Division of Personnel Services, who presented an overview of pending layoffs and furloughs (Attachment 6). Mr. Rickerson explained that layoffs have been processed for 10 agencies affecting 71 employees and they have received notice of proposed layoff actions for two more agencies that may affect up to 125 more employees. He mentioned that the Division has received and reviewed furlough plans for three agencies: Department on Aging, Department of Corrections and Department of Administration. Mr. Rickerson presented information regarding changes in the Division of Personnel Services (Attachment 7). Committee questions and discussion followed. Senator Kerr suggested a committee meeting in the future to discuss priorities to accomplish what needs to be done due to budget constraints and services that are really needed by the State.

Chairman Morris called the committee's attention to discussion of:

SB 43--Wildlife and Parks: Service fees

Copies of a letter were distributed from the Kansas Department Wildlife and Parks regarding the conflicting fiscal note for **SB 43** by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Division of the Budget (Attachment 8).

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Bunten, to recommend **SB 43** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Copies of the Policy Options Discussion Guide by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services were distributed from Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation in response to a request by the committee (Attachment 9).

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2003.