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Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Al Lane at 9:10 a.m. on January 27, 2000 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Mike O'Neal - excused
Rep. Rick Rehorn - excused
Rep. John Toplikar - excused

Committee staff present: Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes
Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Bev Adams, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Roger Aeschliman, Deputy Secretary, KDHR
T. C. Anderson, Kansas Society of CPA's
Heather Whitley, KDHR

Others attending: See attached list

Introduction of Bills

Roger Aeschliman, Deputy Secretary of the Kansas Department of Human Resources (KDHR), presented to the committee several proposals for amendments to statutes that KDHR needs to clarify, clean up, or amend statutes concerning their department: 1) would move ten administrative law judges who work for SRS from the Department of Administration (DOA) to KDHR, 2) would move the administration of mine maps from KDHR to the Kansas Geological Survey, 3) would allow KDHR to make a remedy in Public Employees Relations Board cases and the Professional Negotiations Act cases and has other minor technical changes, 4) would amend the Kansas Boiler Inspection laws, and 5) would amend state law to allow the DOA to require direct deposit of state employee paychecks at no expense to the employee. (See Attachment 1)

Rep. Humerickhouse made a motion to introduce the five proposals as committee bills. It was seconded by Rep. Grant and the motion passed.

T. C. Anderson, Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, asked the committee to introduce a bill that would bring Kansas closer to the Uniform Accountancy Act.

Rep. Humerickhouse made a motion to introduce the bill as a committee bill. It was seconded by Rep. Swenson. The motion carried.

Discussion of Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) Implementation

Roger Aeschliman introduced Heather Whitley, Director of Division of Employment and Training, KDHR.

Ms. Whitley brought the committee up to date on the progress of workforce development in Kansas since the legislature met last year. The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 calls for full implementation of "One-Stops" across the state by July 1, 2000. The seven "One-Stops" are in different phases of planning and completion at this time. She furnished the committee with a checklist of milestones of the Kansas Workforce Investment Partnership and the Workforce Investment Act. Employment and training are important to Kansans as it is estimated that there are 100,000 unfilled jobs and 50,000 unemployed people in our state. (See Attachment 2) She concluded her presentation by answering questions from the committee.

Chairman Lane adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m. No meetings are scheduled for next week at this time.

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