

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 11:45 a.m. on March 31, 2004, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were 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
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Van House, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Nick Jordan
Brenda Sharp, President, Sunflower House, Shawnee, Kansas
Candy Shively, Deputy Secretary, Integrated Services Delivery, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (written)
Keith Meyers, Director, Divisions of Facilities, Printing and Purchases, Kansas Department of Administration
Sherry Diel, Executive Director, Kansas Real Estate Commission (written)
Ken Grotewiel, Assistant Director, Kansas Water Office
Jamie Corkhill, Policy Counsel for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) Child Enforcement, on behalf of Candy Shively, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Dr. Lorne Phillips, State Registrar and Director, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Senator Helgerson moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to approve the minutes of the February 11, February 12, February 13, February 16, February 17, February 19, February 20, February 23, February 24, February 25, February 26, March 2, 2004, meetings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2568—Assessment fee imposed on certain criminal defendants for crimes against children, establishing the children's advocacy center fund

HB 2569—Children's advocacy centers, prescribing standards and training

Staff briefed the committee on the bills.

The Chairman welcomed the following conferees on the bills:

Senator Jordan explained that he was the vice chairman of the Joint Committee on Children's Issues and these two bills came out of this committee. It provides a team effort in the community for the best interest of the child. (No written testimony was provided.)

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Brenda Sharp, President, Sunflower House, Shawnee, Kansas, testified in support of **HB 2568** and **HB 2569** (Attachment 1). Ms. Sharp presented three descriptions of what a Children's Advocacy Center is:

- Child-focused, community-oriented, facility-based program
- Forum or "home" for representatives from many disciplines to meet, discuss and make decisions about investigation, treatment and prosecution of child abuse cases
- Joint effort to prevent further victimization of children.

She also explained, in detail, several reasons for supporting **HB 2568** and **HB 2569**. Ms. Sharp distributed copies of the membership roster for the Kansas Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers (Attachment 2).

Written testimony was submitted by Candy Shively, Deputy Secretary, Integrated Service Delivery, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in support of **HB 2569** (Attachment 3).

There being no further conferees to appear before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2568** and **HB 2569**.

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Helgerson, to recommend **HB 2568** and **HB 2569** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 562--State agencies; purchase of insurance for automobiles

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

The Chairman welcomed D. Keith Meyers, Director, Divisions of Facilities, Printing and Purchases, Kansas Department of Administration, who spoke in support of the bill (Attachment 4). Mr. Meyers explained that **SB 562** would require state agencies to purchase collision and comprehensive insurance for their agency owned vehicles.

Written testimony was submitted by Sherry C. Diel, Executive Director, Kansas Real Estate Commission (Attachment 5).

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 562**.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to amend **SB 562** to make the provisions of the bill permissive for comprehensive coverage and recommend **SB 562** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2705--State water plan fund, transfers from the state general fund

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

The Chairman welcomed Ken Grotewiel, Assistant Director, Kansas Water Office, who testified in support of **HB 2705** (Attachment 6). Mr. Grotewiel explained that the bill is a technical cleanup to make it part of the original statute.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Helgerson, to amend **HB 2705** to include the provisions of **HB 2919** and **SB 463**, as amended by the Senate. Motion carried on a voice vote.

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Senator Helgerson moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to recommend **HB 2705** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

HB 2571--Authorizing SRS child support enforcement employees to obtain birth certificate copies for certain children born out of wedlock

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Jamie Corkhill, Policy Counsel for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Child Support Enforcement, who presented testimony on behalf of Candy Shively, Deputy Secretary, Integrated Service Delivery, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, in support of **HB 2571** (Attachment 7). Ms. Corkhill explained that SRS proposed the legislation to provide SRS staff and federal auditors access to information about children born out of wedlock. Such information is needed to perform their work. She mentioned that the benefits of the bill would be substantial and the cost to the state minimum.

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Lorne Phillips, State Registrar and Director, Center for Health & Environmental Statistics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, who testified in support of **HB 2571** (Attachment 8). Dr. Phillips explained that **HB 2571** amends the Uniform Vital Statistics Act to allow Child Support Enforcement staff to obtain birth certificate information to improve their program management.

There being no further conferees to appear before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2571**.

Senator Helgerson moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to recommend **HB 2571** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2004.