

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 10:40 a.m. on March 16, 2004, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator David Adkins- excused

Committee staff present:  
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
None

Others attending:  
See Attached List.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2004 and FY 2005 were available to the committee.

### **Subcommittee budget report on:**

#### **Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) Issues (Attachment 1)**

Subcommittee Chairman Kerr reported the recommendations by the subcommittee on the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) Issues in FY 2004 and FY 2005.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) Issues in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to insert the contents of the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) Issues into **SB 381**. Motion carried on a voice vote.

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

#### **SB 381--Naming of beneficiaries by members of KPERS**

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to recommend **SB 381** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

#### **SB 557--Authorizing transfers between certain funds of the attorney general**

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

There being no conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 557**.

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to recommend **SB 557** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

**SB 560--Interstate water litigation fund expenditures for appointment of a river master and related expenses**

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

The Chairman recognized Eric Rucker, Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General, and he responded to questions from the Committee. Mr. Rucker explained that it is anticipated that the State will go back into litigation in late October or early 2005 regarding the Colorado River and it is also anticipated that the Court at that time may mandate a river master. (No written information was provided.)

There being no further conferees to appear before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 560**.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to recommend **SB 560** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2004.