

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 A.M. on February 9, 2006 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Lee Tafanelli- excused
Representative Kevin Yoder- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Assistant
Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Doug Bowman, Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services
Dr. Rodenberg, Department of Health and Environment

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee reports on Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)-Health and Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)-Environment
- Attachment 2 Proviso amending FY 2007 report on KDHE-Environment
- Attachment 3 Overview of Governor's budget

Chairman Neufeld appointed the following members to a State Pay Plan Sub Committee to review possible step adjustments to the State Pay Plan:

Representative Neufeld, Representative Schwartz, Representative Feuerborn, Representative Lane and Representative McCreary.

HB 2862 was referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee.

HB 2861 was referred to Social Services Budget Committee.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the budget committee report on the Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)-Health for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

With reference to the increase in rent on the KDHE Laboratories facility at Forbes Field, the Budget Committee stated that there has been no explanation for the increase and that they have requested additional information from the agency.

Representative Landwehr, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the budget committee report on the Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)-Health for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell.

With reference to Item No. 8, Domestic Violence Grants, the Budget Committee notes that the item should have been included in the Governor's Office budget. Therefore, the Budget Committee suggests that the issue be discussed by the full Committee when the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee presents their recommendations on the Governor's Office budget.

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With reference to Item No. 11, Cerebral Palsy Posture Seating, the Budget Committee noted that this is an Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) issue and will be considered during budget deliberations for SRS.

With reference to Item No. 12 and Item No. 13, legislation is being drafted at this time.

The Chair recognized Doug Bowman, Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services, who responded to a Committee question with reference to Item No. 10, noting that there are 36 local networks who provide services for the Tiny-K program. The funds they receive from KDHE are a combination of funding from the State General Fund (SGF), tobacco money and federal money. Because this funding is not sufficient, these entities secure funding from other sources. Approximately one-third of these entities receive the majority of this extra funding from the local school district and the Special Education Cooperative.

- The Committee requested a list of schools who are providing extra funding to the Tiny-K program.

Chairman Neufeld recognized Dr. Rosenberg, KDHE, who responded to questions concerning Item No. 5 regarding the Office of Oral Health and the recruitment of a state dental director. Dr. Rodenberg stated that the position is difficult to fill because of the qualifications and salary; however, he felt the position is important and is continuing to seek applicants.

Representative Landwehr moved to amend the FY 2007 Budget Committee report on KDHE-Health by requesting that KDHE review and report back to the Committee on the possibility of making the state dental director a shared position, partnering with Medicaid, to enhance the available funding by securing additional federal Medicaid funds. The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff moved to amend the Budget Committee report by requesting that the Budget Committee review the Patient Navigator System prior to Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Henry. Motion carried.

Representative Landwehr moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee's recommendation on KDHE-Health for FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the budget committee report on the Department of Health and Environment-Environment for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

The Committee voiced concern with the escalating cost of rent on some state facilities. Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department, responded that one problem with the Forbes Field location is that there is concern with structural problems at this aging facility. The Committee felt that the rent issue should have further review.

Representative Schwartz, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the budget committee report on the Department of Health and Environment-Environment for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell.

Representative Schwartz moved to amend the Budget Committee report on KDHS-Environment for FY 2007 by amending Item No. 7 to include additional language with a proviso concerning waste tire management (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation on KDHE-Environment for FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative

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Williams. Motion carried.

J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department, presented an overview of the Governor's budget (Attachment 4).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 10, 2006.

Melvin Neufeld, Chair