

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 A.M. on February 10, 2006 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Lee Tafanelli- excused
Representative Shari Weber- excused
Representative Barbara Ballard- excused
Representative Bonnie Sharp- 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
Michele Alishahi, Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, 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:

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee Report on Department of Revenue
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee Report on State Library, Kansas Arts Commission, School for the Blind, School for the Deaf and State Historical Society
- Attachment 3 Response to Committee questions, Doug Bowman, Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Development Services

The following bills were referred:

SB 275 to General Government and Commerce Budget Committee.

HB 2847 to Social Services Budget Committee.

Representative McCreary, Chair of the Revenue, Judicial, Transportation and Retirement Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Revenue for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Representative McCreary, Chair of the Revenue, Judicial, Transportation and Retirement Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Revenue for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Representative McCreary stated that language in Item No. 3 relating to vehicle purchases which reads "replace two high mileage vehicles", should read "replace ten high mileage vehicles".

The Committee requested that the Revenue, Judicial, Transportation and Retirement Budget Committee have discussion in their meetings on the "change in the definition of residency".

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the State Library for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 2). The

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motion was seconded by Representative McLeland. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the State Library for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative McLeland. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins noted that not all members of the Education Budget Committee signed the Budget Committee report because of issues with the School for the Blind budget recommendation. Responding to a question from the Committee, Representative Hutchins indicated that the Tutor.com program is a subscription program, provided through the State Library budget, to provide assistance and tutoring to those in need of extra help with homework or have questions. It is offered to all residents of Kansas who have a library card.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas Arts Commission for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Huy. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas Arts Commission for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative McLeland. Division requested. Motion carried on a 10-4 vote.

With regard to Item No. 3 and the transfer of funds, some members of the Budget Committee stated that they did not sign the Budget Committee report because they objected to the movement of money from one entity to another.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the School for the Blind for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Huy. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the School for the Blind for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Huy. Motion carried.

The Committee expressed concern with the deletion of the vehicle purchase in Item No. 3. It was noted that this request is to replace a 1990 wheelchair accessible mini-van with over 108,000 miles which the School for the Blind staff state is not mechanically safe to drive. The mini-van is used to transport special-needs children.

Representative Feuerborn moved to amend the Budget Committee report by deleting Item No. 3 with regard to the mini-van vehicle, from the Budget Committee report. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. With permission from the second, the motion was withdrawn.

It was stated by the Chairman that it is his intent to remove all vehicle purchases from the individual budget reports and address all vehicles purchases as a global issue before Omnibus.

Representative Feuerborn moved to reconsider action on the Budget Committee recommendation for the School of the Blind for FY 2006. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn moved to amend the Budget Committee report for the School of the Blind for FY 2006 by adding funding of \$32,800 to replace a wheel-chair accessible minivan. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

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Representative Feuerborn moved to approve the Budget Committee report on the School of the Blind for FY 2006 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Sawyer. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the School for the Deaf for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Huy. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the School for the Deaf for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative McLeland.

Responding to questions from the Committee with reference to Item No. 4, Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department, explained that the Humanities Council is not a state agency and receives pass-thru funding from the State Historical Society budget.

Representative Feuerborn moved to amend the Budget Committee report on the School for the Deaf for FY 2007 by striking Item No. 4 from the report and add funding of \$99,123 from the State General Fund to increase the funding for special needs students. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion failed on a 5-9 vote.

Representative Gatewood moved to amend the Budget Committee report on the School for the Deaf for FY 2007, Item No. 4 by striking the language to transfer \$70,000 from the Humanities Council portion of the Kansas State Historical Society Budget for FY 2007 and replace with language to add \$70,000 from the State General Fund. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried on a 8-6 vote.

Representative Hutchins renewed the motion to adopt the Budget Committee report on the School for the Deaf for FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative McLeland. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the State Historical Society for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Huy. Motion carried.

With reference to the \$81,708 in Item No. 1, Jenny Chinn, State Historical Society, stated that this was an error in reporting by the agency.

Representative Hutchins moved to delete language referring to the \$81,708 in Item No. 1 of the Budget Committee report. The motion was seconded by Representative Huy. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins moved to adopt the Budget Committee Report on the State Historical Society for FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Huy. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the State Historical Society for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Huy. Motion carried

Representative McCreary moved to approve the Committee minutes, as written, of February 1 and February 2. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

A response to Committee questions concerning the Tiny-K program was received from Doug Bowman, Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services (Attachment 3).

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Chairman Neufeld announced the withdrawn of his name from the Sub Committee on Medicare Part D issues and appointed Representative Tapanelli to this sub committee. Representative Henry will chair the Sub Committee on Medicare Part D.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 13, 2006.

Melvin Neufeld, Chairman