

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on January 25, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Rena Hansen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Hal Gardner, State Board of Regents, KAN-ED
Louie Bruce, Warden
Heather Morgon, Juvenile Justice Authority
Judge Joseph Perrone, KS Court of Appeals
Carol Woolbright, Greenbush
Chris Tilden, KDHE

Others attending:

See attached list.

Representative Tom Hawk moved to have the committee introduce a bill for the development of cellulistic alcohol. Seconded by Virginia Beemer. Motion Passed.

Hal Gardner, State Board of Regents, KAN-ED, presented two documents of testimony on KAN-ED. The first document included: A Study of Private Data Networks in Kansas and Joint Recommendations Regarding Kansas Private Networks. The second document was the KAN-ED Annual Report 2005. Both documents can be found at the State Board of Regents in the KAN-ED Department.

Questions were asked by Representatives: Carl Holmes, Margaret Long, and Judy Morrison.

Hearing on:

HB 2656 **Criminal justice agency distance learning on KAN-ED.**

Louie Bruce, Warden, Hutchinson Correctional Facility, (Attachment 1), presented testimony on how the Kansas Department of Corrections could benefit highly from attaching itself to the KAN-ED system. They would greatly cut costs and also add many services to both their inmates and staff.

Heather Morgon, Juvenile Justice Authority, (Attachment 2), presented testimony on how and why the Juvenile Justice Authority would benefit from tapping into the KAN-ED system.

Judge Joseph Perrone, KS Court of Appeals, (Attachment 3), presented testimony in support of using the KAN-ED system in the Judicial Branch.

Carol Woolbright, Greenbush, (Attachment 4), offered testimony in support of **HB 2656**.

Chris Tilden, KDHE, (Attachment 5), spoke to the committee on The Kansas Department of Health & Environment their support of **HB 2656**.

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Written Proponents:

Roger Werholtz, Secretary of Corrections, (Attachment 6), presented written testimony in favor of HB 2656 stating how the department of corrections would benefit from this legislation passing.

Denise Moore, Department of Administration, (Attachment 7), offered written testimony in favor of HB 2656 and how KAN-ED could be beneficial to the Division of Information Systems & Communications.

No opponents to the bill appeared before the committee.

Questions and comments were offered by Representatives: Peggy Mast, Tom Sloan, Melody Miller, Rob Olson, Josh Svaty, Karl Krehbiel, Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Tom Knox, Lynne Oharah, Mitch Holmes, and Judy Morrison.

The hearing on **HB 2656** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2006.

Meeting Adjourned.