

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 9:00 A.M. on March 5, 2007, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Pat George - excused
- Representative Tom Sawyer - excused
- Representative Jason Watkins - excused

Committee staff present:

- Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
- Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research Department
- Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
- Audrey Dunkel, Legislative Research Department
- Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department
- Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
- Nikki Feuerborn, Chief of Staff
- Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

- Aaron Dunkel, Department of Health and Environment

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee Report on Department of Commerce, Kansas, Inc., Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC)
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee Report on Department of Labor
- Attachment 3 Budget Committee Report on Department of Health and Environment - Health and Department of Health and Environment - Environment
- Attachment 4 Amendment to Budget Committee report on Department of Health and Environment - Environment
- Attachment 5 Clarification of Tract of Land in Miami County

Representative Carlin moved to introduce legislation concerning city sidewalk repair. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Gatewood, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC) for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Gatewood, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC) for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Powell, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Commerce for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Powell, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Commerce for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative

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Gatewood.

Responding to a question from the Committee, the Budget Committee stated that funding in the amount of \$900,000 in Item No. 5 for the Rural Opportunity Program was deleted from the Governor's budget recommendation because it is a new program. The Budget Committee felt existing programs should be funded first and would like to request more information before funding new program.

Representative Burroughs made a substitute motion to reinstate the funding in Item No. 5 for the Rural Opportunity Program and review at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department, explained that the Rural Opportunity Program is a new pilot program to provide funds for communities who were not eligible to participate in a federally funded program. The State program would allow these communities to participate under a state-only-funded program and would have no impact on the federally funded program. There would be no reduction of federal funds.

Representative Carlin moved to delete Item No. 3 and return to the Governor's recommendation with funding from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF). The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion failed.

Some members of the Committee felt the funds in Item No. 3 could be better spent in other areas of the state rather than on a lobbyist. In addition, they felt that the State is adequately represented in Washington by the Kansas delegation.

Representative Powell renewed the motion to adopt the Budget Committee recommendation on the Department of Commerce for FY 2008 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Beamer. Motion carried.

Representative Carlin, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for Kansas, Inc. for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Carlin, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for Kansas, Inc. for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Yoder, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Labor. for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Lane made a substitute motion to delete Item No. 1 from the Budget Committee report on the Department of Labor for FY 2007. The motion was seconded by Representative Carlin. Motion failed on a 8-9 vote.

Representative Yoder, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Labor. for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane.

Representative Burroughs made a substitute motion on the Budget Committee report for the Department of Labor for FY 2008 to return the funding in Item No. 2 to the Governor's recommendation and review at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

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Representative Yoder renewed the motion to adopt the Budget Committee report on the Department of Labor for FY 2008 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Health and Environment - Health for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

The Chair recognized Aaron Dunkel, Department of Health and Environment, who responded to a question from the Committee concerning increased rental cost. Mr. Dunkel stated that the increase in rent at the Curtis State Office Building is a result of a change in the formula, not an expansion of space.

- The Committee requested additional information on the rent increase caused by changes to rent formula.

Representative Bethell, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Health and Environment - Health for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell.

Representative McLeland made a substitute motion to amend the Budget Committee report on the Department of Health and Environment - Health for FY 2008 to fully fund the \$500,000 for the Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative in Item No. 15. The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard moved to amend the Budget Committee report on the Department of Health and Environment - Health for FY 2008 by adding language to Item No. 11 for a review at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard renewed the motion to adopt the Budget Committee report on the Department of Health and Environment - Health for FY 2008 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Powell, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Health and Environment - Environment for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report for FY 2007 (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Beamer. Motion carried.

Representative Powell, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Health and Environment - Environment for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report for FY 2008 (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood.

Representative Powell made a substitute motion to amend the Budget Committee report on the Department of Health and Environment - Environment for FY 2008 by adding language stating "Add \$120,361 from the State Water Plan Fund to conduct field trials in Cherokee County on soil treatments studied by Kansas State University designed to reduce soil erosion and maintain vegetation in areas impacted by mining" (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Representative Powell renewed the motion to adopt the Budget Committee report on the Department of Health and Environment - Environment for FY 2008. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

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Discussion and Action on:

HB 2383 - State fair, authorizing real property conveyance to city of Hutchinson and HB 2539 - State Board of Regents, conveyance of certain real estate of Emporia state university and Kansas state university, disposition of proceeds.

Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department, explained that **HB 2383** would transfer 1.148 acres from the State Fair to the city of Hutchinson. The land is currently leased to the city and the city is planning to build a Reverse Osmosis (RO) Water Treatment Plant at the location.

Representative Tafanelli moved to recommend **HB 2383** favorably for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Audrey Dunkel, Legislative Research Department, explained that **HB 2539** allows Emporia State University of sell the Anderson Library. In addition, the bill allows Kansas State University to transfer a tract of land to their Foundation.

Representative Carlin moved to recommend **HB 2539** favorably for passage. The motion was withdrawn.

Representative Tafanelli moved to reconsider action on **HB 2383**. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn moved to amend **HB 2539** by adding the language from **HB 2383**.The motion was seconded by Representative Tafanelli. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn moved to amend **HB 2539** by adding language to clarify the description of a tract of land in Miami County transferred from the Osawatomie State Hospital to the City of Osawatomie, as addressed by the 2006 Legislature in **SB 553** (Attachment 5). The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Representative Carlin moved to recommend **HB 2539** as amended favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2007.

Sharon Schwartz, Chair