

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET (HOUSE) COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Troy Waymaster at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, March 06, 2018, in room 68 - W - Legislative Research Department Conference Room of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Stan Frownfelter – Excused
Representative Kathy Wolfe Moore – Excused

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes
J.G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Kathy Holscher, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Jeffrey House Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

No list available

Legislative Budget Committee Reports

Chairman Waymaster called the meeting to order.

JG Scott, Legislative Research Department reviewed the budget for the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) ([Attachment 1](#)). A review of the agency's expenditures for FY 2017 through FY 2019, followed. The major increases over FY 2017 include the implementation of the Foster Care Task Force and expenditures for Task Force Members. For FY 2018, the agency's request was \$321 State General Fund (SGF) below the 2017 approved amount. The Governor concurred with the agency's request. For FY 2019, the agency supplement request was \$12,273 SGF for a salary increase for the Director of Legislative Administrative Services. It was noted that there are 8 FTE positions included in this budget.

JG Scott responded to questions from committee members. He stated that during the last session, \$200,000 was added to the LCC Budget for the Foster Care Task Force.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding salary increases. Chairman Waymaster stated this issue would be considered globally, upon review of the budgets.

JG Scott reviewed the budget for Legislative Post Audit ([Attachment 2](#)). For FY 2018, the agency's request was \$192,909 SGF below the approved amount, as the agency did not request all of the reappropriated funding available and the Governor concurred with the agency's request. There were no

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changes to the approved amount for FY 2019 and the Governor concurred with the agency's request. There were no supplemental requests made by the agency for FY 2018 and FY 2019. There are 25 FTE positions and there were no performance measurements to report as this will be looked at next year, he noted.

JG Scott reviewed the budget for the Legislative Research Department ([Attachment 3](#)), For FY 2018 and FY 2019, the agency requested supplemental (SGF) requests, which include training for redistricting staff of \$1,584 in FY 2018 and \$6,000 in FY 2019, and a shift from the agency fee fund to the SGF of \$1,584 for FY 2018 and for FY 2019. The Governor concurred with the agency's request.

Discussion followed by committee members. It was noted that the redistricting location for training is determined by NCSL. Two analysts who will be attending training classes, it was noted.

JG Scott reviewed the budget for the Legislature ([Attachment 4](#)). For FY 2018, the agency request is an increase of \$400,000 above the approved amount. The request is \$100,000 each for the House and Senate for Legislative Counsel and \$200,000 for contract with an expert in school finance to assist the Legislature refine or develop a school finance formula. The Governor concurred with the agency request. There were no supplement requests or recommended changes by the agency for FY 2019. The Governor concurred with the agency's requests.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the reduced requests for bill packets, as this information is provided on line.

JG Scott reviewed the budget for the Office of Revisor of Statutes ([Attachment 5](#)). There were no changes requested or supplemental requests by the agency for FY 2018 and FY 2019. The Governor concurred with the agency's requested. There are 31.5 FTE positions, it was noted.

Discussion followed regarding the the reduced expenditures in FY 2019. It was noted that this reflects salary reductions due to 27 pay periods, and all of the funds for printing were not expended. Committee members discussed reprinting expenses for the hard-bound supplementals. It was noted that the cost would be approximately \$180,000 per volume for an estimated total cost of \$800,000, with the most immediate need being the 5 and 5a, and 6 and 6 a volumes. Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, stated that in the future joint certification regarding on-line versions could be coordinated with the Attorney General's Office. It was noted that the increased expenditures in FY 2018 included filling vacant positions and printing adjustments.

Representative Schwab made a motion for an amendment to approve \$360,000 for reprinting volumes 5 and 5a1. And, reprint Volumes 6 and 6a1 in FY 2019. Representative Ward seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the motion.

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Representative Schwab withdrew the motion, with the approval of the second to the motion.

Representative Schwab made a motion for an amendment to approve rebinding volume 5 and 5a1. Representative Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Ryckman made a motion to add \$500,000 for salary increases to the budgets for the Division of Post Audit, Legislative Coordinating Council, Legislative Research Department, Legislature and Office of the Revisor of Statutes. Representative Hineman seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members. Representative Ryckman noted this would be a 4.5 percent salary increase that would include fringe benefits. It was noted that the last pay increase for this group was in FY 2008, with the exception of five FTE positions last year.

Representative Ryckman renewed the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Ryckman made a motion to approve the FY 2018 and FY 2019 Budget Reports for the Division of Post Audit, Legislative Coordinating Council, Legislative Research department, Legislature and Revisor of Statutes as amended. representative Hineman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:34 p.m.