

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:40 a.m. on February 21, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Dave Kerr - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Julian Efirm, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Claire Homitzky, Kansas Rural Center  
Marianne Deagle, Health Care Policy, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to approve the minutes of the February 4, February 5 and February 6, 2002 committee meetings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee report on:

**Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) (Attachment 1)**

Senator Adkins reported for Subcommittee Chairman Kerr that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2002 with additional adjustments as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Adkins reported for Subcommittee Chairman Kerr that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2003 with additional adjustments as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) for the FY 2002 and FY 2003 budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**SB 604--Appropriations for FY2003 for WIC farmer's market nutrition program for department of health and environment**

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Claire Homitzky, Kansas Rural Center, testified in support of **SB 604** (Attachment 2). Ms. Homitzky mentioned in her testimony that the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program is a federal grant program that provides vouchers to nutritionally at-risk women, infants and children for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets. She explained that 30 percent non-federal dollars are required to match the 70 percent dollars in order to implement the program in the State; therefore, a pilot program with a total cost of \$100,000.00 requires only \$30,000.00 in non-federal match.

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Committee questions and discussion followed. Senator Huelskamp requested that Department look at current programs that could be used as a match and check with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment. Chairman Morris thanked Ms. Homitzky for appearing before the Committee.

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 604**.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to recommend **SB 604** favorably for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**SB 618--State institutions building fund, revenue bond debt service for capital improvements of the department of social and rehabilitation services**

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Marianne Deagle, Health Care Policy, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, testified in favor of **SB 618** (Attachment 3). Ms. Deagle explained that **SB 618** authorizes the use of funds from the State Institutions Building Fund (SIBF) for payment of debt service on revenue bonds. She also noted that these bonds would be used to finance capital improvement projects, all subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

Committee questions and discussion followed. Chairman Morris thanked Ms. Deagle for appearing before the Committee. There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 618**.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, a conceptual amendment for revenue bonds issued for a new state security hospital on the grounds of the Larned State Hospital. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to recommend **SB 618** favorably for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2002.