

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karin Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on March 23, 2004 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research  
Susan Kanarr, Legislative Research  
Helen Pedigo, Revisor of Statutes  
Nikki Kraus, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Carol Ball, Older Kansan Employment Program  
Craig Kaberline, Executive Director, KS Area Agencies on Aging Association  
Julie Govert Walker, Executive Director, North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc.  
Jum Snyder, Kansas Silver Haired Legislative Council  
Senator Lana Oleen  
Mary Ellen Conlee, REAP/Local Area 4 Board

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairperson Brownlee opened the public hearing on:

**SB 2908—An act concerning the membership of the state workforce investment board and local workforce investment boards; providing for an advisory committee to each local workforce investment board**

Mr. Kaberline presented testimony in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

Chairperson Brownlee asked if there is a problem that this bill hopes to address. Mr. Kaberline explained that the primary purpose of the bill is to create representation.

Senator Lana Oleen presented testimony in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)) Senator Oleen also attached a chart entitled, “Four Year Comparison of Trained Participants in North Central-Flint Hills Region: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA).” ([Attachment 3](#))

Ms. Govert Walker presented testimony in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 4](#))

Mr. Snyder presented testimony in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 5](#)) Mr. Snyder also attached a map entitled “older Kansans Employment Program (OKEP)” ([Attachment 6](#))

Ms. Ball presented testimony in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 7](#))

Written testimony in favor of the bill was provided by Dave Geist, Executive Director, SouthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging ([Attachment 8](#)) and Ernest Kutzley, Advocacy Director for AARP Kansas. ([Attachment 9](#))

Ms. Conlee presented testimony neutral to the bill. ([Attachment 10](#))

Chairperson Brownlee closed the hearing. The committee continued discussion on the bill and the implications for adding additional members. The make up of the current board has been grandfathered by the federal WIA program. If the board is altered, its membership would increase from 35 to 61 board members.

The committee considered action on:

CONTINUATION SHEET

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**SB 445--Fairness in private construction contracts**

Senator Barone moved to amend SB 445 to go to 10 days throughout; correct business days on p. 2, then go to 10 days throughout; delete escrow language; move retainage to 10% with additional conceptual amendments. Senator Emler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Chair asked if there was a House bill in which this might be put. Senator Jordan clarified with staff that this bill does not affect public contracts, only private.

Following discussion, the Chair stated that the committee might need one additional meeting to clarify the issues. She adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on March 24, 2004 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.