

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 9:00 A.M. on March 6, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department  
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Richard Cram, Department of Revenue  
Rose Marie Glatt, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Barbara Allen  
Roy Jensen, MD - Director, KU Cancer Center  
Julie Dunlap - Kansas Medical Society Alliance  
Mary Jones - Kansas Medical Society Alliance  
Lenita Moss - Young survivors Coalition  
Dan Morin - Kansas Medical Society  
Lisa Belon - American Cancer Society  
John Hennessy - Kansas City Cancer Center (written only)

Others attending:

See attached list.

**SB 198 - Motor vehicles; providing for the issuance of breast cancer research and outreach license plates**

Chris Courtwright briefed the committee on **SB 198** which would authorize the issuance of a new distinctive license plate for breast cancer research and outreach, effective January 1, 2008. A deposit would be held at the Department of Revenue to defray costs of plate development, which are estimated to cost approximately \$3.50 to produce. The fiscal note reflects that Kansas University Cancer Center would be expected to receive between \$12,000 to \$50,000 FY 2008.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 198** and invited Senator Barbara Allen, chief sponsor of the bill to the podium. She called attention to a prototype of the unique license, designed by Craig Thomas, Chair of the design department of Kansas University, Craig Thomas. She testified that the monies from the sale of the plates will be paid to the University of Kansas Cancer Center (KUCC) to support a statewide coordinator position for the Midwest Cancer Alliance (MCA). MCA serves as a liaison between the KUCC, hospitals, physicians and clinics across the state of Kansas. The coordination will ensure that breast cancer patients, in communities across Kansas, are aware of what prevention and early detection protocols, treatment choices, and clinical studies are available (Attachment 1).

Roy Jensen, MD, Director, KU Cancer Center, reiterated what Senator Allen stated. He provided statistics related to cancer cases. Dr. Jensen stated that **SB 198** would support the efforts of the newly forming Midwest Cancer Alliance (MCA) in its efforts to provide assistance to community oncologists comprehensive cancer care locally (Attachment 2).

Julie Dunlap, Kansas Medical Society Alliance, said that a breast cancer awareness license plate would be effective in lowering the rates of both incomplete treatment and later-stage diagnosis for all Kansans. The funds raised will be used to reach out to breast cancer patient across the state with opportunities to enroll in clinical trials (Attachment 3).

Mary Jones, Kansas Medical Society Alliance, related her personal story of cancer survival. She said the license plate would not only give Kansans a way to show support for breast cancer awareness, but also help those individuals that need resources to get them through the process of treatment. MCA will use the proceeds to benefit those individuals that need special resources (Attachment 4)

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Lenita Moss - Young Survivors Coalition (YSC), a cancer survivor and co-founder of YSC testified that the coalition is the only international, non-profit network of breast cancer survivors and supporters dedicated to the concerns and issue that are unique to young women and breast cancer. The breast cancer plate program is a continuation of a very successful cause related marketing campaign that can create an opportunity for Kansans to express and display their support for such a worthy cause (Attachment 5).

Dan Morin, Kansas Medical Society, said that supporters of **SB 198** believe that the proceeds from the license plates would best be used to support a statewide coordinator position for MCA. That coordinator would serve as a liaison between the KUCC, hospitals, physicians, and clinics across Kansas to ensure that breast cancer patients are aware of prevention and early detection protocols, treatment choices, and clinical studies (Attachment 6).

Lisa Belon, American Cancer Society, acknowledged the good work KUCC does for those inflicted with cancer and their families. She asked for the support of the Committee (Attachment 7).

It was noted that written testimony in support of the bill was received and distributed from John Hennessy, Kansas City Cancer Center (Attachment 8).

Seeing no other conferees the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 198**.

### **HB 2430 - Increase of maximum refund and determination of the amount of claim under the homestead property tax refund act.**

Chris Courtwright distributed a memorandum on Supp Note **HB 2430** as amended thus far by House tax. He briefed the Committee on the background and details of the bill. The fiscal information from KDOR indicated that these changes would combine to expand the program by an additional \$19.6 million for tax year 2007 (Attachment 9).

Gordon Self reviewed the balloon on **HB 2430**. He reviewed the recommended changes made by the committee at the March 2, 2007 Tax Committee (Attachment 10).

A motion was made by Representative Holland to increase the property tax accrued from \$700 to \$750. The motion was seconded by Representative Dillmore. The motion was accepted.

A motion was made by Representative Holland to put in place a mechanism whereby the Homestead refund, due to qualified homeowners, be sent by default to the county appraisers office and applied to the homeowners property taxes. The motion was seconded by Representative Goyle.

Members of the committee requested more information as to the implementation of said motion and the fiscal note this would create.

The motion was held on **HB 2430**, to be returned to at a later date.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m. The next meeting is March 7, 2007.