

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karin Brownlee at 8:35A.M. on February 6, 2006 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Susan Wagle- excused

Committee staff present:  
Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Jackie Lunn, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Hal Gardner, Kan-Ed  
Roger Hayden, Deputy Secretary Kansas Department of Corrections  
Rosanne Siemans, Kansas Library Association  
Denise Moore, Department of Information Systems Commission (DISC)

Others attending:  
See attached list.

**SB 148-KAN-ED act; department of corrections; department of health and environment**

Chairperson Brownlee introduced Hal Gardner, to give a review on the annual report (Copy on file) for Kan-Ed. Mr. Gardner stated the annual report is also available on line at the Kan-ed website. Mr. Garner stated Kan-ed has constructed and operates a high-quality, private network within Kansas. There are two types of members; connected members who are connected to the network and those taking the subsidies and distribution of funds being able to better connect to the commercial internet through Kan-Ed's portal service provided by the Empowered Desktop. The connected members are made up of the following groups: higher education; hospitals; K-12; and libraries. Mr. Gardner reviewed the annual report in detail.

Questions and answers followed. Senator Brownlee has concerns about the fact that only 10% of the libraries are connected to the network. Mr. Gardner stated that they can still access the network if they are not connected by using the empowered desk top computer which Kan-Ed provides. Senator Brownlee and Senator Barone have concerns if the money is going where the greatest need is.

Chairperson Brownlee introduced Mary Gilligan, Legislative Research, to review the Report of the KAN-ED Oversight Committee to the 2007 Kansas Legislature. (Attachment 1) Ms. Galligan stated that the KAN-ED Oversight Committee recommends that the Legislature enact amendments to the KAN-ED Act that would allow the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Environment to become members of Kan-Ed.

Chairperson Brownlee opened the hearing on **SB 148** and recognized Mr. Gardner, representing Kan-Ed, to give his testimony as a proponent for the bill. Mr. Gardner presented written copy. (Attachment 2) Mr. Gardner stated that Kan-Ed is in support of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department of Corrections being added to the network of constituents for Kan-Ed. Such access could mean better use of Interactive Distance Learning; opportunities for telemedicine applications; and video conferencing. Such access would also provide for the development of new linkages and relationships with the existing Kan-Ed user community.

Questions and answers followed.

Chairperson Brownlee introduced Roger Hayden, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections, appearing as a proponent of **SB 148** on behalf of Roger Werholz, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections. Mr. Hayden presented Secretary Werholz's written testimony. (Attachment 3) Deputy Secretary Hayden stated the Kansas Department of Corrections is in support of the bill but would like the Committee to amend the bill to include their medical and education providers.

Questions and answers followed regarding the proposed amendment by the Kansas Department of Corrections which is included in Secretary Werholz testimony.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Chairperson Brownlee introduced Rosanne Siemens, Executive Director, Kansas Library Association, to give her testimony as a neutral party on **SB 146**. Ms. Siemens presented written copy. (Attachment 4) Ms. Siemens stated they have a concern regarding the funding; if at this time it does not allow for full service delivery to existing constituencies, how will it be sustained by adding additional groups without also increasing the budget? She stated this doesn't mean they aren't for expanded access, it simply means they would like this issue to be examined closely by the Committee before passing the bill out.

Questions and answers followed.

Chairperson Brownlee introduced Denise Moore, Department of Information Systems Commission (DISC) to give her testimony as a neutral party on **SB 146**. Ms. Moore presented written copy. (Attachment 5) Ms. Moore gave the Division of Information Systems & Communications perspective comparing Kan-ed and KanWin Network with Matrix. She stated that on recommendation of the Kan-Ed Oversight Committee, the three network organizations (Kan-ed, KanWin and KanREN) have contracted for a consolidation study to be completed no later than March 1, 2007 and presented during 2007 Legislature

Question and answers followed.

Chairperson Brownlee stated she would ask for the bill to be blessed allowing time for the consolidation study to be completed and presented to the Committee.

Chairperson Brownlee adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m., with the next scheduled meeting being February 7, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in room 123S.