

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Watkins at 1:37 p.m. on March 16, 2009, in Room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Cody Gorges, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jonathan Tang, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ellen Martinez, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dennis McKinney, State Treasurer
Duane Goossen, State Budget Director
Jane Carter, Kansas Organization of State Employees

Others attending:

See attached list.

The hearing on **HB 2331 - State treasurer; investment of state moneys** was opened.

Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided the committee with an overview of the bill.

Dennis McKinney, State Treasurer (Attachment 1& 2) testified that this bill will ensure that the state receives a minimum return on three Linked deposit programs. The Treasurer's Office loans state idle funds to banks so that banks can use the funds to make loans to consumers at a lower rate for agricultural production, remediation of agricultural pollution, and affordable housing. Treasurer McKinney also explained a balloon amendment addressing two technical drafting errors.

There were no opponents.

The hearing on **HB 2331** was closed.

The hearing on **HB 2360 - State budget, estimates of state agencies, report of governor's budget recommendations, date submitted to legislature** was opened.

Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided the committee with an overview of the bill.

Duane Goossen, State Budget Director (Attachment 3), neutral on the bill, did not provide written testimony. He asked the committee to use caution when making date changes to the budget reporting date cycles. This bill would compress the process and make it difficult to make budget recommendations.

There were no opponents to this bill.

The hearing on **HB 2360** was closed.

The hearing on **HB 2370 - Priority for payment of salaries and wages for state officers and employees payroll** was opened.

Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided the committee with an overview of the bill.

Jane Carter, Kansas Organization of State Employees (Attachment 4) testified as a proponent of the bill. This bill would ensure that state employees receive paychecks for work done. Committee members questioned the conferee regarding the perception of union members over the crisis with paychecks in February.

There were no opponents to this bill.

The hearing on **HB 2370** was closed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House General Government Budget Committee at 1:37 p.m. on March 16, 2009, in Room 531-N of the Capitol.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 02:20 p.m.