

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2003, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative JoAnn Pottorff, Excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
 J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
 Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
 Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
 Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department
 Audrey Nogle, Legislative Research Department
 Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
 Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
 Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Analyst
 Sue Fowler, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Lorne A. Phillips, Director and State Registrar
 Center for Health and Environmental Statistics

Others attending: See Attached

Hearing on HB 2423 – Center for Health and Environment Statistics fee funding

Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department, presented an overview on **HB 2423** which implements the Governor's recommendation to fund the Center for Health and Environmental Statistics (CHES) in the Department of Health and Environment entirely through fee funds. Currently, CHES receives a State General Fund appropriation in addition to receipts from certified copies of vital event records. The Governor's FY 2004 budget recommendation does not include a State General Fund appropriation for CHES.

The current fee structure provides for the receipts for copies of birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates to be divided among four funds: the District Coroner's Fund; the Family and Children Investment Fund, the Vital Statistics Maintenance Fee Fund and the State General Fund.

The bill would provide that, after the transfers to the District Coroner's Fund and the Family and Children Investment Fund, the balance of the receipts would be transferred into the newly created Civil Registration and Health Statistics Fee Fund. Expenditures from the new fund are to be for operating expenditures of the CHES and maintenance of the Vital Statistics Integrated Information System.

For FY 2003 the transfer to the State General Fund (SGF) is estimated to be approximately \$2,000,000. The FY 2003 recommended SGF appropriation for the Center for Health and Environmental Statistics is approximately \$1,800,000.

Dr. Lorne A. Phillips, Director and State Registrar, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, recommends favorable consideration of **HB 2423** (Attachment 1). Establishment of the Civil Registration and Health Statistics Fee Fund (CRHSFF) is the principal feature of this bill. Fundamentally, it's moving the funding of the CHES from heavily SGF funded to a fee funded base and creation of the CRHSFF. Numerous individuals rely on responsiveness of the civil registration system to meet their day-to-day needs for vital records. This bill would relieve the critical functions of the CHES from the volatility of the SGF allocations and it will eliminate some confusing language that exists in the statute at this time.

Chair Neufeld announced the hearing on **HB 2423** closed.

Representative Schwartz, Chairperson of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Corporation Commission for FY 2003

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS at 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2003, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Osborne. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Corporation Commission for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with notations for FY 2004 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood.

The committee discussed reports of inefficiencies in the State Corporation Commission Conservation Division's district office located in Chanute. A number of the producers in that vicinity have asked their files be worked out of Wichita. The committee discussed the viability of the Chanute office, which carries one of the largest well-plugging caseloads in the state. It is the understanding of the Budget Committee that there are no lawyers assigned to the Chanute office. The files originally start with the paperwork being instigated in Chanute and then shifted to Wichita for the lawyers to proceed after the basic information is processed. The Budget Committee requested information regarding concerns or information others might share regarding the Chanute office situation.

Representative Feuerborn moved to amend the report by recommending the introduction of legislation prior to or at Omnibus which would prohibit anyone entering into a contract with the state if the person has any on-going liability issues with the State. He also requested language be added to require appropriate and adequate staffing for the State Corporation Commission Conservation Division's district office located in Chanute. Motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz renewed her motion for adoption of the Budget Committee report as amended. Motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Representative Gatewood, Member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative Gatewood, Member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2004 (Attachment 2). Motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell, Member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department on Aging for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Newton. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell, Member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department on Aging for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with adjustments for FY 2004 (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr.

The committee discussed the raising of the Pre Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASARR) from 26 to 40 for FY 2004 and grandfathering Medicaid clients currently receiving services through the nursing facilities or HCBS/FE waiver programs. Typical conditions of those with PASARR score of 26 or 27 are those with difficulty in ADL or IDL (bathing, dressing, self-medicating). Adult care home entry would be limited those with a score around 70. Also discussed was the option of requesting a waiver lowering the PASSAR scores for Medicaid recipients to receive Home and Community Based Services. It was reported that most cuts are still recurring in FY 2003 and that grandfathering is not included in the FY 2004 budget.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS at 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2003, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

Representative Bethell moved to amend the report to insert as Item 10: “The Budget Committee urges the Secretary of Aging to continue efforts to educate Kansans about planning for future long-term care insurance and retirement plans.” He included in his amendment the request to move Item 10 to be Item 11 in the budget report. Motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell renewed his motion for adoption of the Budget Committee report as amended. Motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2003.

Melvin Neufeld, Chair