

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 10:35 a.m. on January 13, 2004, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Nick Jordan- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Nicoletta Buonasera, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Vanhouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Duane Goossen, Director, Division of the Budget

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairman Morris welcomed everyone back to the committee. He recognized Senator Christine Downey as the new Ranking Minority member and welcomed Senator Henry Helgerson, Jr., as the new member of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Staff introductions were made of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Fiscal Analysts, the Revisor of Statutes Office and the Senate Ways and Means office. The Chairman mentioned that the subcommittee assignments would be available soon.

The Chairman introduced Duane Goossen, Director, Division of the Budget, who presented an overview of the Governor's budget recommendations for FY 2004 and FY 2005 (Attachment 1). Director Goossen mentioned that there are no programmatic cuts running in the revised FY 2004 budget that the Governor presented. He also noted, regarding the State General Fund, the FY 2004 budget is about \$200 million dollars lower than what was originally passed last year. It is principally for two reasons:

- Implementation of the property tax accelerator and
- The federal fiscal relief package which the Federal Government passed after the close of the 2003 Legislative Session.

Director Goossen explained that the FY 2004 budget that was approved is intact. For FY 2005 he noted they have tried to take the FY 2004 budget and push it forward in FY 2005, keeping the same services and programs intact, and to fund them from existing resources. In addition, there are several targeted enhancements as additional funding beyond what is being done now in FY 2004. He briefly explained three of the enhancement areas of note:

1. Economic development program titled the "Economic Revitalization Program".
2. The Home and Community Based Services Waiver Disability Programs and Waiting Lists in

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the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

3. Higher Education.

Director Goossen detailed the key components of the Budget. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Copies were distributed of an Appropriations Update, dated January 12, 2004, compiled by the Kansas Legislative Research Department (Attachment 2).

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2004.