

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Lee Tafanelli at 9:30 A.M. on April 27, 2007, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Chief of Staff
Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Proposed House Deferred Maintenance Plan, April 27, 2007
- Attachment 2 List of Historic Buildings included in the list of Deferred Maintenance Projects

Representative Feuerborn moved to introduce legislation pertaining to state educational institutions and enhancement of leave benefits for certain employees. The motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on SB 21 - State educational institutions; enhancement of leave benefits of certain employees thereof.

Representative Schwartz made a motion to remove the language of **SB 21** and amend in language concerning the proposed House deferred maintenance plan at the state universities and tax credits for communities and technical colleges into **House Substitute for SB 21**. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz explained that the Proposed Deferred Maintenance Plan dated April 27, 2007 (Attachment 1), is the latest version of a plan developed by Committee leadership to address the deferred maintenance issue; however, because of the haste with which it was developed, there may be necessary modifications. The new plan would provide for the following:

- \$106.0 million, including \$62.0 million from the State General Fund (SGF), for deferred maintenance at the Regents universities, community colleges, and technical colleges, over the next three years.
- The total includes \$2.0 million in tax credits for the community and technical colleges, designed to leverage \$4.0 million in private donations.

Modification of items in the Proposed Maintenance Plan dated April 27, 2007, to indicate the intent of the developers of the plan include:

- Delete Item No. 4 which refers to the creation of an oversight board.
- Language to be included in the bill should indicate that "The Board of Regents would submit monthly progress reports to the Joint Committee on State Building Construction and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.
- The intent of the developers with regard to oversight, is to follow the same procedures put in place with regard to the construction of the Bioscience Facilities concerning the hiring of a technical expert to assist the Board of Regents with the deferred maintenance items. It was

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also the intent that the services of the state architect could be used when necessary.

During discussion, items of concern including:

- The need for a distribution formula and limitations with regard to the tax credits for community colleges and technical colleges. It was noted that there is currently an application process for tax credits with rules and regulations used by the Department of Commerce that could be used as a model to be for the distribution of tax credits and incorporated into this legislation.

In response to a question from the Committee, Eric King, Director of Facilities, Board of Regents, explained that a document distributed to the Committee with regard to the historic buildings included in the list of deferred maintenance projects, should indicate "radio towers" instead of "radio tours" (Attachment 2).

Representative Bethell moved to recommend **House Substitute for SB 21** favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be "On call of the Chair".

Sharon Schwartz, Chair