

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Adkins at 9:08 a.m. on February 8, 2000 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Phil Kline - excused
 Rep. J. Peterson - excused

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department
 Stuart Little, Kansas Legislative Research Department
 Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department
 Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor
 Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor
 Dave Stallings, Assistant to the Chairman
 Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
 Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Adkins introduced Mr. Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, who gave an Overview of the FY 2001 Governor's Budget Report ([Attachment 1](#)).

Overview of the FY 2001 Budget Report

Mr. Conroy mentioned that the complete 2001 budget analysis has been placed in notebooks and are stored in the Representatives' bookshelves. Mr. Conroy explained that the summary data in this overview compare actual expenditures for FY 1999, the Governor's revised estimates for FY 2000, and the Governor's recommendations for FY 2001.

Summary of Changes to Estimated FY 2000 Expenditures

Mr. Conroy explained that based on actions of the 1999 Session of the Legislature, it was estimated by the Research Department that FY 2000 expenditures from all funds would total \$8.890 billion. The Governor's Budget Report revises the all funds FY 2000 Budget to \$8.492 billion, a reduction of \$398.5 million from the earlier estimate. The recommendation reflects a change in the manner in which KPERS and KPERS-School benefit payments are counted. The Governor's recommendation reflects those expenditures (\$498.3 million in the approved FY 2000 budget) as off-budget (not counted as expenditures at the time the payments are made). Mr. Conroy explained other differences (found in the overview that was distributed by staff).

Total State Expenditures for FY 2001

Mr. Conroy explained that the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001 state expenditures from all funds totals \$8.686 billion, an increase of \$194.6 million (2.3 percent) above the Governor's revised estimate for FY 2000 of \$8.492 billion. Actual FY 1999 expenditures from all funding sources were \$8.306 billion. Mr. Conroy noted additional information found in the overview that was distributed by staff.

Demand Transfers from the State General Fund

Mr. Conroy further explained that demand transfers, certain expenditures specified by statute, are recommended by the Governor to decrease by \$16.5 million in FY 2001. He further described additional information found in the overview that was distributed by staff. Committee questions and discussion followed. Mr. Conroy distributed the State General Fund Profile, FY 1998 - FY 2004 ([Attachment 2](#)) and briefed the Committee. Representative Landwehr asked if the Department of Revenue have any type of aging report that they can show rearages in taxes that have not been collected. Representative Hermes mentioned that she has a copy of a letter from the Department of Revenue regarding FY 1999 Individual

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Income Tax Receipts that might provide that information and she could give a copy of the letter to the Chairman for distribution. Mr. Conroy thanked Leah Robinson, Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, for her part in helping prepare the presentation.

Chairman Adkins thanked Mr. Conroy for the staff presentation regarding the Overview of the FY 2001 Governor's Budget Report. The following information was distributed by staff:

Copies of the 2000 House Budget Committees, Revised February 2, 2000 (Attachment 3) were distributed.

Bill Introductions

Representative Allen made a motion, and seconded by Representative Dean, to introduce a committee school finance bill that would raise the statewide school levy two mills and would put half of the first year's revenue into the base state aid for pupil and half of it into correlation weighting. Motion carried.

Representative McKechnie made a motion on behalf of the Public Safety Committee for Secretary Simmons and the Department of Corrections, and seconded by Representative Reardon, to introduce a bill that would provide similar benefits to the employees at the RDU that were provided for the employees at the closure of the Topeka State Hospital. Motion carried.

Representative McKechnie made a motion on behalf of Representative Henry, and seconded by Representative Feuerborn, to introduce a bill concerning law enforcement officers relating to training. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2000.