

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Edmonds at 8:30 a.m. March 26 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Howell, excused

Committee staff present: Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
April Holman, Legislative Research Department
Don Hayward, Revisor
Winnie Crapson, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Haley
Candy Shively, Deputy Secretary, SRS
Ned Webb, Dept. of Commerce & Housing
Dr. Christopher Smith, Assistive Technology for Kansas Project
Brenda Eddy, Assistive Technology for Kansas Project
Mary Ellen O'Brien Wright, Assistive Technology for Kansas Project
Jennifer and Jessica Schwartz, Lawrence
Dr. Deborah Page-Adams, School of Social Welfare, Kansas Univ.
Karen Edwards, Washington University, St. Louis
Laura Loyacono, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Kansas City

Others attending: See attached list.

Without objection bill will be introduced on school finance proposal. [HB 2578 - School district finance and appropriations relating thereto]

Without objection bill will be introduced on school finance for enhancements including affordable community housing weighting. [HB 2577 - School district finance, teachers' enhancement for affordable community housing weighting]

Motion was made by Representative Larkin to approve Minutes of meetings February 28, March 1, March 6, March 7, March 8, and March 12. Representative Gilbert seconded and motion was adopted.

Hearing was opened on

SB 332 - Establish the individual development account program and individual development reserve fund.

Testimony was presented in support of the bill by Christopher L. Smith, Ph.D., Assistive Technology for Kansas Project affiliated with the University of Kansas (Attachment #1). Dr. Smith described the Project and testified over 60 agencies and organizations provide services to persons with disabilities and are actively involved with its efforts.

Brenda Eddy, Assistive Technology for Kansans, presented testimony in support SB 332 (Attachment #2). She answered questions of members of the Committee concerning types of technology contemplated to be covered by the individual development account program.

Mary Ellen O'Brien Wright, Executive Director of the Kansas Assistive Technology Cooperative, presented testimony in support of SB 332 (Attachment #3). She described the development of KATCO and responded to questions from the Committee.

Testimony in support of the bill was presented by Candy Shively, Deputy Secretary of Integrated Service Delivery of the Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services (Attachment #4). She explained how the accounts would be administered. In response to questions she testified that SRS assumed the maximum amount of \$50,000 allowed to be accumulated would include matching amounts.

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Jennifer and Jessica Schwartz of Lawrence presented testimony in support of the bill (Attachment #5) and described the extraordinary expenses incurred by families of children with disabilities.

In support of **SB 332**, Deborah Page-Adams, Ph. D., of the School of Social Welfare of the University of Kansas, presented testimony on research which has served as a foundation for the rapid growth of individual development account policies and programs across the country in recent years (Attachment #6).

Hearing was closed on **SB 332**.

Hearing was opened on

SB 231 - Establish the family development account program and family development account reserve.

Senator Haley presented testimony in support of the bill (Attachment #7) and made reference to written testimony of State Treasurer Tim Shallenburger (Attachment #8). Senator Haley responded to questions of members of the Committee.

Laura Loyacono, Manager of Public Affairs of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, presented testimony in support of the bill (Attachment #9) and described programs supported by the Foundation that would indicate the need for **SB 231**.

The Committee recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Ned Webb, Director of the Community Development Division of the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing presented testimony that the bill was “more of a social service program that doesn’t blend into the mission of KDOC&H, which is to provide leadership to ensure economic opportunity for Kansans (Attachment #10). He stated the Department was not in favor or opposed to the bill. He responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Testimony was presented in support of the bill by Karen Edwards, Project Coordinator for the Center for Social Development at Washington University in St. Louis (Attachment #11). She presented information on IDA programs in 47 states and described potential increases in federal support for the programs. She provided information in response to Committee questions.

Hearing was closed on **SB 231**.

Chairman Edmonds appointed a subcommittee consisting of Representative Osborne, Chair, Representative Cook and Representative Flora to study **SB 231** and **SB 332** and report their recommendations.

Representative Palmer moved to amend **SB 35** by inserting the contents of **HB 2408**. Representative Vickrey seconded and motion was adopted.

Representative Palmer moved that **SB 35** be recommended favorable for passage as amended. Representative Vickrey seconded and motion was adopted.

Representative T. Powell moved to amend **SB 39** by adopting the balloon amendment. Representative Gatewood seconded and motion was adopted.

Representative T. Powell moved to recommend **SB 39** favorable for passage as amended. Representative Newton seconded and motion was adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is March 27.