

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 10:45 a.m. on March 18, 2004, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

### Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Susan Kannarr, 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:

None

### Others attending:

See Attached List.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2004 and FY 2005 were available to the committee.

### Subcommittee budget reports on:

#### **Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (Attachment 1)**

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 with adjustment and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with adjustments.

Staff distributed copies of the current status of the Children's Initiatives Fund (Attachment 2). Committee discussion followed.

Senator Helgerson moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to amend the subcommittee budget report on the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) to include language in the subcommittee report instructing SRS to maintain the present policy regarding the use of the medical card for mental health services. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Helgerson, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in FY 2004 and FY 2005 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened committee discussion on Salary Issues - Pay Plan for State employees. Senator Helgerson requested that Staff and the Governor's Office provide justification as to why the percent increase should be at this level and what the process was in putting it in this format with the advantages and disadvantages of doing it this way.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2004.