

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Yoder at 9:14 a.m. on March 9, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Christina Butler, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
J.G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Kelly Cure, Chief of Staff  
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee report on Lieutenant Governor, Office of the Governor, Insurance Department, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Secretary of State
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee report on Education
- Attachment 3 Budget Committee report on Health Care Stabilization Board of Governors
- Attachment 4 Amendment for Claimant Eldon Ray

Representative DeGraaf, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Lieutenant Governor for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation FY 2010, (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Watkins. Motion carried.

Committee members noted that due to the appointment of the Governor to a federal post, the Lieutenant Governor's salary has increased, in preparation of assuming the Governor's position.

Representative Donohoe, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Office of the Governor for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2010, (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Mast. Motion carried.

J.G. Scott, Legislative Research Department, responded to questions regarding travel expenditures.

Committee members noted that the budget of the Office of the Governor is the same as the cost of Cedar Crest. Under a prior administration, the grant programs were placed under the Governor's budget, representing an all funds increase.

Representative Watkins, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Insurance Department for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2010, (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Burroughs. Motion carried.

Committee members discussed the write-off of the Worker's Compensation loan until FY 2012, and staffing issues.

Representative Whitham, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the State Treasurer for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2010, (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Burroughs. Motion carried.

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Committee members discussed the Kids matching grant program for low income Kansans which was created in FY 2006 and is not included in the FY 2010 Governor's budget. The special revenue funds transfer was not recommended by the Budget Committee.

- Additional information requested  
Matching SGF money & program cost

Representative Whitham, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Attorney General for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2010, (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative DeGraaf. Motion carried.

Discussion followed by Committee members regarding staffing issues.

Representative DeGraaf, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Secretary of State for FY2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2010, (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Watkins. Motion carried.

Representative McLeland, chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Education for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2010, (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane.

Committee members discussed the need to review the federal regulations for education stimulus dollars, prior to Omnibus. It was noted that funding will be based at the FY 2006 funding level and can not exceed the FY 2008/09 level. The Governor's recommendation adjusts the BSAPP from \$4345 to \$4400. Special Education funding will require a waiver, which is below the FY 2006 funding level. Local school boards will have the flexibility to consolidate administrative positions. The reduced resource package and deferred maintenance in higher education for one time use was discussed.

Representative Carlin made a motion to review the Military Child Education program at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative McLeland made a motion to approve the FY 2010 Department of Education Budget for FY 2010 as amended. Motion carried.

Representative Crum, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Health Care Stabilization Board of Governors for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2010, (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Mast. Motion carried.

Discussion followed by Committee members regarding professional liability for the students and faculty at the KU Medical Center.

### **HB 2354** - Special Claims Against the State

Representative Fund, requested the distribution of an amendment for claimant Eldon Ray, (Attachment 4) The background of this claim was explained to Committee members. Representative Fund requested that the Committee appropriate Board Fee Funds to pay for this claim in the amount of \$3,122.00, for the fine paid by Eldon Ray for volunteering to donate work done for a church.

Representative Watkins made a motion for favorable passage of **HB 2354**. The motion was seconded by Representative Sawyer.

Representative Watkins renewed the motion to amend **HB 2354** to include the language provided, (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

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Committee members discussed liability issues for volunteers. The claim was removed from the recision bill last year and could not be renewed, but reintroduced for consideration in FY 2009.

Representative Watkins made a motion to pass **HB 2354** as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Whitham. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Kevin Yoder, Chairman