

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Troy Waymaster at 9:00 am on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, in room 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Substitute members:

Representative Ron Highland, appointed substitute member to the committee

Committee staff present:

Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department  
Chardae Caine, Legislative Research Department  
Jessie Pringle, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant  
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research Department  
Jeffrey House, Administration Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Adam Proffitt, Division of Budget  
Jason Watkins, Sedgwick County Commission

Others in attendance:

No list available

**Opening remarks**

Chairman Waymaster called the meeting to order. Representative Highland will be replacing Representative Sutton in committee today, he stated.

**Continued discussion on:**

House Omnibus Items Remaining for Consideration ([Attachment 1](#))

Department of Administration

Budget Stabilization Fund

*Representative Waymaster made a motion to add \$250 million SGF to the Budget Stabilization Fund in FY 2022. Representative Helgerson seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Series 2015A/G Debt Service

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This item was discussed by committee members.

Representative Estes made a motion to pay off the 2015A/G/ Debt Service Bond of \$332.2 million SGF. Representative Burroughs seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the motion.

Representative Hoffman made a substitute motion to pay off \$460,000 for the Series 2015 A Debt Service Bond, upon further review of KPERs debt repayment. Representative Helgerson seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the substitute motion.

Representative Hoffman renewed the substitute motion. Motion passed.

GBA No. 2, Item 7, Pg. 6 - Stabilize State Health Insurance Plan Reserve Fund

This item was discussed, and committee members received additional information regarding the State Employee Health Plan ([Attachment 2](#)).

Representative Landwehr made a motion to transfer \$10 million SGF to the fund in FY 2023, to reduce the employee contribution rate. Representative Hoffman seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the motion.

Representative Helgerson made a substitute motion to adopt the GBA, which transfers \$10 million SGF for the fund in FY 2023. Representative Carlin seconded the motion.

Discussion continued by committee members regarding the substitute motion.

Representative Helgerson renewed the substitute motion. Motion passed.

Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office

GBA No. 2, Item 4, pg. 4 - Updated Debt Service Estimates for New Veterans Home

Committee members received additional information regarding the NE Kansas Veterans Home Federal Grant Application and State Funding request. ([Attachment 3](#)). Discussion followed, by committee members.

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Representative Helgerson made a motion to adopt the GBA. Representative Wolfe Moore seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the motion.

Bill Turner, Executive Director, KCVAO responded to questions from committee members, and provided an overview of the information distributed to committee members (See attachment 3).

Representative Helgerson renewed the motion. Motion passed.

Board of Regents

B. Deletion of \$20.7 million SGF from the Post secondary Education Operating Grant

Committee members received a copy of the 2022 Legislative Session increases to Higher Education Budgets for FY 2023 (Attachment 4). Discussion followed by committee members.

Representative Ballard made a motion to add \$20.7 million SGF for the Board of Regents. Representative Woodard seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the motion.

Representative Ballard seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Discussion continued by committee members.

Representative Humphries made a motion to add half of the enhancement request, which would be ongoing funding.

Discussion followed by committee members, regarding the motion.

Representative Humphries renewed the motion. Motion failed.

Other Statewide Adjustments

GBA No. 2, Item 20 - Salary Increase for Employees in the 24/7 Plan.

Representative Wolfe Moore made a motion to adopt the GBA. Representative Burroughs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Representative Corbet made a motion to approve a 5 percent raise above the Governor's recommendation for the janitorial staff of the State Capitol Building and other State Offices in Shawnee County. There are 60 employees, at an approximate cost of \$150,000. Representative Helgerson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Helgerson made a motion to approve \$100,000 in the State Highway Fund for the memorial highway and bridge designation, other funding needed would be raised through private donations. Representative Landwehr seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members.

Representative Helgerson renewed the motion. Motion passed.

Committee members received copies of an amendment related to Health Care Finance for FY 2022 and FY 2023 ([Attachment 5](#)).

Representative Landwehr made a motion that there would be no cap or limitation on the Community Behavioral Health Centers for FY 2022 and FY 2023. Representative Hoffman seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the motion.

Representative Landwehr renewed the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Landwehr made a motion to add \$24,550,000 for the State Fair to restore the Bison Building, asphalt overlay and minor renovations. Representative Carlin seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the motion.

Representative Landwehr renewed the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Helgerson requested his vote against the motion be recorded in the minutes.

Representative Tarwater reviewed a proviso regarding the Building a Stronger Economy Grant within the Department of Commerce ([Attachment 6](#)).

Representative Tarwater made a motion to approve the proviso, which provides for grant transparency. Representative Helgerson seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the motion.

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Representative Tarwater renewed the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Tarwater made a motion for a proviso to **HB 2391** that would extend the business filing network start date from January 2023 through January 2024 for the Secretary of State's Office. Representative Burroughs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Carpenter made a motion to add \$250,000 all funds and \$250,000 SGF for KDADS. for an additional 8 FTE positions to adequately staff the seven waiver programs. Representative Wolfe Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Carpenter made a motion to withdraw a prior motion related to a new Mental Hospital located in south central Kansas, as there are no matching funds, and for the \$15 million to remain in the budget. Representative Ballard seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the motion.

Representative Owens made a substitute motion to approve funding of \$250,000 SGF for planning and information purposes and future review of a new Mental Hospital during the FY 2023 Legislative Session. Representative Johnson seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the substitute motion. Jason Watkins, representing Sedgwick County Commission, provided background information on the proposed hospital location in Sedgwick County. An application to the SPARK Committee has been submitted for funding consideration. Sedgwick County would work to acquire land and help build a facility, which would be turned over to KDADS for operation.

Discussion continued by committee members.

Meeting recessed at: 4:34 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at: 4:52 p.m.

Discussion continued on the substitute motion.

Representative Owens withdrew the motion.

Discussion continued by committee members regarding the original motion.

Carpenter renewed the motion. Motion failed.

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Discussion followed by committee members regarding bonding authority limits for professional sport facilities. Jill Wolters, stated there is no limit in the statute, however, the bonds would have to be issued under various infrastructure financing statutory limits, i.e., Star Bonds or Tif Bonds. Unless exact specifics were known, there would be no way to project expenditure limitations. Discussion continued by committee members.

Representative Rahjes made a motion to approve \$350,000 SGF for the Kansas Department of Agriculture needs assessment of an additional Research Dairy Institution. Representative Tarwater seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Rahjes made a motion to approve \$1 million SGF for base funding of the Goodland Tech project expansion. Representative Highland seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members, regarding the motion.

Representative Rahjes renewed the motion. Motion failed.

Representative Carpenter made a motion for a proviso that prohibits administrative fees be used for the Tiny K Program. Representative Corbet seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Concannon made a motion for a proviso funding \$757,000 SGF for an extension extra training and exam reimbursement to the Cares Network within the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for one year, with a detailed report provided to the committee at the end of the first year. Representative Wolfe Moore seconded the motion.

Discussion followed by committee members, regarding the motion.

Representative Concannon renewed the motion. Motion passed.

Committee members received additional information regarding the addition of 50 new regional beds. ([Attachment 7](#)).

Representative Ballard made a motion to restore \$15 million SGF for the Board of Regents enhancement requests. Representative Landwehr seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at: 5:44 p.m.