

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:30 a.m. on February 22, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Dave Kerr - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bobbi Mariani, Director, Division of Personnel Services, Department of Administration  
Keith Meyers, Deputy Secretary, Department of Administration  
Duncan Friend, Manager of Internet Services, Department of Administration

Others attending: See attached list

A letter was distributed from Tom Laing, Executive Director, InterHab, in regard to testimony given on **SB 557** by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (Attachment 1).

Subcommittee reports on:

**Board of Indigents' Defense Services** (Attachment 2)

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2002 with an exception as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2003 with exceptions as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Board of Indigents' Defense Services for the FY 2002 and FY 2003 budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Judicial Branch** (Attachment 3)

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2002 with an exception and comment as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2003 with comments as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to add to the subcommittee report the consideration at Omnibus the two district magistrate judge positions (Eighth and Ninth Judicial Districts) that have been recommended and supported for funding the past years. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Judicial Branch for the FY 2002 and FY 2003 budget as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

### **Judicial Council (Attachment 4)**

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2002.

Subcommittee Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2003 with an exception as listed in the subcommittee budget report.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Judicial Council for the FY 2002 and FY 2003 budget. Motion carried on a voice vote.

### **Presentation on the State Workforce**

Chairman Morris welcomed Bobbi Mariani, Director, Division of Personnel Services, Department of Administration who spoke before the Committee regarding the Report on the State of Kansas Workforce dated February 7, 2002 (Attachment 5). Ms. Mariani also distributed copies of the State of Kansas Employee Survey Executive Summary (Attachment 6). Committee questions and discussion followed.

Senator Barone requested that Ms. Mariani look at the ten most populous state agencies in terms of employees and give a history for those agencies for the last ten years. Senator Salmans requested information regarding the number of positions that have been supplanted by contracts with either decreases or shifting. Senator Feleciano requested information regarding a survey made by the Workforce Council and who was on the council. Chairman Morris thanked Ms. Mariani for her presentation before the Committee and noted that he may have Ms. Mariani back for further discussion at a future meeting.

### **Overview of the Clearing House Project Plans**

The Chairman welcomed Keith Meyers, Deputy Secretary, Department of Administration and Duncan Friend, Manager of Internet Services, Department of Administration who gave a presentations regarding an update on Maximizing Federal Grants and Revenues in Kansas and demonstrated their website (Attachment 7). Committee questions and discussion followed.

Senator Adkins mentioned to not overlook community foundations as a resource as many of them have their own grant-writing tools. He noted that these foundations have websites in Topeka, Kansas City and Wichita with good access. Senator Feleciano requested a handout or a brochure that could be distributed to constituents which contains information for citizens and communities in Kansas regarding the website. Chairman Morris thanked Mr. Meyers and Mr. Duncan for their presentations before the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2002.