

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:40 a.m. on March 27, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Theresa Kiernan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sheila Frahm, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees
Dr. George Knox, President, Cloud County Community College
Jerry B. Farley, President, Washburn University (written)
Mahlon Tuttle, President, Kansas Legislative Policy Group (written)

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Morris called the Committee's attention to discussion of:

SB 627--Kansas national guard; reimbursement for costs of health insurance

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to amend SB 627 with a balloon amendment (Attachment 1). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to amend the bill's effective date to the Kansas Register and recommend SB 627 favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

HB 2763--Repealing two statutes that require certain size counties to provide courtroom and supplies for district courts as the judges deem necessary

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to recommend HB 2763 favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Sub for HB 2057--Medical student scholarships and loans and medically underserved areas

Senator Huelskamp moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to amend Sub for HB 2057 on page 9, line 17, remove "child psychiatry" and a technical amendment page 1, line 38, to remove obsolete language "critically medically underserved or" that had been stricken every other place in the bill. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Huelskamp, to recommend Sub for HB 2057 favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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SB 641--Appropriations for FY 2002 and FY 2003 for capital improvements for various state agencies

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill. Discussed in subcommittee.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to amend SB 641 to authorize \$7.5 million in bonds to renovate the dormitories at Ft. Hays State University as recommended by the Joint Committee on State Building Construction. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Huelskamp moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to amend SB 641 regarding the Department of Human Resources to reduce an expenditure limitation from \$250,000.00 to \$0 for FY 2002 that the House had discovered was included by the Department and was budgeted for FY 2002 but the Department could not spend for the anticipated bond payment which will not come due until FY 2003. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to recommend SB 641 favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

SB 650--Out-district tuition for community colleges and Washburn university continued through 2003-04 academic year

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Sheila Frahm, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, spoke to the Committee in support of **SB 650**. Ms. Frahm introduced Dr. George Knox, President, Cloud County College, who testified in support of **SB 650** (Attachment 2). Dr. Knox explained that they would ask to suspend the out-district tuition reduction until such time as **SB 345** is fully funded.

Marvin Burris, Kansas Board of Regents, testified in support of **SB 650**. (No written testimony was submitted.) Mr. Burris mentioned that on behalf of the Board of Regents, they support the passage of the bill.

Written testimony was submitted by Jerry B. Farley, President, Washburn University, in support of **SB 650** (Attachment 3).

Written testimony was submitted by Mahlon Tuttle, President, Kansas Legislative Policy Group, in opposition to **SB 650** (Attachment 4).

Committee questions and discussion followed conferee testimony and the Chairman thanked the conferees for appearing before the Committee. There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 650**.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to recommend SB 650 favorably for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 651-Establishing a surcharge on appearance bond

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

There being no conferees to come before the Committee on the bill, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 651**.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Kerr, to amend SB 651 with a proposed balloon amendment (Attachment 5). Motion carried on a voice vote.

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Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Kerr, to amend **SB 651** to add Title 8 (traffic), recognizance bonds and pledges of real personal property. Motion carried on a voice vote. Senator Barone requested to be recorded as voting “No” on the motion.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to recommend **SB 651** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris called the Committee’s attention to discussion of:

HB 2896--Adding one dollar surcharge to designated athletic event at postsecondary educational institutions to fund the Kansas sports hall of fame

Chairman Morris explained a proposed balloon amendment to **HB 2896**.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to move the proposed amendment to **HB 2896** (Attachment 6). Motion carried on a voice vote. It was noted that the wording “adult tickets” should be added.

A letter was received from Linda Lubensky, Executive Director, Kansas Home Care Association, in response to the Performance Audit Report: Medicaid Cost Containment by the Legislative Division of Post Audit to the Committee (Attachment 7).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2002.