

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rick Billinger at 1:00 pm on Friday, April 26, 2024, in room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Dylan Dear, Legislative Research Department
Jessie Pringle, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Molly Pratt, Legislative Research Department
Murl Riedel, Legislative Research Department
Nancy Fontaine, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

No list available

Discussion & action on: Omnibus Bill

Chairperson Billinger recognized Dylan Dear, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD) to review the items in GBA No. 2.

Governor's Budget Amendment No. 2:

Board of Tax Appeals

1. Board Member Salaries and Wages Increase--There was consensus to approve this item.

Department of Corrections

2. Shrinkage Reduction--This item was previously approved.

3. Cell Phone Detection System--There was consensus to not approve this item at this time.

Kansas Water Office

4. HB 2302 Grant Programs Enhancement--There was consensus to approve this item.

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Department for Aging and Disability Services, Department for Children and Families, and Department of Health and Environment

5. Human Services Consensus Caseload--There was consensus to approve this item.

Department of Education

6. K-12 Education Consensus Caseload--There was consensus to approve this item.

Kansas Lottery

7. Message on Lottery, Gaming and Sports Wagering Revenues--There was consensus to approve this item.

Kansas Health and Environment - Health

8. HIV Testing and Supplies--There was consensus to approve this item.

9. Bureau of Facilities and Licensing--There was consensus to approve this item.

Kansas Health and Environment - Environment

10. Small Town Infrastructure - Wastewater--There was consensus to approve this item.

11. Small Town Infrastructure - Drinking Water--There was consensus to approve this item.

Emergency Medical Services Board

12. Personnel Reorganization--This item was previously adopted.

Board of Regents

13. Kansas Adult Learner Grant Program--There was consensus to approve this item.

Office of Information Technology Services

14. IT Restructuring and Cybersecurity Initiatives--There was consensus to approve this item.

State Treasurer

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15. STAR Bond Food Sales Tax Revenue Replacement Fund--There was consensus to not approve this item.

Board of Regents

16. Need-Based Aid for Public Universities--There was consensus to approve this item.

Department of Commerce

17. Attracting Powerful Economic Expansion Act (APEX) Funds--There was consensus to approve this item.

Department of Administration

18. Breast Cancer Diagnostic Mammography--Senator Alley moved, Senator Masterson seconded, to not add the funding but to get further information from the Employee Health Plan Board. Motion carried.

Additional Adjustments:

Line-Item Veto Items: ([Attachment 1](#))

Senator Claey's moved, Senator Masterson seconded, to change the Department of Commerce item on page 6 to be in the Kansas Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation and place it back in the budget. Motion carried.

Senator Claey's moved, Senator Masterson seconded, to change the funding source for the second Department for Children and Families item on page 14 to SGF versus TANF. Motion carried.

Senator Claey's indicated he met with the Governor's Office and obtained agreement on the following items:

Senator Claey's moved, Senator Masterson seconded, to reinsert the Kansas State University item on page 15 concerning student shares for use of a jet. Motion carried.

Senator Claey's moved, Senator Masterson seconded, to reinsert the Kansas State University item on page 15 concerning the Central Immersive Training Hub. Motion carried.

Senator Claey's moved, Senator Masterson seconded, to reinsert the Emporia State University item on page 15 concerning a Model Investment Account. Motion carried.

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Senator Claeys moved, Senator Masterson seconded, to change the Kansas Highway Patrol item on page 17 to be a \$300,000 appropriation from the State Highway Fund for a master plan for the campus reconfiguration and to continue with the process next year. Motion carried.

Provisos:

Senator Claeys indicated that during conference, \$200,000 in FY 2025 and FY 2026 was taken from the Attracting Professional Sports to Kansas Fund.

Senator Claeys moved, Senator Masterson seconded, to change the funding for that item to State General Fund and to reinsert the \$200,000 back into the Attracting Professional Sports to Kansas Fund for FY 2025 and FY 2026 so they can hire an executive director again. Motion carried.

Senator Claeys distributed a proviso concerning the Attracting Professional Sports to Kansas Fund and discussed the proposed changes. ([Attachment 2](#))

Senator Claeys moved, Senator Masterson seconded, adoption of the proviso. Motion carried.

Senator Pittman distributed a proviso concerning the Department of Corrections and discussed the proposed changes. ([Attachment 3](#))

Senator Pittman moved, Senator Masterson seconded, adoption of the proviso. Motion carried.

Senator Alley distributed a proviso concerning the State Historical Society and discussed the proposed changes. ([Attachment 4](#))

Senator Alley moved, Senator Masterson seconded, adoption of the proviso. Motion carried.

Senator McGinn discussed a proviso to add \$19.8 million to the mental health hospital project in Sedgwick County. The existing plan is to build a 52 bed facility with the plan to add an additional 52 beds in the future. Adding this money would allow them to build the shell for the additional beds now thus saving money on the planning and design.

Senator McGinn moved, Senator Pittman seconded, to approve \$19.8 million for the mental health hospital in Sedgwick County to build a shell for an additional 52 beds. Motion carried.

Senator McGinn moved, Senator Claeys seconded, to authorize additional bonding authority for Wichita State University in the amount of \$15.2 million for the NIAR hub for advanced manufacturing and research facility. Motion carried.

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Senator McGinn distributed a proviso concerning the Department of Agriculture and discussed the proposed changes. ([Attachment 5](#))

Senator McGinn moved, Senator Masterson seconded, adoption of the proviso. Motion carried.

Senator Fagg distributed a proviso concerning the Racing and Gaming Commission and discussed the proposed changes. ([Attachment 6](#))

Senator Fagg moved, Senator Masterson seconded, adoption of the proviso. Motion carried.

The conference with the House of Representatives will be on **HB 2551** and the Omnibus items to be inserted were passed by a roll call vote.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:16 pm.