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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lana Gordon at 3:30 P.M. on February 17, 2005 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Tom Burroughs- excused Don Hill- excused Judy Loganbill- excused Todd Novascone- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes Helen Pedigo, Revisor of Statutes Carlene Maag, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Barbara Nash, Chairperson, Kansas Film Commission

Others attending:

See attached list.

Representative Huntington introduced the delegation visiting from Canada who are here with the Department of Commerce. The Committee welcomed the delegation to the meeting.

A motion was made by Representative Roth and seconded by Representative Huntington to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2005 meeting. The minutes were approved.

HB 2232: Film services commission members and duties

Staff gave a briefing of <u>HB 2232</u>. This bill concerns the Kansas Film Services Commission relating to members and duties.

Barbara Nash, Chairperson of the Kansas Film Commission, gave testimony as a proponent of **HB 2232**. At the time of the creation of the Commission, the primary purpose was to promote travel and tourism by attracting film productions to Kansas, with the hope that the film sites would become tourist attractions. The Kansas Film Commission supports the changes provided by **HB 2232**. Deleting the regional residency requirement would permit the appointment of additional members whose primary interest is film making. (Attachment 1) The Committee was also given a handout showing the Kansas Film Commission Members. (Attachment 2)

An informative question and answer session followed the testimony.

Chairperson Gordon closed the hearing for **HB 2232**.

HB 2144: Tax increment financing; motorsports complex

Representative Huntington moved **HB 2144** favorable for passage. Representative Kuether seconded the move.

Representative Carlin made a substitute motion to adopt the revisor's proposed amendment to HB 2144.

Representative Keuther seconded the motion. A vote was taken and motion passed.

Representative Carlin made a motion to adopt oversight amendment to **HB 2144**. The motion was seconded by Representative Winn. A vote was taken and motion passed.

Representative O'Malley made a motion to provide for secretarial approval of the project. Representative

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Keuther seconded the motion. A vote was taken and motion passed.

Representative Huntington made a motion to pass HB 2144 favorable for passage as amended. Representative Kuether seconded the motion. A vote was taken and HB 2144 was passed out as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2005.

HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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Testimony on HB 2232 before the House Economic Development Committee by Barbara Nash on Behalf of the Kansas Film Commission

February 17, 2005

Chairwoman Gordon and Members of the Committee,

I am Barbara Nash of Olathe, President of the Kansas Film Commission. It is a pleasure to appear before you this afternoon as a Proponent of House Bill 2232.

The Kansas Film Services Commission, which is the statutory name for the Kansas Film Commission, was created by the Kansas Legislature in 1990 (K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 74-9201, and K.S.A. 74-9202, et. seq).

At the time of its creation, a primary purpose of the Commission was to promote travel and tourism in Kansas by attracting film productions to Kansas' locations, with the hope that those sites would become tourist attractions. For this reason the Commission was located in the Division of Travel and Tourism of the Department of Commerce, and the governing statute required the Governor to appoint Commission members from the state's tourism regions (K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 74-9201, and K.S.A. 74-9202).

We support the changes provided for by House Bill 2232 for these reasons:

First, Kansas statute now requires that of the fifteen Commission members appointed by the Governor, "One of the members appointed by the governor shall be appointed from

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each tourism region recognized and designated as a tourism region by the secretary of commerce" (K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 74-9201 (a) (5). This means that 40% (six of fifteen) of the Governor's appointees, and 35% (six of nineteen) of the total membership of the Commission, must be selected based upon their residency in the state's designated tourism regions.

Kansas tourism development continues to be a goal of the Film Commission. We enjoy excellent working relationships with convention and visitor's bureaus, tourism sites and travel business across our state. They are primary and valued sources for identifying locations for film productions. But to encourage film production in Kansas as an indigenous industry, and as a vehicle for economic development, the Commission depends upon members with expertise in film production and in the film industry. Deleting the regional residency requirement would permit the appointment of additional members whose primary interest is in film making.

Second, Kansas statute requires the Commission to "... assist the film services section of the division of travel and tourism development..."(K.S.A. 74-9202). In 2002, however, former Secretary of Commerce Gary Sherrer moved film services from the Division of Travel and Tourism to the Business Development Division, and abolished the film services section of travel and tourism. The Kansas Film Commission supported this change. House Bill 2232 merely conforms the applicable statute to the current organizational placement of the film services staff, but continues to require the Commission to assist the division of travel and tourism in identifying locations for films.

The Kansas Film Commission respectfully requests that you recommend House Bill 2232 favorably for passage, and thanks you for this opportunity to appear before you.

Sincerely,

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