Approved: <u>March 20, 2007</u>

Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:40 A.M. on February 14, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jim Barone- excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Coach Bill Snyder Max Falkenstien Ted Hayes, Executive Director, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on:

SB 79--Concerning funding of the Kansas sports hall of fame

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

The Chairman welcomed Coach Bill Snyder who testified in support of <u>SB 79</u> (<u>Attachment 1</u>). Coach Snyder explained that many Kansas athletes leave the state to pursue their careers, but they return with pride and stay involved with the universities and their hometowns. He noted that the athletes never lose sight of their Kansas ties and their schools. Communities never stop welcoming them back home. Coach Snyder mentioned that he is concerned that it is on the brink of losing the Sports Hall of Fame.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Max Falkenstien who testified in favor of <u>SB 79</u> (<u>Attachment 2</u>). Mr. Falkenstien explained that since 1986 funding of the Sports Hall of Fame has been a problem. He noted that <u>SB 79</u> provides a perfect opportunity for the Legislature to help this great organization. In closing, Mr. Falkenstien mentioned that he believed in the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and the value it brings to Kansas.

The Chairman welcomed Ted Hayes, Executive Director, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, who spoke in support of **SB 79** (Attachment 3). Mr. Hayes explained that the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame has a worthwhile and outstanding mission of benefit to all Kansans to honor, to educate and to inspire. He mentioned that by passing the bill they are asking the Legislature for assistance in paying for the basic operation of the Hall of Fame which will free up hundreds of thousands of dollars they raise each year to be used to fund their vision programs.

Committee questions and discussion followed. There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB** 79.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis report for FY 2007 and FY 2008 were available to the committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:40 A.M. on February 14, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Subcommittee report on:

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (Attachment 4)

Subcommittee Chair Vicki Schmidt reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007.

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in FY 2007. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chair Vicki Schmidt reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 with adjustments and comments.

Following committee discussion, <u>Senator V. Schmidt moved</u>, <u>with a second by Senator Schodorf</u>, to amend the subcommittee report on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in FY 2008 to consider <u>Item No. 8 in Omnibus</u>. <u>Motion carried on a voice vote</u>.

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in FY 2008 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2007.

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Date February 14, 2007

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TO: Senate Ways and Means Committee Members

Re: Senate Bill 79 - Kansas Sports Hall of Fame

BILL SNYDER

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony in support of Senate Bill 79 which would help to fund the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame with a designated Lottery game.

I am honored to be an inductee in the State of Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and I consider that to be one of the greatest honors I have ever received.

In the 44 years I spent in the coaching profession, I have had the privilege of being a mentor for some of the finest young people in the country. I have seen the development of many athletes into the outstanding citizens they have become and what they mean to the schools and the state they competed for.

I have seen how the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame has helped to bond each university and college and the high schools in Kansas as a centerpiece of honor for the state's outstanding sports history. What I have experienced as a coach has influenced me to want to be a part of the outreach programs for the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame because the organization has such great potential to significantly affect our youth in a positive manner and because I have personally witnessed how it has brought together the people in the state from all communities.

During my years at Kansas State, I witnessed how sports was able to bring families together in a way that showed what the Heartland of America is all about. I can't think of any other venue that has the potential to create this type of unity and togetherness for entire families and communities. When I retired, I received over 10,000 letters from fans from all over the United States, thanking me for bringing back the pride in our football program, in our university and in our state. Many of the fans who wrote weren't K-State alumni, they were simply Kansans and they appreciated what we were able to accomplish at Kansas State that enabled them to share in the pride of being Kansans.

I know the immense pride Kansas State feels for its athletes inducted in the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and I imagine all of the state's colleges and universities feel the same way about their Hall of Fame honorees. Many of our athletes leave the state to pursue their careers, but they return with pride and stay involved with the universities and their hometowns and they never lose sight of their Kansas ties and their schools and communities never stop welcoming them back home.

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The Hall of Fame is an important state organization which needs to be funded by the state in order for it to continue to bond our colleges, universities and schools. It needs to funded so it can continue to be the place of inspiration and positive influence on young people which brings so much pride to the citizens of Kansas. The Kansas Sports Hall of Fame has the potential to become on of the finest of its type in the country if it is properly funded.

As a former coach, I have seen how sports can overcome racial, social, and every form of prejudice. I have seen the impact sports has on communities, families, universities, and this entire state. We need programs and places like the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame to preserve that important facet of our society.

I sincerely hope you will join me in support of the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame by passing Senate Bill 79.

Thank you

Bill Snyder



TO: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

RE: SB 79 - Funding for the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

Thank you, Chairman Umbarger and members of the committee, for allowing me the opportunity to speak today in favor of Senate Bill 79 which would provide a permanent means of funding the State of Kansas Sports Hall of Fame.

I was appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Hall of Fame by Governor Hayden in 1986 and was among the first Governor-appointed members of the Trustees. I served as Chairman of the Trustees for eight years.

During that time, the Board made the decision to move the Hall from the basement of the Elizabeth Watkins museum in Lawrence, to Abilene – in effort to find a more financially stable location which would attract more visitors and receive more funding support. After several years in Abilene, the HOF was relocated to Wichita. All of these moves have been made because of a lack of funding support from the state.

During my time on the Trustee Board, we made numerous attempts to receive funding through the legislature, but were always unsuccessful. This agency was created by the Legislature in 1961 and the Governor appoints the Trustees, there are statutes in place which authorize actions for inductions to take place, but for some reason, the state has never provided a permanent way to fund it. I feel this should be corrected now with the passage of Senate Bill 79.

Several years after I served on the Trustees, I was honored to be inducted into the State of Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and so now I speak to you, not only as a former Trustee, but also as an inductee.

We have a great deal to be proud of in Kansas and the State of Kansas Sports Hall of Fame provides a venue to bring that pride before the people of the state through museum exhibits, programs for youth, classroom materials and other means.

I believe the KSHOF is a fantastic organization for preserving our state history related to sports. I have personally seen, through my years as a radio announcer for the University of Kansas, how important sports is to the citizens of Kansas and how the athletes and coaches are able to provide positive influence on young people.

KANSAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME John Q. Hammons Plaza Senate Ways and Means 2-14-07 I can't count the number of people I personally know, who attended our state's high schools and universities as athletes who are now prominent in the business community and in all professions who learned so much about leadership and values and responsibility through their involvement in sports.

It would be a shame for a state with such a rich tradition and pride in sports as Kansas, to lose the very place we have provided to celebrate our heritage. It will be a shame if we don't fund this great organization which does so much to bring together all communities in Kansas in a setting dedicated to providing a source of education and inspiration for our youth.

Senate Bill 79 provides a perfect opportunity for the Legislature to help this great organization which it created 46 years ago. I believe in the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and the value it brings to our state and I would appreciate your support of SB 79 to insure the Hall of Fame can continue.

Thank you.

Max Falkenstien



TO: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

RE: SB 79 - Funding for the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame

Testimony of Ted Hayes, Executive Director - The State of Kansas Sports Hall of Fame

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

Thank you Chairman Umbarger and members of the Committee for allowing me to testify in support of Senate Bill 79 which would provide permanent funding assistance to operate the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame. I would like to introduce other representatives of the KSHOF who are present here today: Trustee Chairman – Duane Muck, Trustee Rick Williamson, Board Members Bob Hanson, Barry Schwan, Richard Konzem and former board member Bill Beckmeier.

I am here to ask for your support of Senate Bill 79 for the following reasons:

The KSHOF has a worthwhile and outstanding mission of benefit to all Kansans ... To honor, to educate, to inspire. This was the mission written into statute by the Kansas Legislature when it created the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1961 and it continues to be a worthy and outstanding mission today.

What separates the KSHOF from other museums?

<u>Inspirational Role Models – not dinosaurs</u>. The inspirations presented by members of the KSHOF can be life-changing for many young people – tangible evidence that they, too can dream, and if they do like the role models we will present to them, they too, may be able to realize their dreams and to utilize the qualities they learn along the way into adulthood and into their own families, jobs and communities in the future.

<u>Unlike dinosaurs, moon rocks, covered wagons or elephants, all of which are both entertaining and educational</u> – the KSHOF is going to deliver real people from Kansas and hundreds of examples and stories of how those people have overcome racial and gender prejudices and injuries, and broken homes, drug abuse and countless other hardships to achieve great things in sports and off the fields of play – things that may change their lives.

That is what separates the KSHOF from other museums or attractions. KSHOF role models can mold or change young lives in a positive fashion and also entertain and educate them as other museums do, while providing those inspirations.

Kansas is fortunate to have so many quality, positive role models, to use as role models for our youth of what it takes to become a champion and the values those champions had to develop in their quest to

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Senate Ways and Means 2-14-07 achieve greatness: <u>Leadership</u>, sportsmanship, teamwork, dedication, discipline, commitment and a host <u>of other qualities</u>. We want our kids to dream. We want to help them realize their dreams. We can provide them with the tools and the knowledge to do that. That is what separates the KSHOF from others.

What is the Hall of Fame's vision?

Our vision is to reach the entire youth population in the state of Kansas with our messages: "Heroes in Sports, Leaders in Life" and "Be a leader – on the field and off". We aspire to take the KSHOF stories of the role models represented in the Hall of Fame out to the youth in the state through outreach programs such as the "Leaders on and off the Field" program which will be kicked off in Wichita at the end of March. We want to bring our message home – where they live – and ours can be a powerful, lifechanging message – one which is brought to them through sports but is certainly not limited to sports.

Our vision is to develop classroom materials including video, internet classroom hookups, curriculum and a speakers bureau to bring the message to them – in their hometowns at their home schools, and with their classmates and friends.

The vision is to host and sponsor workshops for parents and coaches and others involved in shaping our kids lives in locations throughout the state with positive, powerful messages presented by the likes of Bill Snyder, Dean Smith, Ted Kessinger,

Our vision is to develop a statewide mobile exhibit which can be taken throughout the state at places like the State Fair, K-State/KU football game, state high school track meet and at County Fairs and high school and college events – year around, bringing many of the videos and artifacts – along with the messages – to as many fans and student athletes as we can reach.

Our vision is to maintain an exciting, vibrant state-of-the art sports museum of sports history for fans of all ages to visit, to enjoy, to learn and to be inspired. We want to include electronic interactive displays and fun, physical participation interactives which will entertain, educate and inspire our young people.

Our vision is to get kids away from the screens they are facing 7-9 hours every day: game boys, video games, television, internet and so forth – and back out onto the playgrounds for some physical exercise and fresh air and interaction with other children instead of interaction with a screen or monitor.

Our vision is that no child will be tempted to take drugs, or join a gang, or bring a gun to school, or to commit suicide – for no other reason than because they were loners – a part of nothing.

Our vision is for all children to feel they can be part of something – and not necessarily part of a team as an athlete but maybe as a member of the band or cheerleader, drill team or pep club. Maybe they can be a part as announcers, referees, trainers, scorekeepers, equipment managers, statisticians or even mascots! The KSHOF includes hundreds of examples of people in our society who participated in sports in this way also!

Our vision is to have wholesome, inspirational, family movies on Sunday afternoons at the Hall of Fame. Movies like *Running Brave*, *Brian's Song*, *Glory Road*, *Hoosiers*, and scores more!

Funding for the Hall of Fame

Senate Bill 79 would provide for the Hall of Fame, a significant support of the funding which is already in place.

The HOF has proven that it can raise funds. For forty-five years, we have raised money which has at the very least, allowed the organization to survive without permanent state funding.

In the last four years alone, the HOF has raised over \$2,000,000. We will continue to raise funds for the KSHOF – that will never cease.

What we are asking the Legislature by passing SB 79, is assistance in paying for the basic operation of the Hall of Fame which will free up the hundreds of thousands of dollars we raise each year to be used to fund our vision programs – instead of having to use those private dollars to pay for utilities, lease payments, payroll, insurance, and all other basic operations expense.

Senate Bill 79 will allow us to become the vibrant, exciting statewide source of pride and inspiration it has the potential to become. If the legislature will provide the basic funding support we need, we will make the KSHOF the attraction and source of inspiration it was intended to be and which all of the state of Kansas deserves.

The KSHOF has a worthwhile and outstanding mission of benefit to all Kansans ... To honor, to educate, to inspire.

Thank you. I will be pleased to answer any questions.

Ted Hayes, Executive Director

State of Kansas Sports Hall of Fame

KANSAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME 2007 OPERATIONS BUDGET

INCOME	BUDGET
Admissions/Gift Shop/Rentals	
Golf Tournament	
Induction Ceremony	
Interest	
Miscellaneous – HOF Games	
Sales Tax	
State Funds.	
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	670,000
EXPENSE	BUDGET
Accounting	12.500
Advertising	
Bank Service Charges	
Building Lease Payments	
Dues & Subscriptions	
Facility Rental Expense	
Fund Raising Expense/Lobbyist	
Furniture, Computers, Tools, Equipment	
Gift Shop.	
Golf Tournament	
Induction Ceremony	
Insurance	
Miscellaneous	
Office Expense	
Postage/Shipping.	
Public Relations.	
Repairs & Maintenance	
Retirement	
Supplies	
Taxes – Real Estate	
Taxes - Sales	
Telephone Telephone	
Travel/Meetings	
Utilities	
Wages/Payroll Tax	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	620,000
OPERATING NET	50,000
OPERATING NET	30,000
2007 CAPITAL BUDGET	
DONATIONS INCOME	
Donations/Memberships	245,000
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	240.000
Displays & Exhibits/Programming	240,000

KANSAS LOTTERY COMMISSION

VETERAN'S GAMES – DESIGNATED SCRATCH LOTTERY TICKET SALES Sales are from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day each year.

<u>FY</u> 2004	GROSS SALES \$2,225,436	EXPENSES \$1,592,741	* PROFIT \$632,695
2005	2,398,425	1,697,261	701,164
2006	2,245,966	1,528,853	717,113
2007	2,185,541	1,267,700	917,841

^{*} Amount Transferred to Veterans organizations in January (\$500,000) and July (balance) each year.

Information provided to the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame by officials of the Kansas Lottery.



FY 2007 and FY 2008

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE

Department of Health and Environment

Senator Vicki Schmidt, Chair.

Senator Laura Kelly

Senator Jean Schodorf

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Senate Subcommittee Report

Agency: Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bill No. SB Bill Sec.

Analyst: VanHouse Analysis Pg. No. Vol. I-165 Budget Page No. 175

Expenditure Summary	Agency Estimate FY 07		Governor's Recommendation FY 07		2	Senate Subcommittee Adjustments
Operating Expenditures:						
State General Fund	\$	34,200,957	\$	38,720,017	\$	0
Other Funds		185,168,849		185,168,851		0
Subtotal - Operating	\$	219,369,806	\$	223,888,868	\$	0
Capital Improvements:						
State General Fund	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
Other Funds		0		0		0
Subtotal - Capital Improvements	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
TOTAL	\$	219,369,806	<u>\$</u>	223,888,868	<u>\$</u>	0
FTE Positions		879.0		879.0		0.0
Non FTE Uncl. Perm. Pos.		202.6		202.6		0.0
TOTAL		1,081.6		1,081.6		0.0

Agency Estimate

For FY 2007, the **Kansas Department of Health and Environment** estimates operating expenditures of \$219,369,806. The estimate is an increase of \$11,607,606, or 5.6 percent, above the amount approved by the 2006 Legislature. The estimate includes:

- State General Fund expenditures of \$34,200,957, which are an increase of \$82,950, or 0.2 percent, above the approved amount.
- Children's Initiatives Fund expenditures of \$2,658,000, which are equal to the approved amount.
- State Water Plan Fund expenditures of \$4,016,437, which are an increase of \$169,236, or 4.4 percent, above the approved amount.

Governor's Recommendation

For FY 2007, the **Governor** recommends expenditures of \$223,888,868. The recommendation is an increase of \$16,126,668, or 7.8 percent, above the amount approved by the 2006 Legislature. The recommendation includes:

- State General Fund expenditures of \$38,720,017, which are an increase of \$4,602,010, or 13.5 percent, above the approved amount.
- Children's Initiatives Fund expenditures of \$2,658,000, which are equal to the approved amount.
- State Water Plan Fund expenditures of \$4,016,436, which are an increase of \$169,235, or 4.4 percent, above the approved amount.

Senate Subcommittee Recommendation

The Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation.

Senate Subcommittee Report

Agency: Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bill No. SB Bill Sec.

Analyst: VanHouse Analysis Pg. No. Vol. I-165 Budget Page No. 175

Expenditure Summary	10	Agency Request FY 08	R	Governor's lecommendation FY 08	 Senate Subcommittee Adjustments
Operating Expenditures:					
State General Fund	\$	44,078,615	\$	39,051,032	\$ (1,307,337)
Other Funds		178,352,287		177,989,552	(1,874,596)
Subtotal - Operating	\$	222,430,902	\$	217,040,584	\$ (3,181,933)
Capital Improvements:					
State General Fund	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 0
Other Funds		0		0	0
Subtotal - Capital Improvements	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$	222,430,902	\$	217,040,584	\$ (3,181,933)
FTE Positions		895.0		885.0	(4.0)
Non FTE Uncl. Perm. Pos.		202.6	10	202.6	0.0
TOTAL		1,097.6		1,087.6	(4.0)

Agency Request

For FY 2008, the **Kansas Department of Health and Environment** recommends operating expenditures of \$222,430,902. The request is an increase of \$3,061,096, or 1.4 percent, above the FY 2007 revised estimate. The request includes:

- State General Fund expenditures of \$44,078,615, which are an increase of \$9,877,658, or 28.9 percent, above the FY 2007 estimate. Absent enhancements, the request is \$34,249,858, which is an increase of \$448,901, or 0.1 percent, above the FY 2007 estimate.
- Children's Initiatives Fund expenditures of \$2,658,000, which are equal to the FY 2007 estimate.
- State Water Plan Fund expenditures of \$1,389,952, which is a decrease of \$2,626,486, or 65.4 percent, below the FY 2007 estimate. The agency requests an enhancement of \$2,481,568 to shift funding from the State Water Plan Fund to the State General Fund.
- Enhancements totaling \$9,584,520, including \$9,828,757 from the State General Fund. Enhancements include a funding shift of \$2,481,568 from the State Water Plan Fund to the State General Fund.

Governor's Recommendation

For FY 2008, the **Governor** recommends expenditures of \$217,040,584. The recommendation is a decrease of \$6,848,284, or 3.1 percent, below the FY 2007 recommendation. The recommendation includes:

- State General Fund expenditures of \$39,051,032, which are an increase of \$331,015, or 0.9 percent, above the FY 2007 recommendation. The recommendation includes enhancements totaling \$5,281,417 from the State General Fund.
- Children's Initiatives Fund expenditures of \$2,658,000, which are equal to the FY 2007 recommendation.
- State Water Plan Fund expenditures of \$1,401,749, which is a decrease of \$2,614,687, or 65.1 percent, below the FY 2007 recommendation. The Governor recommends shifting expenditures of \$2,481,568 from the State Water Plan Fund to the State General Fund in FY 2008.
- Enhancements totaling \$3,088,724, including \$5,281,417 from the State General Fund. Enhancements including a funding shift of \$2,481,568 from the State Water Plan Fund to the State General Fund.

Senate Subcommittee Recommendation

The Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation, with the following adjustments and comments.

- 1. **Pay Plan.** Delete \$2,110,478, including \$524,757 from the State General Fund, for the 1.5 percent base salary adjustment and a 2.5 percent step movement for classified employees, a 4.0 percent merit pool for unclassified employees, and the longevity enhancement. Funding for pay plan adjustments and longevity payments will be considered later.
- 2. **Vehicles.** Delete \$491,455, including \$202,580 from the State General Fund, to remove recommended funding to replace 35 vehicles for consideration at Omnibus.
- 3. **Newborn Screening.** Add \$560,000 from the State General Fund for expanded newborn screening. The Subcommittee notes that 2007 HB 2224 would expand the newborn screening from the current four tests, to 28 rare, but treatable, inborn metabolic conditions. This funding would cover testing costs for individuals not covered by Medicaid. The Subcommittee recommends that funding for the program for Medicaid recipients be considered in the budget of the Kansas Health Policy Authority.
- 4. **Cerebral Palsy Posture Seating.** Add \$110,000 from the State General Fund within the Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs program for the Cerebral Palsy Posture Seating program. Posture seating for

children with severe disabilities facilitates mobility for the child and parents, provides optimal positioning for daily activities, and prevents secondary medical conditions such as pressure sores, scoliosis, and pneumonia. A conferee reported that medical treatment for pressure sores, which is covered by Medicaid, costs about \$15,000 to \$60,000. A posture seating system has an average cost of \$4,000 with a five year life span. It was reported that a funding shortfall exists in this program, primarily due to the inability of Medicaid to reimburse for evaluations and follow-up fittings for clients.

- 5. **Healthy Kansans 2010.** Delete \$1,000,000 from the State General Fund and 2.0 FTE positions for the Healthy Kansans 2010 Initiative and consider at Omnibus.
- 6. **Kansas Mentors Program.** Delete \$250,000 from the State General Fund and 2.0 FTE positions for the Kansas Mentors Program and consider at Omnibus.
- 7. **Infant-Toddler Services.** The Subcommittee notes that the agency requested \$250,000 from the State General Fund to cover program expenses related to Infant-Toddler Services (Tiny-K). The Subcommittee feels that this is an important program and recommends Omnibus consideration of this item.

The Subcommittee also notes that the Infant-Toddler Services networks have a goal of reaching funding levels equivalent to one-half of the Base State Aid Per Pupil amount. Once a child reaches his or her third birthday, the child may receive services from the local school district. The school district receives funding of one-half of the Base State Aid Per Pupil for this service. The Infant-Toddler Services networks provide similar services to the birth to three population. A funding increase of \$1.7 million would be necessary to provide one-half of the Base State Aid Per Pupil funding to the networks.

- 8. **State Water Plan Fund.** The Subcommittee concurs with the Governor to shift \$2,481,568 from the State Water Plan Fund to the State General Fund for the Contamination Remediation Program and the Local Environmental Protection Program. However, this Subcommittee feels that this issue has significant policy implications and recommends the full Senate Ways and Means Committee review of the issue of State Water Plan Fund program expenditures at a later date.
- 9. Treece Buyout. The Subcommittee concurs with the Governor for \$680,000 from the State General Fund for the buyout of the Treece Superfund site, and recommends that reappropriation language be included with this appropriation. This funding is recommended for environmental clean-up activities in the City of Treece in Southeast Kansas. The federal Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Superfund Program provides 90.0 percent of the funding necessary to clean up uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites, with a 10.0 percent state match. Treece qualifies as a Superfund site due to millions of tons of residue, or chat, remaining from mining activities. The chat contains lead, zinc, and cadmium contamination. The project is referred to as the "Treece Buyout" since the action taken by the state will constitute a buyout of the town. A similar plan by the State of Oklahoma involves the buyout of the neighboring town of Picher, Oklahoma.

- 10. **Community Based Primary Health Care Clinics.** The Subcommittee applauds the efforts of the community based primary health care clinics to provide health care in underserved areas. The Subcommittee recommends consideration at <u>Omnibus</u> of \$2,500,000 requested by the clinics to grow medical capacity, create dental hubs, and support a health care provider recruitment program.
- 11. **Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Outreach and Shelter Services.**The Subcommittee recommends <u>Omnibus</u> consideration of \$2,000,000 for domestic violence and sexual assault outreach and shelter services. These funds are requested to help serve rural or underserved areas where services are virtually non-existent.
- 12. **Meningitis Vaccine.** The Subcommittee urges the agency to adopt the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation that adolescents receive the meningitis vaccine upon entering grade six, or between the age of 11 and 12.
- 13. **Tobacco Use.** The Subcommittee notes the agency's work to decrease tobacco use in Kansas. The agency reports a 2.0 percent decrease in the adult smoking rate, with an all-time low adult smoking rate of 17.8 percent. Kansas improved to sixth from eleventh in the national smoking rates. By comparison, in 1990 Kansas ranked 27th with over 30 percent of the population using tobacco.
- 14. **Immunization Rates.** The Subcommittee commends the agency for increasing childhood immunization rates. Kansas moved from 43rd to 12th nationally, with four years of steady improvement. The agency has implemented the Governor's 2004 Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations including advancing immunization schedules, linking immunizations to Women Infants and Children (WIC) services, and providing parental incentives. In addition, the agency anticipates additional improvements with the statewide immunization registry, expansion of current efforts, and the Immunize Kansas Kids Projects.
- 15. **Public Health Preparedness.** The Subcommittee commends the agency for the work accomplished on preparedness for pandemic flu, bioterrorism, and natural disasters. Kansas met 9 out of 10 preparedness criteria and ranked second in the nation in the Trust for America's Health annual report on public health preparedness. Since then, the agency has successfully completed the tenth preparedness criteria.
- 16. **Foreign Animal Disease.** The Subcommittee notes that Kansas is among the top animal agriculture states in the country, and faces the potential for responding to a foreign animal disease (FAD) outbreak. The agency has worked to identify 450 pre-selected burial sites for disposal of animals in a FAD incident. The agency anticipates adding 70 to 80 sites this calendar year. Kansas is recognized as a leader in this planning effort.
- 17. **Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).** The Subcommittee commends the agency for completing of the first round of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) during 2006. TMDLs are quantitative objectives and strategies

needed to achieve the water quality standards adequate to fully support the designated uses of streams, lakes, and wetlands. The agency has worked across all 12 river basins in the state to develop the TMDLs. This work was required under a court decree, and an agreement has been reached among all parties to close the decree.

18. Clean Air Improvements. The Subcommittee applauds the efforts of the agency to improve air quality in the state. The agency reported that air pollution has declined over three percent for the third consecutive year. The agency continues work to control interstate transport of air pollutants, reduction of mercury from power plants, and the implementation of regional haze plans.