

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carolyn McGinn at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 in room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

### Committee staff present:

Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senator McGinn's Office  
Alan Conroy, Director, Legislative Research Department  
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department  
Michael Steiner, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department  
Bobbi Mariani, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jan Lunn, Committee Assistant, Senator McGinn's Office  
Eli Johns, Intern, Senator McGinn's Office

### Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Alan Conroy, Director, Legislative Research Department  
Leah Robinson, Principal Analyst, Legislative Research Department  
Amy Deckard, Senior Analyst, Legislative Research Department  
Aaron Klaassen, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department

### Others in attendance:

See attached list.

### Senate Ways and Means staff introductions:

Senator McGinn opened the meeting and introduced members of the Ways and Means Committee staff: Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff; Jan Lunn, Committee Assistant; Judy Carlson, Office Assistant; and Eli Johns, a Political Science major from Washburn University, who will serve as an intern for the 2012 legislative session.

Senator Masterson introduced his daughter, Kaely Masterson, who will assist in his office during the Session.

Senator Francisco introduced, Andrea Kalish, who will be interning during the 2012 Session.

### Update on January 2012 Revenues:

Alan Conroy, Director, Legislative Research Department, introduced Michael Steiner, Senior Analyst, and Bobbi Mariani, Fiscal Analyst, who are assigned to Senate Ways and

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Means for the 2012 Legislative Session. Mr. Conroy also introduced new Research Department staff members: Susan Duffy, Brian Turnbull, and Abigail Boudewyns. Mr. Conroy distributed the fiscal assignments for Legislative Research staff members. (Attachment 1)

Mr. Conroy reported that December 2011 State General Fund (SGF) receipts were \$60.0 million or 2.1 percent above the estimated amount. Total SGF receipts through December of FY 2012 were \$245.6 million or 9.0 percent above FY 2011 for the same period. Tax receipts only (for the same period) were above FY 2011 by \$207.6 million or 7.7 percent. (Attachment 2) Mr. Conroy noted that the \$15 million statutory funding transfer to the Kansas Bioscience Authority was not made in late 2011, which has been the previous practice. Therefore, this transfer will be made prior to the end of the 2012 fiscal year.

The status of the SGF Profile was distributed and reviewed. (Attachment 3)

### **Report on Legislative Budget Committee:**

Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department, briefed committee members on the statutory duties of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. She provided information on topics, conclusions and recommendations for issues discussed which included: a federal funding update for the Kansas Department of Transportation; school funding for out-of-state students; Affordable Airfares; and Veterans Claims Assistance (VCAP). (Attachment 4)

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department, indicated specific topics assigned to the Joint Budget Committee were: Adult Medicaid Dental Benefits; the Office of the State Fire Marshal; and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities.

Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department, noted the Budget Committee recommended further evaluation during the 2012 session of expanding Medicaid dental benefits to adult beneficiaries as well as the need for an additional cost benefit analysis. Concerning the topic of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, Ms. Deckard reviewed the Budget Committee's conclusions and recommendations.

Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research Department, provided information on the issue of whether the Office of the State Fire Marshal should be retained as a stand-alone agency. Mr. Klaassen clarified that the State Fire Marshal is appointed by the Governor. Legislative Budget Committee conclusions and recommendations were reviewed.

Responding to questions concerning the update on federal funding for the Kansas Department of Transportation, Chairperson McGinn recognized Ben Cleeves from the Office of the Budget, Kansas Department of Transportation. Mr. Cleeves clarified that Kansas receives federal funding from the Highway Transportation Fund, which is funded by gasoline and diesel fuel taxes. The fuel tax has been extended through March 2012

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which allows Kansas to continue current road and highway projects; however, federal tax reauthorization will be required in order to continue Kansas highway projects past March.

Chairperson McGinn adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.