

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 10:40 a.m. on March 10, 2004 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

David Monical, Executive Director of Governmental and University Relations, Washburn University
Sheila Frahm, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees
Michael Pepoon, Director, Government Relations, Sedgwick County
Reginald Robinson, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents
Frank S. Henderson, Jr., Executive Director, Crime Victims Compensation Board, Office of the Attorney General

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Bill Introduction

Senator Helgerson moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to introduce a bill concerning deer, relating to a landowner deer management (3rs2078). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2004 and FY 2005 were available to the committee.

Subcommittee budget reports on:

Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) (Attachment 1)

Subcommittee Chairman Kerr reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 with exception and concurs with the Governor's FY 2005 recommendations with exceptions.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 556--Out-district tuition for Washburn university and community colleges

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

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Chairman Morris welcomed the following conferees:

David Monical, Executive Director, Governmental and University Relations, Washburn University, who testified in support of **SB 556** (Attachment 2). Mr. Monical explained that Washburn University reluctantly supports passage of **SB 556** due to the financial circumstances confronting the state which creates the necessity for such legislation. He noted that passage of the bill ensures revenue is maintained until state funds are available for replacement regarding out-district tuition.

Sheila Frahm, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, who spoke in support of **SB 556** (Attachment 3). In her written testimony, Ms. Frahm explained that with **SB 556**, the remaining half of county out-district tuition, along with local property taxes, state appropriations and student tuition all are very important components of total funding for the ever increasing enrollment and training demands for community colleges.

Michael Pepoon, Director, Government Relations, Sedgwick County, who testified as a neutral party regarding **SB 556** (Attachment 4). Mr. Pepoon addressed reasons listed in his written testimony, referencing Sedgwick County, that would respectfully request consideration to continue to phase out out-district tuition for counties in some reasonable proportion and within some reasonable time frame, and to discontinue passing legislation that freezes this amount at \$12 per credit hour, as the Legislature did in 2002, 2003 and now intends to do in 2004.

Written testimony was submitted by Reginald Robinson, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents, regarding **SB 556** (Attachment 5).

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 556**.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

SB 551--Diversion agreements; defendant pay court costs

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

There were no conferees on **SB 551**. The committee discussed diversion and what type of offenses are involved.

There being no conferees on the bill, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 551**.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 552--Increase percentage of fines, penalties and forfeitures credited to the crime victims compensation fund and the crime victims assistance fund

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

The Chairman welcomed Frank Henderson, Jr., Executive Director, Crime Victims Compensation Board, Office of the Attorney General, who testified in favor of **SB 552** (Attachment 6). Mr. Henderson explained that his desire is that additional funds be made available through the court system. He noted that one of the unique aspects about the program is that it is fully funded through offender-based sources, the offenders pay the victims. He urged support of the bill to adequately fund the Crime Victims Compensation Board which was established to fulfil a specific need for Kansans who are victimized through violent crime.

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 552**.

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The Chairman called the committee's attention to discussion of the following bills:

SB 551--Diversion agreements; defendant pay court costs

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, a conceptionsal amendment regarding SB 551 to include infractions and moving violations and recommend SB 551 favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

SB 552--Increase percentage of fines, penalties and forfeitures credited to the crime victims compensation fund and the crime victims assistance fund

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to recommend SB 552 favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2004.