

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 10:30 a.m. on March 17, 2004 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Nicoletta Buonasera, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Bruce Kinsey, Revisor of Statute's Office  
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Deb Miller, Secretary, Kansas Department of Transportation  
Pat Hurley, Representing the Co-Chairs of Economic Lifelines  
Ron Gaches, Representing the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers  
Wendy Harms, Associate Director of the Kansas Aggregate Producers and the Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Associations  
Lew Ebert, President and CEO, Kansas Chamber of Commerce (written)  
Scott Heidner, Executive Director, Kansas Consulting Engineers (written)  
Randall Allen, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Counties

Others attending:

See Attached List.

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:**

**Juvenile Justice Authority (Attachment 1)**  
**Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility**  
**Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility**  
**Kansas Juvenile Correctional Facility**  
**Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility**  
**Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility**

Subcommittee Chairman Jordan reported that the subcommittee on the Juvenile Justice Authority concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and concurs with the Governor's recommendation with adjustment and notation.

Subcommittee Chairman Jordan reported that the subcommittee on all of the Juvenile Correctional Facilities concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2004 and FY 2005 with the exception of the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Facility in FY 2005 with notation.

Senator Jorday moved, with a second by Senator Helgerson, to adopt the subcommittee budget reports on the Juvenile Justice Authority, Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility, Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility, Kansas Juvenile Correctional Facility, Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility and the Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

CONTINUATION SHEET

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**SB 515--Financing for comprehensive transportation program**

Staff briefed the committee on the bill. It was noted that on page 3, line 7 of the bill, the year should be corrected to 2007. The following information was distributed:

- Letter to the committee regarding the Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP) Financing, from Robert Waller, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Department of Legislative Research (Attachment 2)
- Comprehensive Transportation Program, Kansas Legislative Research Department (Attachment 3)

The Chairman welcomed the following conferees:

Deb Miller, Secretary, Kansas Department of Transportation, testified in support of **SB 515** (Attachment 4). Secretary Miller explained that **SB 515** is the Governor's proposal to restore the Comprehensive Transportation (CTP) to fiscal integrity. She addressed in her written testimony several issues that had been raised since the Governor's proposal was announced. Secretary Miller mentioned that the goal is to fund the program.

Pat Hurley presented a letter on behalf of Mary Turkington and Fred Berry, Co-Chairpersons of Economic Lifelines, in support of **SB 515** (Attachment 5).

Ron Gaches, Executive Director, Gaches, Braden, Barbee & Associates, testified in support of **SB 515** (Attachment 6). Mr. Gaches addressed two concerns regarding the future of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) which are detailed in his written testimony.

Wendy Harms, Associate Director of the Kansas Aggregate Producers' Association and the Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association, testified in support of **SB 515** (Attachment 7). Ms. Harms urged the committee and the Legislature to provide the Comprehensive Transportation Program with 100 percent dedicated funding through a variety of mechanisms.

Written testimony in support of **SB 515** was submitted by:

- Scott Heidner, Executive Director, Kansas Consulting Engineers (Attachment 8).
- Lew Ebert, President and CEO, The Kansas Chamber (Attachment 9).
- Randall Allen, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Counties (Attachment 10).

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 515**.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2004, which will be a joint meeting with the House Transportation Committee.