

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Brungardt at 10:30 a.m. on March 20, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Melissa Doebelin, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Dwayne Umbarger  
Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Audit  
Jeff Russell, Legislative Services  
Captain Dan Brown, Capitol Police  
Charles Simmons, Kansas Department of Corrections

Others attending:

See attached list.

**SB 672 - K-GOAL amendments; repealing mandatory audits by certain state agencies on certain dates; at least four annual audits conducted by legislative post audit as determined by the legislative post audit committee**

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 672**.

Senator Dwayne Umbarger appeared in favor of the bill. (Attachment 1) The bill address governmental efficiency and expands K-GOAL to provide accountability for state agencies and specific state programs. The audits would be reported directly to the appropriate standing committee and would be chargeed with reviewing and evaluating the audits. These committees have the ability to implement aspects of the audit, potentially saving the taxpayers and ultimately the will of the Legislature to act on an audit's recommendations.

Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 2) The bill changes the legislative audit, evaluation, and review process spelled out in the Kansas Governmental Operations Accountability Law (K-GOAL). There has been considerable legislative interest in trying to identify ways to streamline state government by eliminating or combining certain agencies or programs, and by operating needed state agencies and programs more efficiently. Interest has shown itself through discussions or efforts to:

- establish a new Kansas Government Efficiency Commission
- have the Post Audit Committee focus more of our audit work on efficiency and cost savings issues (the LPAC's proposal to focus at least half of the audit work on efficiency/cost savings issues. That would be about 6-10 "efficiency-focused" audits per year.)
- bring back "sunset" audits and reviews in Kansas (1978-1992; established a legislative audit, review, and evaluation process for selected agencies that were abolished unless specifically continued by law)
- change the nature of the audit work conducted under K-GOAL (1992 - current; similar to sunset, but without the threat of being abolished)

Maintaining a statutory requirement for K-GOAL audits focused on efficiency could help ensure that such audits continue to be performed in the future; there would need to be a change to the K-GOAL law as proposed in the bill to specify a new round of agencies to be audited and reviewed for the next 8-year cycle, if the Legislature wants to continue the K-GOAL legislative audit, review, and evaluation process beyond 2009.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 672**.

**HB 2905 - An act requiring each state agency to designate a security liaison**

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2905**.

Jeff Russell, Director, Legislative Services, spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 3) The bill would require each state agency within the capitol complex to designate a current employee to be the agency's security liaison.

Captain Dan Brown, Troop Commander of the Capitol Police, spoke in favor of the bill and stated that the bill would lay the groundwork for state agencies and the security liaison to work with the best practices and policies relating to security issues developed by the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) and made available to all state agencies. The security liaison would work with the KHP capitol police office. (Written testimony was not provided)

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2905**.

**HB 2740 - Correctional officers to receive 40 hours of annual training not current 80 hours.**

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2740**.

Charles E. Simmons, Deputy Secretary for Facilities Management, Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC), spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 4) The bill is consistent with the waiver granted by appropriation provisos for the fiscal years 2003 and 2004. An across the board requirement of two weeks of annual classroom training for all officers adversely impacts the Department's operations, in that, while officers are participating in training, they are unavailable for assignment to their regular security duties. The minimum 40 hours of annual curriculum training is consistent with the training standards of other states. A chart regarding the training hours for corrections officers in other states was provided.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2740**.

**Final Action:**

**SB 672 - K-GOAL amendments; repealing mandatory audits by certain state agencies on certain dates; at least four annual audits conducted by legislative post audit as determined by the legislative post audit committee**

Senator Reitz moved to pass SB 672 out favorably. Senator Ostmeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried

**HB 2905 - An act requiring each state agency to designate a security liaison**

Senator Francisco moved to pass HB 2905 out favorably. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried

**HB 2740 - Correctional officers to receive 40 hours of annual training not current 80 hours.**

Senator Lynn moved to pass HB 2740 out favorably. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am. The next scheduled meeting is March 25, 2008.