

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 9:45 A.M. on March 16, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Vicki Schmidt- excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Gordon Self, First Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ashley Holm, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research
Becky Krahl, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, 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:

Erik Sartorius, City of Overland Park
Sandy Jacquot, Director of Law/General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities
Matt Shatto, Assistant City Administrator, Lenexa (written)

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to introduce a bill concerning early childhood education services; study by LEPC and 2010 commission; administration; preschool teachers (7rs1337). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on:

HB 2044--Distributions from the business machinery and equipment tax reduction assistance fund and the telecommunications and railroad machinery and equipment tax reduction assistance fund

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

The Chairman welcomed Erik Sartorius, City of Overland Park, who testified in support of **HB 2044** (Attachment 1). Mr. Sartorius explained that **HB 2044** would clarify a law enacted last year exempting newly purchased business machinery and equipment from property taxes.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Sandy Jacquot, Director of Law/General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities, who spoke in support of **HB 2044** (Attachment 2). Ms. Jacquot noted that **HB 2044** is essentially a trailer bill to clarify provisions of the machinery and equipment bill from last year's legislative

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Written testimony was submitted by Matt Shatto, Assistant City Administrator, Lenexa, Kansas (Attachment 3).

There being no further conferees to appear before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2044**.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to amend the provisions of SB 378 (concerning inter-local governments) into HB 2044. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator McGinn, to recommend HB 2044 favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Umbarger turned the committee's attention to discussion and possible action on:

SB 357—Appropriations for FY2008 and FY2009 for state agencies

SB 358—Appropriations for FY2007 for various state agencies

SB 359—Appropriations for FY2008 and FY2009 for capital improvements for various state agencies

Staff of the Kansas Legislative Research Department distributed and updated the committee on the following items:

- Comparison of FY 2007-FY 2008 Recommended Expenditures, Governor's Recommendation and Senate Committee Recommendation (Reflects Senate Committee Action as of March 14, 2007) (Attachment 4)
- Senate Appropriations Bill (Reflects Senate Adjustments for FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009) (Attachment 5)
- Items for Omnibus Consideration (Referred by the Senate Committee) (Attachment 6)
- Children's Initiative Fund FY 2007 and FY 2008 (Attachment 7)
- Economic Development Initiatives Fund, FY 2006 - FY 2007, as of March 16, 2007 (Attachment 8)
- State Water Plan Fund: FY 2007 - FY 2008, as of March 15, 2007 (Attachment 9)
- State General Fund Receipts, Expenditures and Balances, FY 2006 - FY 2010, In Millions (Attachment 10)
- Copies of a letter from Duane Goossen, Director of the Budget, containing items to correct errors made in posting the detailed budgets or in publishing *The FY 2008 Governor's Budget Report* that was submitted to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means in January 2007 (Attachment 11)

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to adopt the errors to correct made in posting the detailed budgets or in publishing The FY 2008 Governor's Budget Report. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Betts moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to add \$150,000 State General Fund in the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services budget to fund a grant to the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Kansas in FY 2008 for support services. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to add \$120,361 State General Fund in FY 2008

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in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment budget for field trials in Cherokee County on soil treatments in areas impacted by mining. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Taddiken moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to add language in the Kansas Department of Corrections to require State Finance Council approval before release of a bond issuance for prison expansion projects in FY 2008, FY 2009 and FY 2010. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Taddiken, to add language in FY 2008, under Kansas State University - Extension Systems and Agricultural Research Program, prohibiting financial aid or support for any 4-H competitive events or activities at county fairs for which the minimum age for participants is increased from 7 to 9 years of age or for any 4-H organization or unit that sponsors competitive events at county fairs and that is planning to increase or has increased the minimum age for participants in such events from 7 to 9 years of age. Motion carried on a show of hands following requested division on a voice vote.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Betts, to add \$715,516, Special Revenue Funds, in FY 2008, and 7.0 FTE positions for expenditures for the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kelly moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to defer to Omnibus consideration of operating State Park No. 24 in Topeka in FY 2008 regarding the State General Fund and the Parks Fee Fund. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to review at Omnibus adding \$140,000 State General Fund in FY 2008, Judicial Council, to cover costs related to moving within the Judicial Center. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Morris, to add \$500,000 State General Fund, Kansas Department of Education, for leadership academies in FY 2008. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kelly moved, with a second by Senator Betts, to add \$825,000 State General Fund, Kansas Department of Education, for Discretionary Grants Program in FY 2008 to provide additional funding for after school programs for middle school students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades (and ninth grade, if they attend a junior high school). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Morris moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to review the Professional Development and Teacher Mentor Pay Programs at Omnibus to consider increasing resources. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend the provisions of **SB 30** into **SB 357**. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to consider at Omnibus the potential for the Kansas Department of Transportation regarding federal grant funding for the 800 MHz interoperable radio system in FY 2008. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Wysong, to recommend **SB 357**, **SB 358** and **SB 359** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2007.