

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:00 a.m. on January 19, 2000 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:        Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department  
   Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes  
   Judy Glasgow, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:     Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor  
   Representative Kenny Wilk

Chairman Oleen stated that Representative Wilk, Vice-Chair of the Legislative Post Audit Committee, indicated that he would appear before the committee upon adjournment of the House. When Representative Wilk arrived she would accommodate his testimony.

The hearing was opened on:

**SB 393-K-GOAL; agencies subject thereto**

Chairman Oleen recognized Barb Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, appearing on behalf of the Legislative Post Audit Committee in support of **SB 393** - Kansas Governmental Operations Accountability Law. Barb Hinton gave a history of the pre K-GOAL Sunset Law. (Attachment 1). In 1991 the Special Committee on Governmental Organization recommended introducing a new set of legislative oversight procedures through the Kansas Governmental Operations Accountability Law. Key provisions of the law include: 1) Legislative Post Audit Committee would direct performance audits of each state agency subject to legislative review and evaluation 2) the scope of the performance audits could be specific or general as the committee directed; 3) agencies subject to a K-GOAL audit were due over an 8-year cycle that ended in 2000 and 4) the audits had to be completed no sooner than two years before and no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the legislative session. The 1992 Legislature had passed the K-GOAL law, and repealed the Sunset Law.

Chairman Oleen called on Representative Wilk the Vice-Chair of the Legislative Post Audit Committee. (Attachment 2) Representative Wilk testified as a proponent for this bill and stated that a Post Audit Subcommittee's review of K-GOAL unanimously concluded that 1) K-GOAL audits are an integral part of the legislative oversight process and a key tool in the process of improving State government operations 2) past K-GOAL audits have been useful at addressing key aspects of State agency operations, identifying areas for improvement and suggesting ways to reduce costs, clarify State law, and improve agencies' performance. Representative Wilk urged the committee to consider this bill favorably for passage.

Barb Hinton continued with her testimony before the committee. Ms. Hinton stated that under the current law, no more agencies are scheduled for audit under K-Goal. **SB 393** does two primary things 1) it specified the agencies that will be subject to a performance audit under K-GOAL adding four new agencies and 2) it specified when each agency will be subject to audit.

Barb Hinton responded to questions from committee members regarding clarification of the scheduled dates of audits and when the presentations is made to the Committee and forwarded to other legislative committees. The chart provided by Barb Hinton shows that individual legislative requests are used for 80 to 85 percent of the audit resources. Senator Oleen explained that the majority of K-GOAL audits are cabinet level agencies.

Chairman Oleen stated that the committee would continue the discussion on **SB 393**.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Chairman Oleen asked for committee action on approving Committee minutes for the Committee Meeting dated January 13, 2000. Senator Biggs made a motion the minutes be approved, and it was seconded by Senator Vratil; the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.