

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Caryn Tyson at 5:10 pm on Friday, April 06, 2018, in room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Molly Baumgardner – Excused  
Senator Tom Holland – Excused

Committee staff present:

Adam Siebers, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department  
Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Phyllis Fast, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber  
Trey Cocking, League of Kansas Municipalities  
Patrick Vogelsberg, Kansas Assn. of Realtors  
Roger Hamm, Kansas Department of Revenue  
Zachary Fridell, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Hearing on: SB459 — Creating the taxation study commission.**

Chairperson Tyson opened a hearing on **SB459**.

Adam Siebers presented to the Committee a description of **SB459**. He stood for questions.

Eric Stafford presented testimony to the Committee in support of **SB459** to assist the Committee in understanding the effects of Kansas' high property tax rate. No written testimony was provided. He stood for and answered numerous questions.

Trey Cocking presented testimony to the Committee neutral to **SB459**. No written testimony was provided. He stood for and answered various questions.

Patrick Vogelsberg presented testimony to the Committee in support of **SB459** in order to provide a comprehensive view of all Kansas taxes. ([Attachment 1](#)) He stood for and answered various questions.

Written only testimony presented to the Committee neutral to **SB459** was provided by Sandra Rupp, Ness County Commissioner ([Attachment 2](#)).

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No testimony neutral to **SB459** was presented to the Committee.

From the audience, Roger Hamm provided answers to questions from the Committee.

When all questions from the Committee were answered, Chairperson Tyson closed the hearing on **SB459**.

**Discussion & possible action on: SB459 — Creating the taxation study commission.**

Without objection Chairperson Tyson sought discussion and possible action on **SB459**.

Senator Lynn made a motion to amend **SB459** by making January 1, 2019 the finish date of the commission's report. Senator Lynn withdrew her motion.

Senator Alley made a motion to amend **SB459** by making January 1, 2019 the start date of the commission and January 1, 2020 as the date for the commission's recommendations. Senator Alley withdrew his motion.

Senator Francisco made a motion to amend **SB459** to only include property taxation, to have 17 voting members, to require the commission's recommendations by January 15, 2020, and to require the final report by January 15, 2021. Senator Lynn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Senator Alley made a motion to amend **SB459** by requiring progress reports from the commission. Senator Alley withdrew his motion.

Senator Alley made a motion to amend **SB459** by having the legislators be the only voting members of the commission. Senator Lynn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Senator Francisco made a motion to amend **SB459** by making the effective date of the commission be January 19, 2019. The motion died for lack of a second.

Senator Francisco made a motion to amend **SB459** by requiring the legislators' designees be only legislators. Senator Lynn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Senator Lynn made a motion to amend **HB2380** by removing the contents and inserting the amended contents of **SB459** into **S Sub HB2380**. Vice Chair Kerschen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Senator Francisco voted NO.

Senator Lynn made a motion to pass out **S Sub HB2380** as amended. Vice Chair Kerschen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Senator Francisco voted NO.

**Discussion on: Proposed language for resolution.**

Without objection Chairperson Tyson sought discussion on proposed language for a resolution.

Zachary Fridell presented information to the Committee by giving a detailed list of changes to the proposed language. ([Attachment 3](#)) He stood for questions.

After all questions from the Committee were answered, Chairperson Tyson adjourned the meeting at 6:13pm.