

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Kenny Wilk at 9:00 a.m. on February 20, 2002, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Newton, Excused
Representative McCreary, Excused
Representative Spangler, Excused

Committee staff present: Amy Kramer, Legislative Research
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research
Alan Conroy, Legislative Research
Paul West, Legislative Research
Leah Robinson, Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Jack Brier, KDFA
Travis Lenkner, Appropriations staff

Others attending: See Attached

Chairman Wilk announced the referral of **HB 2991** to the Public Safety Budget Committee.

Hearing, Discussion and Action on HB 2810—Concerning the division of accounts and reports requiring reports to the legislature when requested

Dale Brunton, Director of Accounts and Reports, presented testimony on the bill which would eliminate, or make requestable, reports that are no longer useful to recipients (Attachment 1).

As there were no opponents, Chairman Wilk closed the hearing on **HB 2810**.

Representative Landwehr moved to amend Lines 18 and 24 of the bill by adding “Legislative Research or other legislative staff agency” as entities who could request the reports in question. Motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Landwehr moved to report the bill favorably as amended. Motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Hearing on HB 2829—Regulation of parking on certain state property

Joe Fritton, Director of the Division of Facilities Management, explained the importance of the bill as being part of the Department of Administration’s effort to improve security, provide additional parking, and provide such services in the capitol complex in a more cost-efficient manner (Attachment 2). This would allow the Secretary of Administration to impose and collect fines which would go into a parking fund. Currently there are approximately 150 cars parked illegally on the grounds every day. This bill would allow the Department of Administration to hire personnel to patrol the grounds for parking violations.

The Committee discussed the propriety of the Department of Administration being allowed to keep such fines rather than the money going into the State General Fund. It was pointed out that the Kansas Highway Patrol was not allowed to keep moneys collected from traffic violations.

Chairman Wilk closed the hearing on **HB 2829**.

Representative Stone moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2002, as presented. Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

Representative Peterson, Chairperson of the Tax, Judicial, and Transportation Budget Committee, presented

the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Board of Tax Appeals for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Toplikar. Motion carried.

Representative Peterson, Chairperson of the Tax, Judicial, and Transportation Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Board of Tax Appeals for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Toplikar. Motion carried.

Representative Peterson, Chairperson of the Tax, Judicial, and Transportation Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Human Rights Commission for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

Representative Peterson, Chairperson of the Tax, Judicial, and Transportation Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Human Rights Commission for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

Representative Klein, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Office of the Securities Commissioner of Kansas for FY 2002 and FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 and FY 2003 with comments (Attachment 4). Motion was seconded by Representative Weber. Motion carried.

Representative Klein, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Department of Credit Unions for FY 2002 and FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 and FY 2003 (Attachment 4). Motion was seconded by Representative Weber. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on HB 2690—University research and development enhancement act

Travis Lenkner, Administrative Assistant to Chairman Wilk, presented a construction process flowchart for the research and development projects (Attachment 5). This process would not be required for all projects but would be at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the subsidiary corporation. Companies interested in being considered for being contract managers would contact the State Building Advisory Commission. Mr. Lenkner then reviewed each of the proposed amendments in the three sections of the bill which apply to the subsidiary corporation, debt service on bonds, and the delineation of the procedures for obtaining project services for construction (Attachment 6). Copies of the proposed amendments were distributed (Attachment 7).

Representative Wilk moved for the adoption of the amendments as presented in Attachment 7. Motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

Jack Brier, President of the Kansas Development Finance Authority, reassured the Committee that debt service for the state for the bonds would not be more than \$10 million per year at a total cost of \$50 million over a six year period. He referred to his letter of February 13, 2002, which suggested additional language to the bill regarding such debt service (Attachment 8). The Committee requested a letter of assurance that the agreement with KDFA is that KDFA will actually own the buildings and will lease them to the universities involved until the bonds are paid off.

Representative Landwehr moved to conceptually amend the bill to change the membership of the Board of Directors of the subsidiary corporation to seven members selected, one each, by the Speaker of the House, the Minority Leader of the House, the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, three members selected by the Board of Regents with no more than two being Regents, and with the Secretary of Administration, or the Secretary's designee, being a non-voting member. The members selected by Legislative leadership would not have to be legislators. Motion was seconded by Representative Nichols. Motion carried.

Representative Nichols made a conceptual motion to amend the bill by adding a section which would require KDFA to contract with the Board of Regents to assume costs incurred above the stated \$50 million. The motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

Revisor Wilson was directed to work with the staff of the Board of Regents and KDFA to prepare the

amendment to the bill in accordance with the legislative intent of the bill.

Committee members voiced concern that although this is very important for the state of Kansas and its future, they did not want this to impact the funding of the base budgets for the universities nor disallow the continued funding of 1999 SB 345.

Representative Ballard moved to report **HB 2690** favorably as amended. Motion was seconded by Representative Peterson. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Bethell moved for the introduction of legislation regarding a utility company being a landlord. Motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Wilk at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2001.