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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marc Rhoades at 9:15 AM on Friday, March 16, 2012 in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Clark Shultz - excused

Committee staff present:

J.G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department

Dylan Dear, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department

Michael Wales, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Nobuko Folmsbee, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Cindy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant

Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Mike O'Neal, Speaker of the House

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Chairman Rhoades called the meeting to order and reviewed the committee meeting agenda.

Chairman Rhoades opened the hearing on **HB 2785**.

### **HB 2785 – Kansas Bioscience authority; term limit, affiliation with KPERS and conflict of interest**

Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided an overview of three major points to the bill (Attachment 1), and responded to questions from committee members. She stated that it was

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Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA) decision not to be affiliated with the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs).

Representative Mike O'Neal, Speaker of the House, presented testimony as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 2). He emphasized the importance of clarifying the conflict of interest provision in the bill and highlighted additional recommendations for the committee's consideration regarding term limits for board members, and the removal of the option of affiliation with KPERs.

Speaker O'Neal responded to questions from committee members. Discussion followed regarding the composition of the KBA board and term limits, and the degree of authority for KBA to operate autonomously. It was noted that contractual policies are common-place for non-compete and non-disclosure agreements, and the appointee of an Agricultural expert would be selected from any appointing authority.

Committee members expressed concerns regarding the need for additional legislative oversight of the KBA. It was noted that the Appropriations and Budget Committee provides oversight of the KBA through the budgeting process, which receives approximately \$35 million from state funding.

Chairman Rhoades closed the hearing on the bill.

Chairman Rhoades opened discussion on **SB 425 – Court fees and costs; establishing, operating and maintaining electronic filing, storage and management for the Kansas Court System.**

**Representative Kelley made a motion to delete the provisions in SB 425 – Court fees and costs; establishing, operating and maintaining electronic document filing, storage and management for the Kansas Court System. and replace with the provisions of HB 2746 - Court of appeals, delay 14th judge position to January 2018. The motion was seconded by representative Mast.**

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Discussion followed by committee members regarding clarification of the motion.

Chairman Rhoades stated that the Senate bill would not contain the e-filing. He stated that several Representatives have expressed the need for a resolution to connect the state-wide system. A subcommittee would be established for further evaluation of a state-wide e-filing system, which will include additional data provided by information technology personnel.

Discussion continued by committee members. It was noted that not all counties are going towards a state-wide e-filing system, as they have their own systems in place that are working well. Johnson County will continue using present software, which was offered at no cost to all counties in the state.

*Representative Kelley renewed the motion. The motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at: 10:10 a.m.