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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Burgess at 3:33 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

All Committee staff was present except: Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes.

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Martha Gabehart, Executive Director, Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

The Chair asked if there were any bills to be introduced. He had received a request from Anthony Schlinsog, Chief Information Technology Officer, Office of the Governor, to introduce a bill that would update the Executive Order from last fall concerning information technology.

*Representative Osterman made a motion to request the introduction of this bill on information technology, Representative DeGraaf seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by the Committee members.*

Renaë Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes, gave a briefing (Attachment 1) on **HB 2453–Commission on disability concerns; changes.** This bill is in response to Executive Reorganization Order (ERO) 35, which moved the Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (KCDC) from the Department of Commerce to the Office of Governor during the 2011 legislative session, and it updates the statutory language to be consistent with the ERO. The Governor will be responsible for appointing 15 of the 30 members of the commission and shall appoint an executive director.

Martha Gabehart, Executive Director of the Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns, provided testimony as a proponent (Attachment 2). KCDC supports passage of this bill.

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Ms. Gabehart did call attention to a change on Page 1, Line 30 of the bill, which is simply a typo. The bill should read: “At least eight of the members appointed by the ~~secretary~~ *governor* shall be Kansans with disabilities.” This change is consistent with other parts of the bill that were changed from secretary to governor. Ms. Gabehart added that the Governor wants to expand the employment of people with disabilities, and this has been the Commission’s goal for quite some time.

Written testimony was provided by Andrew Wiens, Policy Analyst, Governor’s Office (Attachment 3). In addition to aligning the statues with the ERO, the relocation elevates the status in state government of persons with disabilities and provides a stronger voice for issues related to their well-being. The Governor’s Office supports the passage of this bill.

There being no other testimony, and no opposing testimony, the Chair consulted with Vice Chair Pete DeGraaf and Ranking Minority Leader Ed Trimmer if they had any objection to acting on the bill today since the only change was the result of a typographical error. There was no objection voiced by any persons attending.

Representative Osterman made a motion to amend the bill as suggested, it was seconded by Representative Wolf, and the Committee unanimously voted to approve the motion.

Representative Johnson made a motion to recommend favorable passage for the bill as amended, it was seconded by Representative DeGraaf, and the Committee unanimously voted to approve the motion.

Representative Osterman will prepare the bill brief and carry the bill to the House tomorrow.

Chair Burgess reported that presentations have been scheduled for most days next week. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

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