

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rhoades called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. on April 29, 2011, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
J.G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Shirley Morrow, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant, Appropriations Committee
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant, Appropriations Committee

Others attending:

See attached list

- Attachment 1 Proposal for Reductions to the State Budget

Chairman Rhoades welcomed committee members and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Representative Pottorff made a motion to approve the committee minutes from meetings held on March 9, 10 and 11, and April 18 and 19, 2011. The motion was seconded by Representative Carlin. Motion carried.

HB 2396: An act abolishing the commission on judicial performance.

Chairman Rhoades opened discussion on **HB 2396**. He noted that approximately \$800,000 was removed for funding in the Mega bill for Judicial Performance.

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Representative Brown made a motion to move **HB 2396** favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Peck. Motion carried.

OMNIBUS BILL

Chairman Rhoades opened discussion on the **Omnibus Bill**. It was noted that there was an error on the Fiscal Note for KCPOST as there were no costs for FY 2011.

Representative Gatewood made a motion for an amendment that would require KCPOST to investigate profiling complaints with authorized expenditures from docket fees in all funds in the amount of \$95,237 for FY 2012. The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Discussion followed by committee members. Chairman Rhoades updated committee members on the status of the Conference Committee meetings. The House and Senate proposals includes a list of across the board cuts and is in Conference Committee, he noted.

Representative Gordon made a motion for an amendment to remove \$160,000 from the Board of Healing Arts from the Omnibus bill. The motion was seconded by Representative Denning. Motion carried.

Chairman Rhoades stated, that as requested by committee members, an update by Steve Anderson, Director of the Division of Budget, Secretary Sullivan with the Department on Aging and Secretary Roberts with the Department of Corrections has been scheduled for Monday's committee meeting.

Representative Carlin provided committee members with an update of the Ft. Hays Pipeline program, which just completed the first year. Of the fourteen graduating students, thirteen are enrolled in higher education programs within the state, she added.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Appropriations Committee at 9:09 a.m. on April 29, 2011, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented an overview of the additional reductions to the State Budget as proposed by Representative Brown, Representative Kelley and Representative Donohoe ([Attachment 1](#)). This proposal would provide for an additional SGF reduction of approximately \$138 million or an ending SGF balance of \$203.5 million. The proposal would take the funding to the FY 2011 budget and provide for \$263 million in expenditure increases for replacement of federal stimulus dollars, SGF debt service and KPERS-School payments. He reviewed the budget reductions that will still be maintained and the school finance adjustments. He noted that **HB 2395** provides flexibility to local school districts within existing funds, and employee salary reductions are not included in the proposal. The SGF spending for FY 2011 would be \$5.6 billion and \$5.9 million for FY 2012, he added. The additional information included in the proposal represents adjustments by agency for FY 2010, FY 2011 and FY 2012, he noted.

Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department, responded to questions from committee members. He discussed the Department of Corrections adjustment of \$45 million from the previous committee's position in FY 2012. The federal funds would not be replaced with SGF for Department of Corrections, medicaid caseloads are addressed in the proposal but the waivers would not be held harmless with this proposal, he added.

Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department, responded to questions from committee members regarding the impact on waivers with this proposal. She stated a large portion of this reduction would be centered on the waivers, due to the increase in SGF for replacement of federal dollars for FY 2012. The impact of the 10% change in the state share and maintenance of effort requirements were discussed. Additional information will be forthcoming from the federal government in regards to replacement requirements of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, she added. The reductions to SRS excluding caseloads and waivers by the committee have been recommended. The across the board cuts to SRS represents \$9.9 million or 5% under the current House position, she noted.

Chairman Rhoades stated that all amendments to the Omnibus Bill will be considered in committee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Marc Rhoades, Chairman