

Approved: February 29, 2012

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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marc Rhoades at 9:18 AM on Tuesday, February 21, 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

Others in attendance:
See attached list.

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

Representative Peck stated that additional information on the Ellsworth Correctional Facility has been distributed (Attachment 1), as requested by committee members.

Representative Feuerborn made a motion to introduce legislation regarding Veteran's club fundraising efforts. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. The motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Vice-Chair, Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the FY 2012 Abstracter's Board of Examiners Budget Committee Report (Attachment 2). The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation with the following notation: noted support of **HB 2743** to raise the annual license renewal fee.

Representative Pottorff made a motion to approve the FY 2012 Abstracter's Board of Examiners Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Peck. The motion carried.

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Representative Pottorff, Vice-Chair, Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the FY 2012 Board of Technical Professions Budget Committee Report ([Attachment 2](#)). The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation with the following notation: commended the agency for reducing their fees.

Representative Pottorff made a motion to approve the FY 2012 Board of Technical Professions Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Peck. The motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Vice-Chair, Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the FY 2013 Board of Technical Professions Budget Committee Report ([Attachment 2](#)). The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation with the following notation: commended the agency for reducing their fees; and commended the agency for continued use of the IBM AS/400 computer system with limited maintenance support available for the system.

Representative Pottorff made a motion to approve the FY 2013 Board of Technical Professions Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Peck.

Discussion followed by committee members. It was noted that the computer system was upgraded.

Representative Pottorff renewed the motion to approve the Budget Committee Report. The motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Vice-Chair, Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the FY 2013 Emergency Medical Services Board Budget Committee Report ([Attachment 2](#)). The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation with the following notation: noted that legislation has been introduced to increase the longevity bonus to \$50 per year of service; requested an update during the 2013 Legislative Session regarding technology update and costs for implementation.

Representative Pottorff made a motion to approve the Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Peck.

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Discussion followed by committee members regarding the agency's plans to address the technology issues. It was noted that due to expense of the update and the lack of funding, plans to address this issue will be reviewed during the next Legislative Session.

Representative Pottorff renewed the motion to approve the Budget Committee Report. The motion carried.

Representative Peck, Chair, Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the FY 2013 Kansas Bureau of Investigation Budget Committee Report (Attachment 2). The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation with the following notations: noted that legislation has been introduced to increase the longevity bonus to \$50 per year of service; noted that 3 FTE positions participated in the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program; recommended that the agency is allowed the flexibility to utilize DNA funds to decrease its toxicology backlog; recommended action to identify available funding to increase Forensic Scientists pay; and noted the importance of the new equipment for student interns at Washburn University's forensic programs.

Representative Peck made a motion to approve the FY 2013 Kansas Bureau of Investigation Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff.

Representative Peck stated that market salary information for forensic scientists has been distributed to committee members (Attachment 3).

Discussion followed by committee members. Representative Peck responded to questions from committee members and stated that there was no fiscal note for the recommendation to utilize DNA funds in order to decrease the toxicology back log. The Budget Committee thought was to operate under the spirit of pay go. As requested, staff will prepare a fiscal note. Referencing the turnover rate for forensic scientists, the Budget Committee recommended following the Hay Study for competitive wages in the marketplace.

Representative Peck renewed the motion to approve the Budget Committee Report. The motion carried.

Representative Peck, Chair, Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the FY 2013 Kansas Highway Patrol Budget Committee Report (Attachment 2). The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation with the following notations: noted that legislation has been introduced to increase the longevity bonus to \$50 per year of service; noted that 10 FTE positions participated in the Voluntary retirement Incentive Program; noted that the agency's request for construction of a new Troop F headquarters in Sedgwick County; noted concern regarding the use of compensatory time to pay troopers for holiday's worked; agency testified regarding the cost of troopers assigned to the State Fair on Labor Day, which would be an additional expenditure of approximately \$21,769; and recommended that adjustment be made to

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the agency's budget to reflect action in the Appropriations Committee that would reduce the transfer of Civil Assessment fees from the Kansas Corporation Commission to the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Representative Peck made a motion to approve the FY 2013 Kansas Highway Patrol Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff.

Discussion followed by committee members. The process of transferring funds from the Kansas Department of Transportation to the State General Fund (SGF) as a revenue transfer into the Kansas Highway Patrol was discussed. Concern was expressed regarding the continued use of Department of Transportation funds to support this agency.

Representative Peck responded to questions from committee members regarding the Budget Committee's recommendation to support the action in the Appropriations Committee to reduce the transfer of Civil Assessment fees from the Kansas Corporation Commission to the Kansas Highway Patrol. It was noted that this amount reflects an 80/20 match with federal funds.

Representative Ballard made a substitute motion to delete the Budget Committee's recommendation to support the action taken in the Appropriations Committee and add back the Governor's recommendation to restore this transfer. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood.

Discussion continued regarding the matching federal funds, guidelines for agricultural and commercial inspections, and vehicle safety on the highways.

Representative Ballard renewed the substitute motion. The motion failed.

Representative Ballard made a substitute motion to add language to the Budget Committee Report to review the transfer recommendation at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Kelley. The motion carried.

Representative Peck renewed the Budget Committee Report as amended. The motion carried.

Representative Peck, Chair, Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the FY 2013 State Fire Marshal Budget Committee Report ([Attachment 2](#)). The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation with the following notations: noted that legislation has been introduced to increase the longevity bonus to \$50 per year of service; and noted that the Governor's Budget Amendment (GBA) adds \$823,807 for special revenue funds and 3 FTE positions for FY 2013.

Representative Peck made a motion to approve the FY 2013 State Fire Marshal Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff.

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Discussion followed by committee members. It was noted that the Senate Committee Report did not add the 3 FTE positions, but added in the agency's enhancement request.

Representative Peck renewed the motion to approve the Budget Committee Report. The motion carried.

Representative Landwehr noted that any agency upgrades for information technology purposes over \$250,000 are required to be reviewed by the JCIT Committee. She suggested that this wording be included in Budget Committee Reports.

Chairman Rhoades renewed the agenda for the next committee meeting, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. next Wednesday.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.