

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carolyn McGinn at 10:30 a.m. on February 22, 2011, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Dorothy Hughes, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Brea Short, Intern, Senator McGinn's Office
Jan Lunn, Committee Assistant
Josh Lewis, Chief of Staff

Others attending:

See attached list.

Conferees:

Estelle Montgomery, Legislative Research Department
Bob Zook, Administrator, Kansas Board of Barbering
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research Department

Bill Introductions

Senator Emler introduced a bill concerning motor vehicles relating to inspections. The motion was seconded by Senator Masterson and passed on a voice vote.

Follow-up Information

Pat George, Secretary, Department of Commerce, furnished follow-up information from the February 15, 2011, Senate Ways and Means Committee meeting (Attachment 1). It was noted this information had been previously electronically distributed.

Hearing on SB 118 – Changes to fees collected by the board of barbering:

Estelle Montgomery, Legislative Research Department, briefed committee members on **SB 118**. Ms. Montgomery noted that the Board regulates and supervises the barbering industry in Kansas. She indicated this bill creates a new fee in the Board of Barbering fee structure. This new fee, "chair lease license," has been collected in the past but was excluded from K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 65-1817. The bill also raises other fees included in this statute. Ms. Montgomery reported the Board of Barbering has not increased its fee structure since 2003.

Mr. Bob Zook, Administrator of the Kansas Board of Barbering, was present to support this bill (Attachment 2). Mr. Zook explained the shop inspection process; he spoke to the current culture in the barbering industry, and the difference between the proposed chair lease license fee and the restoration of an expired chair lease license fee.

Discussion ensued and committee members suggested efficiencies could be created with the consolidation of the Boards of Barbering and Cosmetology.

Chairman McGinn closed the hearing on **SB 118**.

Hearing on SB 154 - Increasing the abstractor license fee to \$75

Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research Department, briefed committee members on the bill, which was created by the 1941 Legislature. It is a 3-member board with 2 part-time employees. The hours are such that the Board reports zero full time equivalent employees (FTE). **SB 154** increases the fee for each abstractor's license to \$75.

Mr. Glen R. McQueen, Executive Secretary of the Abstractors Board of Examiners, provided written testimony (Attachment 3) in support of **SB 154**.

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Committee members discussed the possibility of consolidating this fee board with another agency at the time the bill is scheduled for final action.

It was noted that abstracters' services have diminished as most real estate transactions involve title insurance. Senator Huntington added that when the Subcommittee reviewed this agency, it was noted that this service was necessary in many rural Kansas areas.

Senator McGinn closed the hearing on **SB 154**.

Subcommittee Reports

Senator McGinn distributed the recommendations from the Senate Subcommittee on the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (Attachment 4). Chairperson McGinn indicated the Subcommittee concurred with the Governor's recommendation with twelve recommendations. Senator McGinn reviewed each recommendation which included:

- Delete \$5.0 million, all from the Children's Initiatives Fund, for the Reading Roadmap for FY 2012.
- Delete \$3,452,779, all from the Children's Initiatives Fund and add a corresponding amount from the Child Care Development Fund for FY 2012, for the Child Care Assistance Program.
- Delete \$1.2 million, including \$750,000 from the State General Fund (SGF), to reduce salaries and wages in the Administration Program.
- Delete \$2,024,291, including \$1,000,000 from the SGF, from the Adoption Support Program for FY 2012.
- Delete \$6.2 million, all from SGF, and add the same amount from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Fund (TANF) for the foster care program.
- Delete \$3,197,688, including \$2,827,606 from the SGF, from the Foster Care Program for FY 2012, to maintain foster care contract rates at the current level (with no increases in rates). The agency is directed to review the legal ramifications of contractual changes and to report prior to final consideration by the full Committee.
- Delete \$17.0 million, including \$7,240,000 from the SGF, from the Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP) for FY 2012. The PAHP is included in the mental health portion of human services consensus caseloads.
- Add \$10,202,779, including \$8,452,779 from the Children's Initiatives Fund and \$1,750,000 from the SGF, for the Early Head Start Program. This would partially restore funding for the program.
- Add \$10,233,297, from the SGF, for Mental Health State Aid.
- Add \$3,206,703, from the SGF, to partially restore funding for the Family Centered System of Care for FY 2012.
- Add \$6,643,811, including \$2,827,606 from the SGF, for the Home and Community Based Services waiver for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- The Subcommittee noted that the budget for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services is complicated, especially regarding Medicaid expenditures which intersect with the Kansas Health Policy Authority/Kansas Department of Health and Environment budget. The Subcommittee noted additional adjustments may be required by the full Committee prior to the budget bill being sent to the Committee of the Whole. The Subcommittee recommended that the entire Committee receive any updated information provided by the agency.

Responding to Committee members' questions and concerns, Senator McGinn indicated that:

- During Subcommittee meetings, the agency indicated it might be possible to keep foster care contract rates at the FY 2011 level.
- Increased funding for the waiver program was achieved through actions by the Subcommittee.
- Additional information will be provided to the Committee prior to finalization.

Senator McGinn indicated there were several technical adjustments required in the Subcommittee Report; she moved to adopt the Subcommittee Report including any and all technical adjustments required. Senator Teichman seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.