

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 a.m. on February 25, 2003, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present:

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department
Paul West, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Analyst
Sue Fowler, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mr. Howard Fricke, Secretary, Department of Administration

Others attending: See Attached

Committee members received a report from the Division of Personnel Services of the Department of Administration on Classification and Job Rate Study for Health Care Classes regarding **SB 509** (2002 Session).

HB 2410 was referred to Tax, Transportation, Judiciary and Retirement Budget Committee.

Representative Shultz, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas State School for the Blind for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Huebert. Motion carried.

Representative Shultz, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas State School for the Blind for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with exceptions and notations for FY 2004 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative McLeland. Motion carried.

In addition to their recommendations, the Education Budget Committee encourages intensive conversation between the Kansas State School for the Blind and the Department of Social Rehabilitation Services to ensure all possible federal funds are leveraged through maximizing federal medicaid funds in order to better serve the students. Committee members discussed special education services and how they all originate from the Individual Education Plan (IEP) developed at the local school level or at the Kansas State School for the Blind. Outreach services and adequately funded summer school programs are essential in this special education area.

Kansas State School for the Deaf serves approximately 150 students, half are local students and half are residential. The Kansas State School for the Deaf has outreach services with 230 students being enrolled in auditory training programs, consultation and evaluation for another 25-30.

Representative Nichols, Member of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas State School for the Deaf for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with adjustment for FY 2003 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Shultz. Motion carried.

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Representative Shultz, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Library for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative McLeland. Motion carried.

Representative Shultz, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the State Library for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2004 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Newton. Motion carried.

Hearing and Action on HB 2369 – State employee suggestions program bonus award procedures.

Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department, explained the bill which would change the time when bonuses could be paid to the employee.

Mr. Howard Fricke, Secretary of Administration, presented testimony supporting the suggested changes in the bonus award program (Attachment 2). He stated that it was not fair to penalize award-winning employees by forcing them to work for another year after their cost-cutting idea had been implemented. Currently, the cost savings would be realized by the state for one year before the employee would receive compensation. Also, the state agency might not implement the cost-saving idea for more than a year but that would not be the fault of the employee. Mr. Fricke explained that there would be more of an incentive to participate in the cost-savings bonus award program if the award was more immediate.

Chair Neufeld announced the hearing on **HB 2369** was closed.

Representative Feuerborn moved to report favorably **HB 2369**. Motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

In Secretary Fricke's update on the Department of Administration (DOA) to the Committee, he reviewed planned improvements to the state purchasing plan which include the functioning of all areas within the DOA as a team unit. A study is underway regarding the possibility of taking advantage of Federal General Services Administration contracts which are now available to states. He introduced Stuart Leighty who has been hired as the Director of the newly organized Division of Facilities Management, Purchasing and Printing. Secretary Fricke stated the state lease issue is being investigated as well as the "kickback purchasing" program which has been in operation for some time. He did remind the Committee of the problem of privatization of purchasing items which are currently purchased through state work programs (e.g. prisons and other state institutions).

Representative Shultz, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Arts Commission for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Newton. Motion carried.

Representative Shultz, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Arts Commission for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2004 (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Huebert.

Representative Shultz moved for an amendment to recommend a change in the wording in Item 1 of the Education Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for FY 2004 as follows:

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“Delete \$100,000 from the State General Fund and ~~add~~ recommend that \$50,000 be added to the Medical Loan Program at the University of Kansas Medical Center and recommend that \$50,000 be added to the Graduate Medical Education Program at the University of Kansas Medical Center–Wichita.” Motion was seconded by Representative Huebert. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver moved to remove Item 1 of the Education Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendation for FY 2004. Motion seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Shultz moved adoption of the amended Education Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendations for the Kansas Arts Commission for FY 2004 as amended (Attachment 3). Motion seconded by Representative Heubert. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendations for the Kansas Guardianship Program for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 4). Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendations for the Kansas Guardianship Program for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with observations for FY 2004 (Attachment 4). Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver. Motion carried.

Representative Shultz, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendations for the State Historical Society for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 5). Motion was seconded by Representative McLeland. Motion carried.

Representative Shultz, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendations for the State Historical Society for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with exceptions for FY 2004 (Attachment 5). Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver.

Representative Shultz moved for an amendment to his motion to recommend a change in the wording in Item 1, of the Education Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendations for FY 2004 (Attachment 5) after the word as follows: “Delete \$300,000 from the State General Fund and ~~add~~ recommend that \$150,000 be added to the Medical Loan Program at the University of Kansas Medical Center and recommend that \$150,000 be added to the Graduate Medical Education Program at the University of Kansas Medical Center–Wichita.” Motion was seconded by Representative Huebert. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver moved to remove Item 1 of the Education Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendations for FY 2004 (Attachment 5). Motion seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Shultz noted the Budget Committee’s respect and support for the State Historical Society, the Kansas Arts Commission and the Kansas Humanities Council and the value of their programs to the culture of Kansas.

Representative Shultz moved the amended report for the State Historical Society report on the Governor’s budget recommendations for FY 2004 as amended (Attachment 5). Motion seconded by Representative Heubert. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor’s budget recommendations for the Kansas Human Rights Commission for FY

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2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 (Attachment 6). Motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Human Rights Commission for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations with notations for FY 2004 (Attachment 6). Motion was seconded by Representative Osborne. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard congratulated the Kansas Human Rights Commission for their creativity and recent recognition as one of the premier agencies in state governments of the nation.

Chair Neufeld announced the appointees to a Subcommittee on Medicaid Funding for the Kansas State School for the Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf: Chair Neufeld, Representative Nichols, Representative Shultz, Representative Landwehr and Representative Ballard.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2003.

Melvin Neufeld, Chair