

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 3:30 p.m. on March 15, 2006, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office
Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Discussion and action on HB 3005 - Establishing the veterinary training program for rural Kansas.

Chairman Johnson opened discussion on **HB 3005**. Raney Gilliland reviewed this legislation that would establish a program to provide incentives for persons pursuing a veterinary degree at Kansas State University to locate their veterinary practice in rural Kansas communities.

Representative Carlson proposed a conceptual amendment to **HB 3005**, possibly on Page 2, Line 2, to state that preference shall be given to those students who are Kansas residents and who agree to serve in a county which is determined to be an under served area for the practice of veterinary medicine as determined by the college. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Following much discussion, the motion passed.

Representative Dahl moved to amend **HB 3005** on Page 2, Line 2, by changing 48 continuous months to "120 continuous months." The motion was seconded by Representative Svaty. Discussion ensued. The motion passed.

Representative Miller proposed an amendment to allow the loan recipient to move from one under served area of the state to another and still be in compliance. The motion was seconded by Representative Knox. Following discussion and explanation by staff that **HB 3005** doesn't state that this cannot be done, therefore, an amendment probably isn't necessary. Representative Miller, with Representative Knox's consent, withdrew his amendment.

Representative Freeborn moved to amend **HB 3005** on Page 2, Lines 13 and 14, to change the interest rate to "9.9% or at the prime rate of interest plus 2%, whichever is greater." Seconded by Representative Svaty, the motion failed.

Representative Svaty moved to amend **HB 3005** on Page 2, Lines 1 and 2, to define an under served area as "any county in Kansas which has a population not exceeding 35,000 at the time the person entered into the program agreement." Seconded by Representative Knox, the motion carried.

Representative Freeborn moved to amend **HB 3005** on Page 1, Section 1.(b) to make the award in the student's senior year to pay off a portion of their loans equal to what would have been paid if they had received the loan their freshman year. There was no second and she withdrew the amendment.

Representative Faber moved to sunset the provisions in **HB 3005** in ten years. Seconded by Representative Freeborn, the motion carried.

After discussion and explanation by staff, Representative Faber moved to clarify his amendment to state that "the college shall not enter into any program agreements after July 1, 2016. All program agreements entered into prior to such date shall continue in full force and effect subject to the provisions of the agreements." Seconded by Representative Miller, the motion carried.

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Representative Powers moved to amend **HB 3005** to reduce the loan amount on Page 1, Line 29, from \$20,000 to “\$5,000 per year.” Seconded by Representative Lukert, the motion failed.

Representative Trimmer moved to amend **HB 3005** on Page 1, Line 29, to insert after \$20,000 per year “for not more than four years.” Seconded by Representative Freeborn, the motion carried.

Representative Powell moved to amend **HB 3005** on Page 1, Section 1. (b), to make a lump sum award of \$80,000 in a veterinary student’s fourth year. Seconded by Representative Freeborn, the motion failed.

Representative Peck moved to amend **HB 3005** to reduce the loan amount on Page 1, Line 29, from \$20,000 to “\$15,000 per year.” Seconded by Representative Dahl, the motion failed.

Representative Powers moved to amend **HB 3005** to reduce the loan amount on Page 1, Line 29, from \$20,000 to “\$10,000 per year.” Seconded by Representative Lukert, the motion failed.

Representative Knox moved to amend **HB 3005** on Page 1, Line 43, to include “engage in the full-time practice of veterinary medicine specializing in food animal medicine.” The motion died for lack of a second.

Representative Williams moved to recommend **HB 3005**, as amended, favorably for passage. Seconded by Representative Svaty, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m. The next meeting of the House Agriculture Committee is scheduled for March 20, 2006.