

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:30 A.M. on January 31, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes  
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Robert Day, Director of Health Planning and Finance, Governor's Office

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Umbarger referred the following bills to subcommittees:

**SB 84– Appropriations for FY 2006 for the Department of Health and Environment, 340B federal drug pricing program** was referred to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Subcommittee.

**SB 85– Appropriations for FY 2006 for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, breast reconstructive surgery** was referred to the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Subcommittee.

**SB 95– KPERS, retirement benefit options for spouse of member in certain circumstances** was referred to the KPERS Issues Subcommittee.

**SB 99– Retirement plan for certain employees of State Board of Regents and certain educational institutions thereunder** was referred to the KPERS Issues Subcommittee.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Dr. Robert Day, Director of Health Planning and Finance, Governor's Office, who presented an overview of the ERO 33 and I-Save Rx, Governor's Health Care Initiative, Healthy Kansas (Attachment 1). Dr. Day addressed Kansas Medicaid and provided a brief overview of the following items:

- Medicaid is second only to public education in the number of citizens impacted by its services.
- In a twelve-month period, Medicaid and SCHIP will cover 350,000 Kansans.
- Preventive services comprise a small portion of total health care expenditures.
- Costs in Medicaid and SCHIP are driven by acute and chronic illnesses.
- When people are sick, they seek care.
- Without insurance, that care is provided in the most expensive setting.

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- Health insurance costs reflect, in part, the costs of uncompensated care.
- Health care spending is projected to grow from 14.1 percent of GDP in 2001 to 17 percent GDP in 2007.

Dr. Day provided a brief overview of the Governor's Health Care Initiative including the following items:

- Contain costs by streamlining the Health Care System
- Affordable health insurance options for small businesses
- Coverage and preventative care for Kansas children
- Health Wave for children of low income state employees
- Provide coverage to low-wage working parents
- Provide access to lower-cost prescription drugs
- Taking steps together to be healthy

Committee questions and discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2005.