

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe McLeland at 1:30 P.M. on January 30, 2007 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Audrey Dunkel, Legislative Research Department
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Theresa Gordzica, Chief Financial Officer, University of Kansas
Bill Otto, State Representative District Number 9
Diane Duffy, Vice President Finance, Board of Regents
Lucas Maddy, President Student Government, Kansas State University
Ginger Niemann, President Student Government, Pittsburg State University

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman McLeland asked for bill introductions. Representative Colloton asked to introduce legislation that would 1) Decouple the enrollment weighted measurements from the base state aid per pupil, and 2) would make it linear rather than using the complicated block system formula we now have. Representative O'Neal made the motion and it was seconded by Representative Horst. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Michele Alishahi gave a short review of budget write-up guidelines.

HB 2016 - Board of regents authority to transfer title of real estate to investing agents of state educational institutions.

First to speak was Theresa Gordzica,, a proponent, who said this legislation will enable KU and other Regent's institutions to transfer gifts and donations in the form of property to their endowment association (Attachment 1).

Reginald Robinson, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents, submitted written testimony in support of this bill which would give state universities important flexibility in managing devised property (Attachment 2).

The hearing was closed on **HB 2016**.

HB 2069 - State educational institutions, regents report on tuition and fees

This bill was introduced by Bill Otto who outlined why this bill was important (Attachment 3).

Next Diane Duffy spoke against this bill because she feels this bill is not necessary (Attachment 4).

Lucas Muddy, also, spoke as an opponent to this bill because they have their own committee studying tuition costs (Attachment 5).

Ginger Niemann, gave her reasons why this bill should not be passed because she too thought the bill was unnecessary (Attachment 6).

The hearing was closed on bill **HB 2069**.

HB - 2091 State educational institutions; capital improvement projects financed with non-state moneys

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The chair introduced Theresa Gordzica as a proponent because this bill would allow KU and other Regent's institutions the ability to move more quickly on construction projects that are not funded with State General Fund or other state tax sources (Attachment 7).

Reginald Robinson, President and CEO Kansas Board of Regents, submitted written testimony in support of this bill which would expand current state law that exempts certain capital improvements funded by private moneys (Attachment 8).

The hearing was closed on **HB 2091**.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 2:55 PM.