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MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:55 A.M. on April 3, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Kristen Clarke Kellems, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:
See attached list.

The Chairman turned the committee's attention to discussion of:

HB 2744—Procedures for state agencies to acquire architectural, engineering and land surveying services for certain projects for state agencies and setting fees for such services

Staff provided an update on the bill.

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to recommend **HB 2744** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

HB 2926—Agreements between cities and KDOT for demolition of abandoned homes in flood areas

Staff provided an update on the bill.

Senator Betts moved, with a second by Senator V. Schmidt, to adopt a balloon amendment regarding **HB 2926** that was requested by the Kansas Department of Transportation (Attachment 1). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Goodwin, to recommend **HB 2926** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

SB 679—Division of vehicles modernization surcharge

Staff provided an update on the bill. Information from the Kansas Department of Revenue was distributed to the Committee (Attachment 2).

Senator Morris moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to amend **SB 679** to remove the sunset and add \$5 to vehicle registration fees in the Division of Vehicles, including heavy trucks, for the first three years. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to recommend **SB 679** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:30 A.M. on April 3, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on:

HB 2685--Geriatric medicine, approved postgraduate training program for KU Medical School and doctor of osteopathy loan programs

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

The Chairman welcomed Representative Kay Wolf who testified in support of **HB 2685** (Attachment 3). Representative Wolf explained that the bill provides for the addition of physicians wishing to practice in the field of Geriatrics to the Medical Student Loan Program established in 1992. She noted that physician access and availability is crucial to the health of all Kansans. Smith County has the oldest population per capita in the United States. The need is great and will continue to increase.

Written testimony was submitted by:

H. Edward Phillips, Vice Chancellor for Administration, University of Kansas (Attachment 4)

Courtney Huhn, MS1, first year medical student, Lansing, Kansas (Attachment 5)

Senators Teichman, V. Schmidt and Kelly addressed underserved areas and defining counties and suggested an interim study on this subject. Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to recommend HB 2685 be placed in an interim study regarding area loan repayment. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for April 23, 2008, the Omnibus Session.