

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Freeborn at 3:30 P.M. on January 17, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative Bill Light- excused

Committee staff present:
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes Office

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Bill Bider, Director, Bureau of Waste Management, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Karl Mueldener, Director, Bureau of Water

Others attending:
See attached list.

Chairperson Freeborn announced a change on the agenda for Thursday, January 19, bill requests will be taken and there will be a hearing on **HB2558 - Conservation and environmental protection or encroachment restriction districts**. Anyone wanting to give testimony, please call secretary at 296-7645.

Chairperson Freeborn introduced Bill Bider, Director, Bureau of Waste Management, Kansas Department of Health and Environment to give an agency overview of the Department of Health and Environment Solid Waste Program. Mr. Bider announced that there was some confusion regarding a bill being heard in the Senate on Thursday, a solid waste bill, he wanted to clarify that it was not a Kansas Department of Health bill. Three pages were handed out (See attachment 1) that will provide information regarding household hazardous waste program and an overview of the solid waste program. Separate reports are given each year to the legislature for these two programs. He started with the household hazardous waste program, it started in 1989. What this program does is provide grants for start up and enhancements of local county program. Permits are required for permanent collection centers, they do inspections and training of operators. 2005 grants were \$110K, which is half of what it used to be. Discussion and questions followed Mr. Bider's overview of the household hazardous waste program.

Mr. Bider continued with an overview of the Solid Waste Program, there are 453 solid waste facilities in the state of Kansas. Uses for the solid waste management fund include labor and staff, grants, reviewing plans, inspecting facilities, remediation at closed facilities, emergency clean up, public education, disposal of abandoned hazardous waste, government grant advisory committee expenses, clean up of illegal dumps, special waste collection events, disposal of hazardous waste from natural disasters. Revenue sources for the program, landfill tonnage fees, permit fees, interest on fund balance. Priorities for solid waste fund: permits, inspections, clean up work, training, waste sweeps, education, grants. The plan is to spend what is taken in. Discussion and questions followed Mr. Bider's overview of the solid waste program.

Chairperson Freeborn introduced Karl Mueldener, Director, Bureau of Water, who gave a briefing on the Kansas Revolving Loan Program and the Water Pollution Control and Public Water Supply Program briefing (See attachment 2). Kansas Department of Health and Environment administers two water related funds. One for municipal wastewater works and the other for municipal drinking water works. The funds are commonly called the State Revolving Fund (SRF). SRF's are a way for the state to help communities finance construction of local sewage and drinking water infrastructures. Loans are at below market rates. Attachment lists projects funded by SRF in 2005 and projects planned if funding available. Discussion and questions followed Mr. Mueldener's briefing.

Mr. Mueldener mentioned that someone from Kansas Development and Finance Authority should be bringing a bill regarding cross collateralization, suggested blending to back up each other.

Chairperson Freeborn announced that out of special committee on energy came some recommended legislation that was requested to be committee bills. Chairperson Freeborn had some drafts she had just

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received from Mary Torrence. Representative Sloan moved to introduce the 6 bill drafts in hand from Marry Torrence, Representative Sloan withdrew motion.

Charperson Freeborn has a concurrent resolution dealing with petitioning the federal government to remove the moratorium on drilling on the outer continental shelf for natural gas supplies, and the reason for this is it is forcing industries like nitrogen fertilizer to move production to other countries which creates a threat to our food supply also driving up costs for production on both dry land and irrigated farms. Moved and seconded, motion carried.

Another draft is for an act to form a joint committee on Kansas energy, this lays out the format for membership on the committee. Representative Olson moved to introduce this bill and Representative George seconded, motion carried

Another draft is for an act on thermal efficiency disclosure, this has to do with disclosure to buyers or perspective buyers of any residential structure for sale and it lays out what type of information must be disclosed under those situations. Representative Olson moved to introduce this bill and Representative Knox seconded, motion carried.

Another draft is for the Kansas Energy Policy Act and establishes a policy advisory group and lines out the powers and the membership and the times of meetings to develop and update a strategic plan. Representative Sloan moved to introduce this bill and Representative Olson seconded, motion carried.

Another draft resolution on the banning of MTBE by the year 2010. It recommends an ethenal blended gasoline being environmentally friendly and safer. Representative Hawk moved to introduce this bill and Representative George seconded, motion carried.

Another draft resolution recommending that the Turnpike Authority do contracts which include marketing of alternative fuels. Representative Hawk moved to introduce this bill and Representative Olson seconded, motion carried.

Chairperson Freeborn adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 19th.