

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike O'Neal at 3:30 P.M. on March 1, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Mary Pilcher-Cook- excused
Michael Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ed Pavey, Director, Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center
Jackie Williams, Chairman, Kansas commission on Peace Officer's Standards & Training
Kyle Smith, Kansas Bureau of Investigations
Mike Watson, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police
Randy Rogers, Kansas Sheriffs' Association
John Green, Kansas Peace Officers' Association

Chairman O'Neal opened the hearing on **HB 2880 - increasing docket fees on criminal & traffic cases in district & municipal court; money goes to the KLETC.**

Ed Pavey, Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC), stated that the Training Center would be forced to curtail its training programs in Fiscal Year 2007, if no additional revenues are available. Therefore, he supported an increase in docket fees to help continue to fund the KLETC. (Attachment 1)

In 2002 the Legislature was notified that KLETC needed a \$2.00 increase in municipal docket fees to cover all expenses through FY 2006, after which they would need more funding. They will need a total of \$3.4 million dollars to keep the facility running. If monies are not forthcoming, they will need to cut or eliminate services by \$700,000.

He wanted the committee to be aware that they will be requesting upgrades to the training and dormitory facilities at an estimated cost of \$16 million. \$13 million would be used for a new 126 bed dormitory; multipurpose space which would accommodate up to 800 people; and parking lot. \$3 million would be earmarked for a emergency vehicle operations driver training course, including a control tower and maintenance building.

Jackie Williams, Chairman, Kansas commission on Peace Officer's Standards & Training, explained that the bill proposed that the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training(KCPOST) be separated from the KLETC. In 1982 the Legislature created the commission but did not provide for support staff. KLETC has been providing support staff but the continuing rise in investigations of law enforcement misconduct and training act violations is taking away money that should be used for training. The projected costs of administering the KCPOST as an independent agency is \$700,000 in new funding. (Attachment 2)

Kyle Smith, Kansas Bureau of Investigations, supported the bill and proposed amending in the language from **SB 567** which takes a small portion of the proposed docket fee increase and uses it to fund KCPOST. (Attachment 3)

Mike Watson, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, didn't believe that it was appropriate to put law enforcement officers on the street if they have not had proper training. He was concerned that this would happen if KLETC did not receive additional funding. (Attachment 4)

Randy Rogers, Kansas Sheriffs' Association, supported the increase in docket fees because it does not create any type of tax increase to the citizens of Kansans, rather it places the burden of funding on those

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who choose to break the law. (Attachment 5)

John Green, Kansas Peace Officers' Association, appeared as an proponent to the bill. The increase in funding would continue to have KLETC be the flagship of law enforcement training in the state. (Attachment 6)

The hearing on **SB 2880** was closed.

The hearing on **SB 25 - terrorism and illegal use of weapons of mass destruction, penalties, procedures**, was opened.

Kyle Smith, Kansas Bureau of Investigations, explained that the bill creates terrorism as a new crime in Kansas. It allows the state to respond to terroristic acts until the federal government can get here and take control. (Attachment 7)

The hearing on **SB 25** was closed.

The committee meeting adjourned. The next committee meeting was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on March 2, 2006 in room 313-S.