

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Yoder at 9:08 a.m. on March 2, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Jerry Henry- excused
Representative Kasha Kelley- excused
Representative Bill Light- excused
Representative Tom Sawyer- excused
Representative Lee Tafanelli- excused

Committee staff present:

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Christina Butler, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J.G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kelly Cure, Chief of Staff
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee Report on Legislative Coordinating Council, Legislative Post Audit, Revisor of Statutes, Legislative Research Department, Legislature
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee Report on Court of Tax Appeals, Kansas Human Rights Commission and Department of Labor

Representative Crum made a motion to introduce legislation to include technical amendments to the statute that deals with the Board of Cosmetology. The motion was seconded by Representative Watkins. Motion carried.

Representative Watkins made a motion to introduce legislation for the Judicial Branch to have flexibility in terms of filing and other deadlines. The motion was seconded by Representative Whitham. Motion carried.

Representative Watkins made a motion to introduce legislation requiring zero baseline budgeting for all state agencies. The motion was seconded by Representative Mast. Motion carried.

Representative Watkins made a motion to introduce legislation regarding the budget stabilization fund. The motion was seconded by Representative Whitham. Motion carried.

Representative Yoder, Chair of the Legislative Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Legislative Coordinating Council for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2010, (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Mast. Motion carried.

Representative Yoder, Chair of the Legislative Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Legislative Post Audit for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2010, (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Mast. Motion carried.

Representative Yoder, Chair of the Legislative Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Revisor of Statutes for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2010, (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Mast. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Representative Yoder, Chair of the Legislative Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Legislative Research Department for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations, (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Mast. Motion carried.

Representative Yoder, Chair of the Legislative Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Legislature for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations, (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Mast. Motion carried.

Budget Committee members noted the correction of 37 FTE's.

Representative Burroughs, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Court of Tax Appeals for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget committee recommendations, (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Watkins. Motion carried.

Representative Watkins, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Human Rights Commission for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2010, (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Whitham. Motion carried.

Representative DeGraaf, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Labor for FY 2010 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2010, (Attachment 2) The motion was seconded by Representative Whitman.

Jim Garner, Secretary, Department of Labor, responded to questions from Committee members. He discussed the Action Plan that was presented to the sub-committee, regarding the agency position in dealing with increased claims, additional staffing issues, and expanded hours. Secretary Garner reviewed the application process, eligibility requirements and payment of benefit options. The balance of the trust fund was discussed. Secretary Garner discussed the provision that was implemented on Friday, February 27, 2009, regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This provision would require a change in the current law, in order to receive a distribution of \$68 million from the federal government, that would be placed in the Unemployment Trust Fund. He noted that introduction of legislation is forthcoming.

Budget Committee members responded to questions from Committee members regarding postponing the purchase of replacement vehicles.

Representative McLeland made an amendment to review the unemployment insurance modernization system, call system and website at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Mast. Motion carried.

Representative DeGraaf moved the motion as amended . Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Kevin Yoder, Chairman