

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Huff at 9:00 a.m. on February 1, 2001 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Edmonds, excused.

Committee staff present: Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
April Holman, Legislative Research Department
Don Hayward, Revisor
Winnie Crapson, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Hutchins
Dr. Raymond Powers, Kansas State Historical Society
Deanne Linn, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development, Liberal
Mike Taylor, Legislative Counsel, Wichita
Kathy Morgan, Planning Department, Wichita
Julie Prideaux, Ottawa Main Street Association, Ottawa
Henri Coeme, St. Ann's B&B, St. Paul
Sally Schwenk, Historic Preservation Services, Kansas City MO
Christy Davis, Kansas State Historical Society
Ross Freeman, Pioneer, Inc., Topeka
Janette Bump, Graham County Economic Development Director
Barbara Anderson, Preservation Consultant, Manhattan
Vance Kelley, American Institute of Architects

Others attending: See attached list.

Vice Chairman Huff opened the meeting by asking for bill introductions.

By unanimous consent bill will be introduced to amend K.S.A. 79-3603(o) to include limited liability companies in the provision for sales tax exemption on contribution of a motor vehicle to a corporation as requested by the Kansas Bar Association. [HB 2292 - Sales tax exemption for limited liability company motor vehicle transfers]

Representative Mays moved that HB 2006 be reported favorable for passage. Representative Powers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hearing was opened on:

HB 2128 - Income tax credit for historic preservation project.

Representative Hutchins presented testimony in support of the bill (Attachment #1). She noted other states have developed such tax incentive programs for historic preservation paralleling the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Incentive Program.

Ramon Powers presented testimony in support of the bill (Attachment #2) on behalf of the Kansas State Historical Society.

Deanne Linn, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development, Liberal presented testimony in support of the bill and provided copy of an editorial in the Southwest Daily Times (Attachment #3).

Mike Taylor presented testimony on behalf of the City of Wichita in support of the bill (Attachment #4).

Kathy Morgan, Senior Planner in the City of Wichita Historic Preservation Office, presented testimony in support of the bill (Attachment #5).

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Julie Prideaux, Executive Director of Ottawa Main Street, presented testimony in support of the bill and provided information on "Main Street" projects in Kansas ([Attachment #6](#)).

Henri Coeme presented testimony and described his preservation project of St. Ann's Bed and Breakfast, St. Paul, Kansas. He provided a brochure on the B&B ([Attachment #7](#)) and pages from the [St. Paul Business Directory and Information Guide](#) describing the project ([Attachment #8](#)).

Sally Schwenk, Historic Preservation Services, Kansas City, MO, presented testimony concerning projects in Kansas City. She described the Missouri income tax credit program and distributed a map of the Crossroads Historic Freight District ([Attachment #9](#)) noting investment pre-State Credit in the 1990s and those tax credit projects initiated and completed 2000-2001.

Christy Davis, Kansas State Historical Society, presented testimony in support of the bill ([Attachment #10](#)). She also provided examples of properties that would have qualified for a state rehabilitation tax credit under this bill ([Attachment #11](#)).

Ross Freeman, Pioneer, Inc., presented testimony in support of the bill. He described projects sponsored by his Pioneer and outlined benefits of the Missouri income tax credit incentive in rehabilitation of historic buildings in the Paseo neighborhood in Kansas City, Missouri.

Janette Bump, Graham County Economic Development Director and President of the Northwest Kansas Community Housing Development Program, presented testimony in support of the bill ([Attachment #12](#)). She described the potential benefit of the proposed income tax credit as an incentive for the preservation of homes owned by individuals in historic Nicodemus.

Vance Kelley presented testimony in support of the bill on behalf of the American Institute of Architects-Kansas ([Attachment #13](#)).

Barbara Anderson, a preservation consultant and part-time faculty member at Kansas State University, presented testimony in support of the bill ([Attachment #14](#)) setting forth reasons this tax credit legislation should be passed.

Janet Gestner, Lawrence, presented testimony in support of the bill describing experiences of her family in preserving a historic home in the Oread neighborhood in Lawrence.

Martha Francisco, president of the Kansas Preservation Alliance, presented testimony in support of the bill. The alliance is a volunteer club which gives awards of excellence for work that has been done in preservation. The Alliance also identifies endangered buildings.

Dennis Ehslinger presented testimony on behalf of the City of Lawrence in support of the bill.

Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by Whitney Damron on behalf of the United Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas ([Attachment #15](#)).

No one appeared in opposition to **HB 2128**.

Witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

The hearing on **HB 2128** was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is February 6.

