

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Watkins at 1:35 p.m. on March 18, 2009, in Room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cody Gorges, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jonathan Tang, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ellen Martinez, Committee Assistant

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**HB 2331 - State treasurer; investment of state moneys.**

The hearing for **HB 2331** was opened by Chairman Watkins.

The motion was made by Representative Burroughs and seconded by Representative Whitham to report **HB 2331** favorably for passage. Motion carried.

There was some discussion regarding amendments to the bill. Representative Burroughs asked if the amendments were already included in the bill. Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, answered questions from the committee. The amendment changed the percentages on three different pages.

The motion was made by Representative Burroughs and seconded by Representative Kelley that the committee accept the amendments as written to **HB 2331**. Motion carried.

The motion was made by Representative Burroughs and seconded by Representative Kelly to report as amended **HB 2331** favorably for passage. Motion carried.

The hearing on **HB 2331** was closed.

Representative Donohoe will carry the bill.

**SB 168 - H Sub. For S 168 by Committee on General Government Budget - State agencies, amounts budgeted and appropriated for salaries and wages, priority of payroll obligations.**

Chairman Watkins opened the hearing on **SB 168**.

Representative Watkins had requested that **SB 168** be sent to the committee. His intention was to strip the wording from the bill and to insert the wording from **HB 2341** and **HB 2370**. This would require state agencies to use moneys appropriated for employees salaries on state employee salaries and make payments of salaries and wages for state officers and employees payroll obligations a priority.

The motion was made by Representative Watkins and seconded by Representative Talia to strip the wording of **SB 168** and insert the wording of **HB 2341** and **HB 2370**. The motion carried.

The motion was made by Representative Burroughs and seconded by Representative DeGraaf to report as amended **H Sub. For S 168** favorably for passage. The motion carried.

The hearing on **H Sub. For S 168** was closed.

Representative Sawyer will carry the bill.

There was discussion regarding zero-based budgets. Representative Watkins stated that zero-based budgeting does not get the Legislature where they want to be on the budget and the committee will not work **HB 2273**. He will request an interim study for enhancements to the budget process. They will look at what

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other states are doing to improve their budgets.

**HB 2317 - Requiring certain agencies and entities to report their budgets to the director of the budget.**

The hearing for **HB 2360** was opened by Chairman Watkins.

This bill relates to the date that the budget is received from the Division of the Budget. Director Goossen brought up many concerns and urged that caution be exercised if the date is changed.

The motion was made by Representative Kelley and seconded by Representative DeGraaf seconded to report HB 2317 favorably for passage. The motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the reporting date for budgets. Representative DeGraaf felt that it would be helpful to receive the budget on December 1<sup>st</sup> to be ready for the start of the legislative session.

A substitute motion to change the date to December 1<sup>st</sup> was made by Representative DeGraaf and seconded by Representative Whitham. The motion carried.

Representative Talia moved to amend the motion that the budget could be submitted as late as the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the legislative session.

Discussion followed regarding how long it takes for the Legislature to receive the budget from the Department of Administration. Jim Wilson advised the committee that it usually takes 4 weeks to get the budget from the governor's office through Legislative Research to the proper legislative budget committee.

Representative Talia withdrew his motion.

The motion was made by Representative Kelley and seconded by Representative DeGraaf to report **HB 2317** as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried.

The hearing was closed.

Representative DeGraaf will carry the bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 02:30 p.m.

Future meetings are on call of the chair.