

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE PENSIONS & BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mitch Holmes at 9:03 a.m. on February 14, 2011, in Room 142-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ron Worley - Excused

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Darla Conner, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Brian R. Thompson, President of Public Employees Association of Kansas
Representative Mike Burgess, District 51
Robert S. Wing, Kansas State Council of Fire Fighters
Representative Tom Sloan, District 45
Pat Lehman, Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs & Kansas State Professional Fire Chiefs Association
Dennis Phillips, Kansas State Council of Firefighters
Detective M.T. Brown, Lawrence, Kansas Police Department
Terry Forsyth, Kansas NEA
Tom Krebs, Kansas Association of School Boards
Glenn Deck, Executive Director of KPERS

Others attending:

See attached list.

Representative Steve Johnson moved to withdraw his motion, made February 7, 2011, for a bill to review the funding and benefit levels of the life and disability insurance provided to KPERS members. Seconded by Representative Louis Ruiz. Motion carried.

Brian Thompson, President of Public Employees Association of Kansas, (Attachment 1), gave a presentation on Peak.

Hearing on:

HB 2263 - Increased employee contributions for KP&F members and removal of maximum retirement benefit provision.

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, gave an overview on **HB 2263**.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2263**.

Proponents:

Representative Mike Burgess, District 51, (no written testimony), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2263**.

Robert S. Wing, Kansas State Council of Fire Fighters, (Attachment 2), gave testimony in support of **HB 2263**.

Neutral:

Glenn Deck, Executive Director of KPERS, (no written testimony), stood for questions from the committee on **HB 2263**.

Hearing closed on **HB 2263**.

Hearing on:

HB 2114 - Decreasing service time for vesting to 10 years under tier II of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system.

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the House Pensions and Benefits Committee at 9:03 a.m. on February 14, 2011, in Room 142-S of the Capitol.

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, gave an overview on **HB 2114**.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2114**.

Proponents:

Representative Tom Sloan, District 45, (Attachment 11), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2114**.

Pat Lehman, Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs & Kansas State Professional Fire Chiefs Association, (Attachment 3), gave testimony in support of **HB 2114**.

Dennis Phillips, Kansas State Council of Firefighters, (Attachment 4), gave testimony in support of **HB 2114**.

Detective M.T. Brown, Lawrence, Kansas Police Department, (Attachment 5), gave testimony in support of **HB 2114**.

Neutral:

Glenn Deck, Executive Director of KPERS, (no written testimony), stood for questions from the committee on **HB 2114**.

Hearing closed on **HB 2114**.

Hearing on:

HB 2086 - Increasing KPERS employer contribution rate cap.

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, gave an overview on **HB 2086**.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2086**.

Proponents:

Terry Forsyth, Kansas NEA, (Attachment 6), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2086**.

Tom Krebs, Kansas Association of School Boards, (Attachment 7), gave testimony in support of **HB 2086**.

Glenn Deck, Executive Director of KPERS, (Attachment 8), gave testimony in support of **HB 2086**.

Representative Sharon Schwartz, District 106, (Attachment 9), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2086**.

Jane Carter, Executive Director of Kansas Organization of State Employees, (Attachment 10), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2086**.

Hearing closed on **HB 2086**.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.