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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marc Rhoades at 9:05 AM on Friday, March 2, 2012 in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Joe McLeland - excused

Barbara Ballard - excused

Committee staff present:

J.G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department

Dylan Dear, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department

Michael Wales, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department

Jim Wilson, First Assistant, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Nobuko Folmsbee, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Cindy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant

Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kim Fowler, Judicial Administration

Representative Mesa

Representative Johnson

Steve Anderson, Director of the Budget, Office of the Governor

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Chairman Rhoades called the meeting to order. He stated that the agency overview manuals have been prepared and are available for each committee member in their perspective cabinet.

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Representative Suellentrop made a motion to introduce legislation regarding the Office of the Securities Commissioner relating to duties, establishing special revenue funds, and prescribing functions therefore. The motion was seconded by Representative Crum. The motion carried.

Representative Crum, Chair Social Services Budget Committee, presented the FY 2013 Department of Health and Environment – Health Budget Committee Report (Attachment 1). The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor’s recommendation with the following notations and adjustments: add \$634,584 from the State General Fund (SGF) to the Safety Net Clinic; delete \$689,694 from the Children’s Initiative Fund and transfer this amount to SGF; review at Omnibus the restoration of \$689,695 from the Children’s Initiatives Fund; noted the importance of the Newborn Screening Program and directed the department to report on the funding plan and progress to establish a new fund during the 2013 Legislative Session; noted the importance of the Infant and Toddler Program; and recommended the proposed reorganization of the Health Occupations Credentialing function and the Health Facilities Survey Program, and the outcome of **Substitute HB 2659 - Transfer of licensing of speech - language pathologists and audiologists to secretary of aging** was recommended for review at Omnibus.

Representative Crum made a motion to approve the FY 2013 Department of Health and Environment – Health Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Mast.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the transfer of funds from the Children’s Initiative Fund for Smoking Prevention Grants to the State General Fund (SGF) and additional funding for community mental health centers. It was noted that SGF dollars were taken out of the budget to fund Safety Net Clinics but were replaced with the funds transfer from the Children’s Initiative Fund

Representative Carlin made a substitute motion to delete item 1 and item 2 from the Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn.

Discussion continued by committee members regarding the impact of using tobacco products and the appropriation of tobacco settlement revenues.

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Representative Carlin renewed the motion. The motion failed.

Representative Crum renewed the motion to approve the Budget Committee Report. The motion carried.

Representative Crum, Chair, Social Services Budget Committee, presented the FY 2012 Larned State Hospital Budget Committee Report ([Attachment 2](#)). The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's Budget Committee Report with the following notation: noted that capital improvements are budgeted and supports the request to renovate the Meyer building.

Representative Crum made a motion to approve the FY 2012 Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Henry.

Representative Crum made a substitute motion for an amendment regarding the need for additional beds at Larned State Hospital during Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Mast.

Representative Crum reviewed information regarding the Larned State Hospital Sexual Predator Treatment Program ([Attachment 3](#)).

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the increased funding request for additional beds and program expansion for the Predator Treatment Program.

Representative Crum renewed the motion to approve the amendment. The motion carried.

Discussion continued by committee members. It was suggested that an interim study, comparing what other states are doing to address efficiencies and inmate productivity, would be helpful. The reductions in FTE position were unfilled positions that were eliminated. It was noted that the Senate requested a Legislative Post Audit on the effectiveness of the Sexual Treatment Program.

Representative Crum renewed the motion to approve the Budget Committee Report as amended. The motion carried.

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Representative Crum, Chair, Social Services Budget Committee, presented the FY 2013 Larned State Hospital Budget Committee Report ([Attachment 2](#)). The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's Budget Committee Report with the following notation: supports the capital improvements for the state hospitals which are budgeted; noted growth in the Sexual Predator Treatment Program.

Representative Crum made a motion to approve the FY 2013 Larned State Hospital Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Mast.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding a discrepancy in FTE positions from the 2012 report to the 2013 report. This will be clarified prior to working the bill next week, it was noted. Concern was expressed regarding employee turnover rates. It was noted that salary adjustments were recommended and the possible need for further interim committee review.

Representative Crum renewed the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Rhoades opened the Hearing on **HB 2746**

HB 2746 –Court of appeals; delay 14 judge position to January 2014

Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided an overview of the bill, ([Attachment 4](#)).

Richard Green, Chief Judge, Kansas Court of Appeals, proponent of the bill, provided written testimony which was distributed to committee members ([Attachment 5](#)).

Kim Fowler, Judicial Branch Budget & Fiscal Officer, Judicial Administration, provided testimony as a proponent of the bill ([Attachment 6](#)).

Kim Fowler responded to questions from committee members. It was noted that the difference of \$22,000 from the Governor's recommendation and what the budget Committee recommended would be used to fund a vacation position.

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Chairman Rhoades closed the hearing on the bill.

Chairman Rhoades opened the hearing on **HB 2691**

HB 2691 – Biennial budget estimates for state agencies.

Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided an overview of the bill (Attachment 7) and the history of biennial budgeting in Kansas.

J.G. Scott, Legislative Research Department, provided additional information on the bill in regards to 19 states that have implemented biennial budget estimates.

Representative Mesa presented testimony as a proponent of the bill. (No written testimony was provided.)

He responded to questions from committee members regarding the establishment of a sunset commission that would work with the budget process.

Representative Johnson presented testimony as a proponent of the bill. (No written testimony was provided.)

Steve Anderson, Director of the Budget, Office of the Governor, presented testimony as a proponent of the bill. (No written testimony was provided.) Procedural changes were reviewed

Discussion followed by Director Anderson and committee members regarding two-year forecasting, and agency accountability through performance measures. Procedural changes in order to obtain better data collection for budget recommendations were emphasized.

Chairman Rhoades reviewed the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

The meeting adjourned at: 11:01 a.m.

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