

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 A.M. on March 8, 2006 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Sharon Schwartz- excused
Representative Shari Weber- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department
Michele Alishahi, Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Assistant
Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee reports on Kansas Guardianship Program and Kansas Human Rights Commission
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee reports on Mental Health Hospitals and Developmental Disabilities Institutions
- Attachment 3 Budget Committee reports on Capital Improvements
- Attachment 4 Budget Committee reports on **HB 2949** and **HB 2956**

Representative Yoder, member of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendation for the Kansas Guardianship Program for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Yoder, member of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendation for the Kansas Guardianship Program for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Lane, member of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendation for the Kansas Human Rights Commission for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Yoder. Motion carried.

Representative Lane, member of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee,

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presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendation for the Kansas Human Rights Commission for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Yoder.

Representative Pottorff moved to amend language in Item No. 3 of the Kansas Human Rights Commission for FY 2007 by adding "review at Omnibus" to the report. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Lane renewed the motion to adopt the Budget Committee report on the Kansas Human Rights Commission for FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendation for the Mental Health Hospitals including Larned State Hospital, Osawatomie State Hospital and Rainbow Mental Health Facility for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendation for the Mental Health Hospitals including Larned State Hospital, Osawatomie State Hospital and Rainbow Mental Health Facility for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

The Budget Committee stated that the Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC) has billed between \$200,000 and \$300,000 to the Mental Health Hospitals for services rendered since the end of the 2005 Session. This issue was not addressed or budgeted for during the 2005 Session and has placed a burden on these entities. The Budget Committee felt this procedure needs to be reviewed before the end of the 2006 Session. The Budget Committee also noted that the Senate has added \$3.5 million to this budget above the Governor's recommendation. The Budget Committee noted that this issue will be reviewed during Conference Committee meetings.

Responding to a question from the Committee, Ron Denney, Deputy Secretary of Health Care Policy, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), noted that the closing of some of the Community Mental Health Centers has been the result of the reimbursement rate. The Committee noted that this is a concern because of the increase in admissions at the Larned, Osawatomie and Rainbow facilities since 2001.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendation for the Developmental Disabilities Institutions including Kansas Neurological Institute and Parsons State Hospital and Training Center for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendation for the Developmental Disabilities Institutions including Kansas Neurological Institute and Parsons State Hospital and Training Center for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Representative Landwehr moved to revise the Budget Committee reports on the Mental Hospitals and Developmental Disabilities Institutions for FY 2006 and FY 2007 by stating that no expenditures can be made from the State General Fund (SGF) or any special revenue funds for any payments or charges billed by the Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC) and all amounts paid during FY 2006 shall be reimbursed by DISC. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard moved to adopt the Budget Committee Reports on the Mental Hospitals and

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Developmental Disabilities Institutions for FY 2006 and FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented the House Budget Committee Reports on Capital Improvements for FY 2006 and FY 2007 (Attachment 3).

Representative Feuerborn moved to adopt the House Budget Committee Reports on Capital Improvements for FY 2006 and FY 2007. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Action on HB 2949 - Purposes for disbursements from the public water supply loan fund.

Representative Schwartz explained that **HB 2949** amends statute by adding an additional use for the Kansas Public Water supply Loan Fund as a source of revenue or security for the payment of principal and interest on bonds.

Representative Schwartz, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on **HB 2949** (Attachment 4) and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Williams. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz moved to recommend **HB 2949** favorable for passage and because the Committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Representative Williams. Motion carried.

Action on HB 2956 - Allocations from Kansas water pollution control revolving fund.

Representative Schwartz explained that **HB 2956** amends statute by adding an additional use for the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund as a source of revenue or security for the payment of principal and interest on bonds.

Representative Schwartz, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on **HB 2956** and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz moved to recommend **HB 2956** favorable for passage and because the Committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

HB 2980 was referred to the Education Budget Committee.

HB 2971 was referred to the Social Services Budget Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 9, 2006.

Melvin Neufeld, Chairman