

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 1:30 p.m. on April 3, 2008, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Powell - excused
Representative Watkins - excused
Representative Masterson - excused
Representative Sawyer - excused
Representative Holmes - excused
Representative Burroughs - excused
Representative Ballard - excused

Committee staff present:

Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Chief of Staff
Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Don Jordan, Secretary, Department of Corrections
Shannon Jones, Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas (SILCK)

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Testimony on **SB 656** by Don Jordan
- Attachment 2 Written testimony on **SB 656** by Kathy Greenlee
- Attachment 3 Testimony on **SB 656** by Shannon Jones
- Attachment 4 Written Testimony on **SB 656** by Ernest Kutzley, AARP
- Attachment 5 Written Testimony on **SB 656** by Jennifer Schwartz, Kansas Assoc of Centers for Independent Living

Hearing on **SB 656**

Hearing on SB 656 - Home and community based services, long-term care.

Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department, explained that **SB 656** would create a comprehensive and coordinated system for long-term care services, including home and community based services. The bill directs that all persons receiving long-term care services shall be offered the most appropriate services which are determined to be the most economical, in the aggregate, in terms of State General Fund (SGF) expenditures. Funding would follow those individuals who transition from nursing facilities to home and community based services into the community. The bill directs the Department on Aging (KDOA), Department on Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) and the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) to design and implement the system. The fiscal note indicates that there would be no fiscal impact.

Don Jordan, Secretary, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, appeared before the Committee in support of **SB 656** (Attachment 1) and on behalf of Kathy Greenlee, Secretary, Department on Aging (Attachment 2). Secretary Jordan stated that the legislation provides for a comprehensive, statewide system for long-term care services. The Secretary noted that the legislation is consistent with current procedures and insures that appropriate choices are available for persons who are in need of long-term care.

Shannon Jones, Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas (SILCK), presented testimony in support of **SB 656** (Attachment 3). Ms. Jones stated that **SB 656** provides the framework for money to follow the person as a state policy and provides for a coordinated delivery system involving SRS, KDOA and KHPA.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Written testimony in support of **SB 656** was received from:

- Ernest Kutzley, AARP (Attachment 4).
- Jennifer Schwartz, Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living (Attachment 5).

There were no other proponents or opponents to appear before the Committee.

The hearing on **SB 656** was closed.

Discussion and Action on SB 656

There were no objections from the Committee to proceed with action on **SB 656**.

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Representative Feuerborn made a motion to recommend **SB 656** favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Tafanelli.

Representative Wolf made a substitute motion to amend **SB 656** by adding language to request a study by Department on Aging and Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services on allocating the funds by age groups to determine possible efficiencies by such a process and provide a report to the 2009 Legislature. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion withdrawn with approval of the second.

During discussion on the motion, Secretary Jordan stated that the study could be done by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and Department on Aging without an amendment to **SB 656**. Secretary Jordan indicated that the report on the study could be available in approximately 2 months. The Committee felt this action would be appropriate and not cause delay in advancing the legislation through the process.

Representative Feuerborn renewed the motion to recommend **SB 656** favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Tafanelli. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be "on call of the Chair".

Sharon Schwartz, Chair