

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Karin Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on January 30, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research Department  
Robert Nugent, Revisor of Statutes  
Lea Gerard, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Roger Aeschliman, Deputy Secretary Dept. of Human Resources  
Barb Reavis, Workforce Development Coordinator

Others attending: See Attached list.

**Senator Brungardt moved, seconded by Senator Jordan, that a bill requested by Roger Aeschliman, Deputy Secretary Department of Human Resources, that the TARGET Initiative (Training, Assessment, Recruiting, Gateway to Services, Employment Centers, Transition Support) be introduced as a Committee bill. The voice vote was in favor of the motion.**

Barb Reavis, Workforce Development Coordinator briefed the committee on KWIP (Kansas Work Force Investment Partnership Council). The council was established in 1996 to consolidate three groups that dealt with employment and training issues: One-Stop Shop Career Center Steering Committee, Kansas Council on Employment and Training and the Governor's Commission on School-to-Work.

KWIP currently meets five times per year and goes around the state so that people from different areas can participate. The role of the KWIP is to provide information to the Governor and to the legislature and the appropriate public and private agencies. The Council advises the Governor on training needs, program efficiencies, and performance standards to assess the effectiveness of programs designed for meeting the human resources needs.

An executive order in 1999 designated KWIP as the State Workforce Investment Board as called for in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 a federal law. According to the Workforce Investment Act, we are required to have at least 50 percent of the board from business and the balance comes from education, labor, community based organizations and government.

The Committee raised questions regarding a \$400 million from the federal level and SRS receiving \$214 million; who has access to the money and who makes decisions on that money, Barb Reavis responded she could not give the details but could have someone from SRS provide that information. The Committee made a request that Barb Reavis provide information by the first week of March, 2001 of where the money is going and what it is accomplishing.

The Committee Chair requested that each Committee Members create a mission statement for the Commerce Committee on what they would like to accomplish with one, two and four-year goals.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2001 at 8:30 a.m.