

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 P.M. on February 16, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor
Linda Reed, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Deb Hollon, Senior Fiscal Analyst - Kansas Legislative Research Department

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan opened discussion to work **HB 2234: Concerning tuition rates at state educational institutions.**

Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor, presented the balloon on **HB 2234** that was developed by Representative Krehbiel's subcommittee. Mr. Griggs described the proposed changes to the bill. (Attachment 1)

Representative Carlin suggested language be added requiring registration of vehicles in Kansas for persons to be eligible for instate tuition. Representative Carlin also suggested that while the bill sets out registration requirements, it should also indicate that they are not required to own any vehicles.

Representative Storm asked Mr. Griggs to comment on the word "any" which might suggest one or ten vehicles.

Representative Krehbiel made the motion to adopt the balloon.

Representative Johnson seconded it.

Motion carried.

Representative Winn asked Art Griggs to elaborate on requirements that residents would need to meet to qualify for instate tuition.

Representative Storm indicated that as the language is stated now, it could be interrupted that you must register multiple vehicles in Kansas. Representative Storm believes the word "any" takes care of applicants owning just one vehicle.

Motion for approval was made by Representative Storm to adopt language in 2D.

Motion was seconded by Representative Krehbiel.

Chairman Sloan noted for the sake of clarification that as he sees it, the bill's intent is for all military persons and their dependents living in Kansas to have their vehicles registered here in Kansas.

Motion approved.

Representative Horst questioned Mr. Griggs as to the wording representing both genders.

Representative Storm questioned the language "has had" permanent orders to a duty station in Kansas.

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Representative Carlin indicated that “has had” works, meaning “now or in the past, not way out into the future.”

Representative Krehbiel stated that he agreed with language as Representative Carlin sees it.

Representative Krehbiel moved that the committee present **HB 2234** favorably for passage as amended.

Representative Horst seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Chairman Sloan stated that Representative Carlin will carry the bill.

Chairman Sloan welcomed Deb Hollon, Senior Fiscal Analyst, who provided information regarding the Funding of Higher Education in Kansas. Ms. Hollon reported to the Committee that the State of Kansas funds a portion of the operating budgets for the institutions of higher education. In total, there are 36 postsecondary institutions receiving State funding (six universities, 19 community colleges, one municipal university, and ten technical schools and colleges). In addition, the State funds a portion of the capital projects at the State universities. Ms. Hollon elaborated on funding regarding State’s, Community Colleges, Washburn University, and other Postsecondary Education institutions. Ms. Hollon also elaborated on issues regarding student financial assistance, and capital improvements. (Attachment 2)

Questions were asked and discussed by the Committee as Ms. Hollon presented the information.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 21, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. in RM. 231-N.