

MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON KANSAS SECURITY

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Representative Mario Goico at 8:30 on February 11, 2005 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

Members Present

Representative Mario Goico, Chairman  
Representative Joann Flower  
Representative Judith Loganbill  
Representative Judy Showalter  
Senator Jim Barone  
Senator Carolyn McGinn

All members were present except:

Senator Jay Emler- excused  
Senator Nick Jordan- excused  
Representative Carl Krehbiel- excused  
Senator Chris Steineger- excused

Committee staff present:

Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Dana Wurdeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

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Chairman Goico called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Robert Waller, Senior Fiscal Analyst, gave an overview of the federal "homeland security" funds and 2004 SB 387, which was passed by 2004 Legislature (**Attachment 1**). Additionally, a chart detailing Homeland Security Funding figures (as of February 1, 2004) was distributed to Committee members (**Attachment 2**).

Mr. Waller explained that the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) integrates the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETTP), the Citizen Corps Program (CCP), the Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG), and the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program Grants into a single grant. The Governor of each State designates a State Administrative Agency (SAA) (for the State of Kansas that agency is the Kansas Highway Patrol), to apply for and administer the funds under HSGP. The SAA is the only agency eligible to apply for HSGP funds and is responsible for obligating HSGP funds to local units of government and other designated recipients.

Mr. Waller gave program overviews of State Homeland Security Program Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) Funds:

- Homeland Security Grant Program
- Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETTP)
- Citizen Corps Program
- Emergency Management Performance Grant
- Metro Medical Response System (MMRS)
- Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)
- Critical Infrastructure

Continuing, Mr. Waller provided program guidance information on the SHSP, UASI, LETTP, and

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MMRS grants. He noted that each State must obligate not less than 80 percent of the total grant program amount to local units of government, identified urban area jurisdictions, or MMRS subgrantees within 60 days of the grant award date. However, depending upon the grant, 20 percent can be retained by the State, or the federal government requires the entire amount be distributed to local units of government.

Mr. Waller further explained the National Animal Identification System Kansas administered by the Animal Health Department. He stated that the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) is a national program intended to identify specific animals in the United States and record their movement over their life spans. It is being developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state agencies, in cooperation with industry, to enable 48-hour trace back of the movements of any diseased or exposed animal. This will help to ensure rapid disease containment and maximum protection of America's animals.

Committee discussion followed.

Chairman Goico adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Prepared by Dana Wurdeman  
Edited by Robert Waller

Approved by Committee on:

April 1, 2005

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