

Approved: April 20, 2006
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:35 A.M. on March 6, 2006, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office
Michael Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Chief of Staff
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on the proposed use and distribution of funds required as a condition of receipt of funding for federal block grant programs administered by the following state agencies: the Department of Health and Environment, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and the Department of Commerce. The Chairman welcomed the following conferees:

Patty Clark, Director of Community Development, Kansas Department of Commerce ([Attachment 1](#)). Ms. Clark also submitted copies of the form that is used when Commerce conducts public hearings regarding the Community Development Block Grants to ensure their customers have the opportunity to weigh in on proposed changes at the state level ([Attachment 2](#)). She noted that these forms are used so that comments can be mailed into them after the meetings if the attendees choose to do so.

Howard Rodenberg, MD, MPH, Kansas Department of Health and Environment ([Attachment 3](#)). Dr. Rodenberg discussed the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant and the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant. He noted that by federal regulation, public hearings are required for both grants. Dr. Rodenberg explained that this hearing meets public review and comment requirements for these grant programs for public input into expenditure of block grant funds toward priority state health needs.

Lois Weeks, Director of the Office of Financial Management, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services ([Attachment 4](#)). Ms. Weeks noted this hearing was to meet their Federal Block Grant requirements and to provide information on the Federal Block Grant programs administered by their department. The SRS Block Grants are:

- Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) - SRS and Aging Budgets
- Block Grant for the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse (SAPT)
- Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CMHS)
- Low Income Energy Assistance Block Grant (LIEAP)
- Projects for Assistance in Transition from the Homelessness Block Grant (PATH)

The Chairman welcomed Paul Johnson, Kansas Catholic Conference, who addressed concerns, information and recommendations regarding the Low Income Energy Assistance Program ([Attachment 5](#)).

Chairman Umbarger closed the public hearing on the proposed use and distribution of funds required as a condition of receipt of funding for federal block grant programs administered by the following state agencies:

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:35 A.M. on March 6, 2006, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

the Department of Health and Environment, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and the Department of Commerce.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

HB 2574--State board of regents; power to dispose of property acquired by devise

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

The Chairman welcomed the following conferee:

Theresa Klinkenberg, Chief Business and Financial Planning Officer, The University of Kansas, who testified in support of the bill (Attachment 6). Ms. Klinkenberg explained that **HB 2574** expedites the sale of property donated to Regents institutions and noted details in her written testimony. She noted that all sales would be made following existing state laws: the property would be appraised by three disinterested appraisers selected by a local judicial administrator, advertised for sale for 30 days in a local paper, and approved by the Board of Regents.

Written testimony was submitted by Reginald Robinson, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents (Attachment 7).

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2574**.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Wysong, to recommend **HB 2574** favorable for passage and be placed on the consent calendar. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for March 7, 2006.