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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lee Tafanelli at 3:30 p.m. on March 4, 2010, in Room 142-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jonathan Tang, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Gina Bowes, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dan McLaughlin, State Fire Marshal, Office of the Kansas State Fire Marshal

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Overview of **HB 2387**
- Attachment 2 Testimony of Dan McLaughlin, State Fire Marshal, Office of the State Fire Marshal
- Attachment 3 Written Testimony of Steve Sutton, Interim Executive Director, Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services

Hearing on HB 2387 - Emergency medical services board operating fund and fire service training program fund pay the 20% reimbursement to the state general fund for administrative costs

Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research staff, explained **HB 2387** (Attachment 1). He stated currently the assessment of the administrative services has been solely charged to the State Fire Marshal's Office and that the Governor's recommendation is the assessment be charged to the three agencies it supports; which is the State Fire Marshal, the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) and the Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute at the University of Kansas. Currently, this is in the megabill to make it a one year change. This particular legislation would make the change permanent so that it would become part of the statutes. This would assess the fee evenly across the agencies as to the portion they receive of the fire insurance levy. Therefore, \$128,000 would be charged to the State Fire Marshal, \$40,000 would be charged to KBEMS and \$32,000 to the Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute.

Aaron Klaassen stood for questions.

Dan McLaughlin, State Fire Marshal, presented testimony in support of **HB 2387** (Attachment 2). This legislation changes the order in which the \$200,000 is deducted from levies on fire insurance premiums for administrative services received by agencies.

Dan McLaughlin stood for questions.

Chairman Tafanelli asked if this legislation would benefit the State Fire Marshal's office in terms of cash flow. Mr. McLaughlin stated this would not solve the cash flow dilemma with his office but would add an additional \$72,000 to their budget annually.

Steve Sutton, Interim Executive Director, Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS), presented written testimony in a neutral position on **HB 2387** (Attachment 3). KBEMS is neutral on this bill because it does reflect a reduction in funding of the Agency but is an equitable distribution of the administrative fees.

Chairman Tafanelli asked if there were any other proponents or opponents for the bill. Seeing none, Chairman Tafanelli recognized Revisor Jim Wilson. Revisor Wilson advised there were a few technical amendments needed in this bill. This bill refers to K.S.A. 2008 supplement in lines 11, 15 and 5, and would need an



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amendment if Committee were to recommend it favorably for passage. He explained the K.S.A. 2008 supplements are no longer in existence; therefore, the references to K.S.A. 2008 supplement need to be changed to K.S.A. 2009 supplement.

Chairman Tafanelli asked for further questions or comments from Committee members.

In reference to a question Representative Swanson had regarding KBEMS administrative fees, Revisor Wilson explained that under current law, the other three agencies, including KBEMS, were not required to pay any administrative fees to the State General Fund.

The hearing on HB 2387 was closed.

The next meeting for possible action on **HB 2387** is scheduled for next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

