

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:40 A.M. on February 6, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Coach Bill Snyder
Roderick Bremby, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Aaron Dunkel, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Susan Kang, Policy Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Umbarger referred the following bill to the KPERS Issues Subcommittee:

SB 180--Clarify the income tax exemption for certain lump-sum payments at retirement from KPERS and certain amounts received as payments from the state board of regents retirement plan

The Chairman welcomed Coach Bill Snyder who provided an overview of the Kansas Mentors Program (Attachment 1). Coach Snyder explained that there are many children that do not have quality parenting and fatherless homes. It was noted that about half of the boys in Kansas are without fathers and there is a need for more male mentors. He mentioned that society is in crisis times and there are many challenges. The Coach explained that their mission is to give every young Kansan access to a caring and quality mentor.

Coach Snyder explained that their resources include \$250,000 went to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment designated as funds for mentoring programs on a one-to-one match basis and \$100,000 was made available for records checks. In closing, Coach Snyder explained that Kansas Mentors currently does not have an operating budget that would allow for a full-time staff person to administer the statewide grants program, coordinate outreach efforts and provide training programs. It was noted that since school districts could not be recipients of state funding, many school-based programs were not eligible to apply. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Roderick Bremby, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, who presented an overview of the agency (Attachment 2). Secretary Bremby addressed Notable 2006 Public Health Accomplishments, Key Initiatives and Notable 2006 Environment Accomplishments. Aaron Dunkel, Deputy Secretary, presented an overview of the agency's budget and Susan Kang, Policy Director, provided an overview of their legislative initiatives. Committee questions and discussion followed.

The Chairman turned the Committee's attention to reconsider previous action taken on the following bill:

SB 11--Enacting the alcoholism treatment facilities licensing act

The Revisor explained a balloon that would amend the bill to add professionals licensed by the Behavioral

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Sciences Regulatory Board to independently practice to the list of persons exempted from the requirement to be licensed as a treatment facility before providing alcohol and drug abuse treatment services (Attachment 3).

Senator Kelly moved, with a second by Senator McGinn, to reconsider committee action that was previously taken on **SB 11**. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Betts, to adopt the proposed balloon amendment on **SB 11**. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Betts, to recommend **SB 11** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2007.