

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 a.m. on January 16, 2003, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research  
J.G. Scott, Legislative Research  
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research  
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research  
Julian Efird, Legislative Research  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes  
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Assistant  
Sue Fowler, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Duane Goossen, Director of the Budget

Others attending: See attached.

Chairman Neufeld referred the following bills: **HB 2010** to the Education Budget Committee, **HB 2012** and **HB 2013** to Tax, Transportation, Judiciary and Retirement Budget Committees, **HB 2020** to Human Resources Budget Committee, and **HB 2021** to Education Budget Committee

Duane Goossen, Director of the Budget, presented an overview of the Governor's FY 2004 Budget Report (Attachment 1). For the first time budget will be available through a website with the hope of printing 500 fewer copies than in past years.

During Committee discussion on the budget, members requested the following information:

- Kansas Department of Health and Environment provide detailed history and information on requirements regarding underground and above ground storage tanks and the impact of sweeping \$10 million from their funds.
- Department of Revenue report on their current efforts and the success of collection of back taxes and the proposed amnesty program. According to Mr. Goossen, the Department of Revenue can implement a tax amnesty program without authorization from the Legislature. The specifics of the proposed amnesty program are yet undefined, including the starting dates, however, the spring of 2003 appears to be an optimal date.
- Department of Corrections report on the need and availability for maximum, medium and minimum security beds within the system. What is the exact number of beds being "bought" in

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other states? It was acknowledged that there is federal funding for bed purchases out of state.

During committee discussion on the Department of Corrections, Duane Goossen reported that in order to meet the current year allotment reductions fully, the Department of Corrections would have had to close certain minimum security correctional facilities. However, the proposed budget would provide adequate funding for FY 2003 and FY 2004 to avoid closure of the following facilities at this time:

- Stockton Unit
- Osawatomie Unit
- Toronto Unit
- El Dorado North
- Labette Conservation Camps
- Adult Residential Centers in Johnson and Sedgwick Counties

J. G. Scott presented the staff memo on the Appropriations Update dated January 15, 2003 (Attachment 2).

Representative Schultz, Vice Chair, moved to introduce the Governor's Supplemental Appropriation Bill for FY 2003. Motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative Schultz, Vice Chair, moved to introduce the Governor's Budget Recommendation for FY 2003 and the Bill for Capital Improvements, when they become available. Motion was seconded by Representative Nichols. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2003.

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