

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Kenny Wilk at 3:30 p.m. on February 13, 2003, in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Novascone, Excused
Representative Hill, Excused
Representative Boyer, Excused
Representative Winn, Excused

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research
Rena Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Fulva Seufert, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Cindy Lash, Legislative Post Audit

Others attending: See list attached

Chairman Wilk called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. He reported he had taken the liberty of contacting Dr. Kayne who had suggested a post audit. Dr. Kayne worked with Leo Hafner, Deputy Post Auditor, in suggesting ideas for encouraging entrepreneurship. The end result was the Draft of a Scope Statement which addresses ways Kansas can improve its efforts in encouraging entrepreneurship. Chairman Wilk welcomed Cindy Lash from the Post Audit Department who presented the Scope Statement. This report addressed the following:

- What efforts are made in Kansas to promote entrepreneurship?
- What aspects of Kansas ' laws, policies, and programs inhibit entrepreneurship, and what changes may be needed?
- What techniques have other states employed to encourage entrepreneurship that Kansas doesn't use?

Chairman Wilk advised the committee that individuals or committees can submit topics and ask for a post audit, which he said is one of the best kept secrets in the legislature. Post audit works autonomously and is, therefore, a great resource in which all legislators should become familiar. The Chair thanked Ms. Lash for her presentation. (Attachment 1).

Chairman Wilk said that he would like the Scope Statement to become a Committee request. He also stated that he thinks the Scope Statement is probably the most important part of an audit.

Representative Gordon made a motion for a Committee request to be submitted to Post Audit. Representative Kuether seconded. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Chairman Wilk said he will attach a letter and attend the next meeting of Post Audit to support the Economic Development Committee request. The next meeting of Post Audit will be February 26, 2003, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 519-S.

Representative Huntington made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2003, meeting. Representative O'Malley seconded. Motion carried.

The Chairman announced that the next meeting would be Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at which time hearings will be held on the following: **HB 2289**, **HB 2335**, **HB 2365**, and **ERO 30**.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.