

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 a.m. on March 14, 2003, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Larry Campbell, Excused
Representative Dean Newton, Excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Nicoletta Buonasera, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Legislative Research Department
Paul West, Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statues
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Analyst
Sue Fowler, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See Attached

Representative Bethell moved for reintroduction of **HB 2307** which eliminates requirement of one judge per county: with reassignment based on caseload as determined by the judicial branch. Motion was seconded by Representative Huebert. Motion carried.

Hearing on HB 2426 – Appropriation for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, and June 30, 2005, capital improvement projects

Paul West, Legislative Research Department, presented an overview (Attachment 1) on **HB 2426**, regarding capital improvement projects (Attachment 2). State agencies requested a total of \$284.0 million for improvements to state facilities in FY 2004. The request includes \$48.9 million from the State General Fund, \$33.3 million from the Kansas Educational Building Fund (EBF), \$18.9 million from the State Institutions Building Fund (SIBF), \$5.0 million from the Correctional Institutions Building Fund (CIBF), \$33.6 million from the State Board of Regents restricted use funds, and \$25.3 million from other special revenue funds. An additional \$2.5 million is requested for projects in the Department of Administration's non-reportable budget. One new bond issue which would be supported by state tax revenues is requested. The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) requests bonding authority of \$49.2 million for repairs and other deferred maintenance issues at the state hospitals. Debt service on the bonds would begin in FY 2005 and would be financed by the SIBF at an annual cost of \$3.8 million.

The Governor recommends \$102.4 million for improvements to state facilities in FY 2004. State General Fund financing of \$11.7 million is recommended for debt service principal and lease purchase payments (\$11.6 million), renovations to the Judicial Center (\$114,400) and repairs at state historic sites (\$46,550). Other recommendations include \$25.0 million from the EBF, \$13.5 million from the SIBF, \$5.0 million from the CIBF, \$33.6 million from Regents restricted use funds, and \$22.5 million from other special revenue funds. An additional \$2.5 million is recommended for projects in the Department of Administration's non-reportable budget. The Governor does not recommend the new bonding authority requested by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The Building Committee has reviewed the projects and concurs with the Governor with two adjustments:

- For the State Board of Regents, the Joint Committee recommends an additional \$3.0 million from the EBF for systemwide rehabilitation and repair project at the state universities for a total of \$13 million in FY 2004 as well as an equal amount in FY 2005.
- Recommend issuing the \$49.2 million in bonds for SRS facilities

The committee discussed various concerns regarding the capital improvement projects reported in the Capital Budget document (Attachment 2), including the lack of repair and age of some of the facilities and various technical adjustments that need to be addressed.

Representative Pottorff moved to pass **HB 2426** favorably with technical adjustments. Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2003.

Melvin Neufeld, Chair