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Date

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe McLeland at 8:00 a.m. on March 30, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

David Wiese, Revisor's Office

Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Brad Williams, Executor Director, Kan-ed

Others attending:

See attached list.

**HB 2390 KAN-ED act; repeal.**

Brad Williams, Executor Director, Kan-ed, appeared before the committee to answer all questions from the committee concerning all aspects of Kan-ed. Mr Williams stressed Kan-ed does not own any equipment, just leases it. Chairman McLeland asked about the content and who contracts with the vendors. Mr Williams stated that the State Library licensed the content and Kan-ed supplied the money. Mr Williams was questioned about the salaries of Kan-ed employees, at which time, he passed out the salary structure. (Attachment 1)

Several questions were directed toward the funding of Kan-ed, and the Executive Director passed out a sheet outlining the funding sources since it's inception in 2003. (Attachment 2)

The Ranking Minority, Representative Burroughs questioned Universal Service Administration's audit of E-rate violations and the E-rate data for years 2005 through 2010 was passed out to the committee. (Attachment 3)

Several committee members offered their disappointment that there was not a contingency plan in place in the event KUSF funding was not available to the agency. Representative Gonzalez asked Mr Williams if he could submit a contingency plan in the future, and he said he could. Chairman McLeland asked why he could submit one now, since he couldn't in the past? In the past, the legislature required Kan-ed to present a plan eliminating the KUSF dependence. The report submitted to the legislature contained KUSF dependence.

Representative Burroughs asked if there was a measure for return on investment for the monies already funded to the program. Mr Williams responded that a benefit analysis would be more appropriate. He then told the committee that membership was 443 members out of 837 connected.

The question and answer period was closed.

Representative DeGraaf made a motion to amend the date of termination date of Kan-ed from July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2012. Also, the date in the statute book be changed from July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2012. The motion was seconded by Representative Gonzalez. The motion passed.

Representative DeGraaf made a motion to pass HB 2390 favorably for passage as amended. Representative Gonzalez seconded the motion, and the bill passed on a voice vote.

Representative DeGraaf made a motion that all General Government Budget Committee minutes be approved as written seven days after being sent to all committee members by email and they have had a chance to submit their additions or corrections before the end of the seven day period. The motion was seconded by Representative Gonzales.

No more regular meetings scheduled for the 2011 legislative session.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions this session, with adjournment at 9:20 a.m.

