

MINUTES OF THE SENATE KPERS SELECT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 7:30 a.m. on March 15, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Linda Reed, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Glenn Deck – Executive Director of KPERS (Kansas Public Employees Retirement System)

Others attending:

See attached list.

Minutes were provided to the committee for approval from the February 3, 2011 and February 23, 2011 committee meetings.

The hearing was opened on **SB 49--Increased employee and employer contribution rates and benefit formula multiplier.**

Chairman Morris stated that **SB 49** is very similar to a bill that was in Ways and Means Committee last year, and is now in the Select Committee. The Chairman indicated that this bill was the recommendation of the Interim Committee after two years of study. Staff handed copies to the Committee of the proposed amendments to **SB 49** Summary of Key Provisions (Attachment 1). The Chairman indicated that the summary sheet lists suggestions that he would like to offer to the Committee. The proposed summary set out statutory cap increases for KPERS groups with commencement dates. The proposal breaks down contribution rate increases for Tier 1 employees, and suggestions for Tier 2 members.

The proposed summary requests the establishment of a KPERS Study Commission. This Commission would meet in the summer to analyze the current retirement system and report back prior to December 15, 2011. The Commission would include 11 appointed members. The Chairman stated that the provisions on contribution rates for **SB 49** would not go into effect until the Legislature acts on the Study Commission recommendations.

The Chairman opened the floor for discussion. Chairman Morris, Glenn Deck, and staff answered questions regarding the proposed amendments to **SB 49** Summary of Key Provisions.

Senator Vratil made the motion to amend the proposed amendments in **SB 49** by including a provision reserving the right of the State to modify the terms and conditions of the Pension Plan at the discretion of the State.

Senator Huntington seconded the motion.

The Motion passed with a No vote noted by Senator Kelly.

Senator Teichman voted to approve the minutes presented to the Committee from the February 2 and February 23rd meeting. Senator Vratil seconded the motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.