

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:40 A.M. on February 14, 2006, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office
Michael Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michelle Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Bromich, Chief of Staff
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Reginald Robinson, President & CEO, Kansas Board of Regents
Eric King, Director of Facilities, Kansas Board of Regents

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introduction

Senator Kelly moved, with a second by Senator Schmidt, to introduce a bill authorizing the state historical society to convey property to Audubon of Kansas (5rs2126). Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman referred the following bill to the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) subcommittee:

HB 2583--KPERs amendments relating to purchase of service credit, beneficiaries and disability benefits

Overview of State University Deferred Maintenance

Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department distributed copies of a Comparison of Building Maintenance Proposals (Attachment 1).

The Chairman welcomed Reginald Robinson, President & CEO, Kansas Board of Regents, who presented a briefing on State University Deferred Maintenance (Attachment 2). Mr. Robinson explained that the deferred maintenance issue on the six university campuses is a growing and dangerous problem and these needs have simply been deferred due to a lack of state funding. He noted that if the problem is not addressed, today's deferred maintenance backlog of \$584 million will grow to nearly \$800 million by fiscal year 2014.

Mr. Robinson addressed the Board of Regent's Comprehensive Facilities Audit (Summer 2004) and noted that the 537 educational and general buildings studied in the Board's 2004 report exclude auxiliary facilities such as residence halls, student unions and parking garages. He detailed the maintenance backlog on the six state university campuses in his written testimony on page 4. Mr. Robinson also addressed a Legislative Post Audit in July 2005 where the Legislative Division of Post Audit submitted a performance audit entitled *Regents Institutions: Reviewing Proposals for Increased Maintenance Funding at the State's Colleges and Universities*. He noted that an important conclusion of the audit was that the 1996 "Crumbling Classrooms"

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initiative, which provided an important short-term funding solution, did not represent new state funding.

Regarding the Board's comprehensive funding plan (November 2005) Mr. Robinson explained that the Board adopted a comprehensive plan to address the growing deferred maintenance backlog and to protect valuable state assets worth almost \$4 million. He noted that the Board certainly recognizes the difficulties this proposal faces, but they are encouraged by the fact that many legislators are concerned and increasingly interested in the growing problem.

The Chairman welcomed Eric King, Director of Facilities, Kansas Board of Regents, who addressed a selected sample documentation of each regents university regarding Deferred Maintenance (Attachment 3). Mr. King also distributed copies of the Deferred Maintenance/Annual Maintenance Funding Plan (Attachment 4). He detailed the following items from his written testimony:

- University of Kansas - collapsing utility tunnels
- University of Kansas Medical Center - water line breakage
- Kansas State University - dangerous switchgear; stone deterioration; uneven floors
- Emporia State University - asbestos contamination

Committee questions and discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for February 15, 2006, and will be held in Room 313-S, the Old Supreme Courtroom.