

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 10:35 a.m. on March 23, 2004, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dale Brunton, Director, Accounts and Reports, Kansas Department of Administration  
Duane Goossen, Director, Division of the Budget

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Downey, that the committee reconsider it's action on SCR 1622 (3rs1708) which was introduced in committee on March 22, 2004, because the number 1622 had already been used for another resolution. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**HB 2673--Increased payment authority for prior year claims for services or purchases by state agencies**

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Dale Brunton, Director, Division of Accounts and Reports, Kansas Department of Administration, who testified in support of **HB 2673** (Attachment 1). Mr. Brunton explained that the bill was proposed by the Department of Administration. The bill would allow the Director of Accounts and Reports to pay, from current fiscal year funds, a valid claim up to \$5,000 for goods or services purchased in the prior fiscal year. The current limit is \$500. Mr. Brunten explained that the \$5,000 limit is in accordance with other authority limits for state agencies, such as delegated audit, purchasing and asset capitalization.

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2673**.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

**HB 2675--Claims against the state**

Dr. Bill Wolff, Associate Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented a briefing on the bill.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Helgerson, a balloon amendment regarding HB 2675 concerning the Board of Nursing, Section 9 of the bill (Attachment 2). Motion carried on a voice vote.

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Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, a balloon amendment drafted by the Revisor regarding **HB 2675** concerning the Attorney General's Office, Section 10 of the bill (Attachment 3). Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2675**.

Chairman Morris called the committee's attention to discussion of:

**HB 2673--Increased payment authority for prior year claims for services or purchases by state agencies**

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to recommend **HB 2673** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**HB 2675--Claims against the state**

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to recommend **HB 2675** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**HB 2706--State finance council, voting procedures**

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

The Chairman welcomed Duane Goossen, Director, Division of the Budget, who spoke in favor of the bill. Director Goossen explained that the reason for the bill is the difficulty in getting all nine members of the State Finance Council hooked up either in person or by telephone to make decisions so emergency dollars can be released. The bill allows an absentee vote. (No written testimony was submitted.)

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman Morris closed the public hearing on **HB 2706**.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to recommend **HB 2706** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris called the committee's attention to discussion of:

**SB 351--Emergency medical services providers; grants for training and education expenses**

Chairman Morris recognized Senator Jay Emler who explained a proposed substitute bill for **SB 351** and noted that the fiscal note had been parred down to \$200,000. The Chairman recognized David Lake, Administrator, Board of Emergency Medical Services, provided additional comments regarding the proposed substitute bill for **SB 351**.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Helgerson, to amend **SB 351** with a **Senate Substitute for SB 351**. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Downey moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to recommend **Senate Substitute for SB 351** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris called the committee's attention to discussion of **HB 2886**.

The Chairman recognized Barb Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, Legislative Division of Post Audit who explained a proposed balloon amendment regarding **SB 365**.

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Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to remove the provisions contained in **HB 2886**, amend **HB 2886** by adding the provisions contained in **SB 365** including a balloon amendment (Attachment 4) regarding public utilities and the provisions contained in **SB 306** regarding certain separate audits of Kansas racing and gaming commission, and recommend a **Senate Substitute for HB 2886** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2004.