

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 A.M. on March 9, 2006 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Shari Weber- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
 J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
 Becky Krahl, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
 Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
 Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
 Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
 Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
 Jim Wilson, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
 Mike Corrigan, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
 Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Assistant  
 Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee reports on Department of Administration, Division of Health Policy and Finance and Kansas Health Policy Authority
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee report on Capital Improvements for Department of Administration and Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
- Attachment 3 Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 - Summary of Medicaid/Medicare/Health Provisions

Representative Wilk appeared before the Committee to request the introduction of legislation concerning health savings accounts and price transparencies questions - posting of prices so individuals with high deductibles are able to see the pricing of clinical care and hospital care.

Representative Bethell moved to introduce legislation regarding health savings accounts and price transparencies. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Administration for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Yoder. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chair of the General Government and Commerce Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Administration for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane.

Representative McCreary moved for a substitute motion to amend Item No. 4 of the Budget Committee report on the Department of Administration for FY 2007 by approving the expenditure of \$325,000 from the State General Fund for Radio Kansas-Hutchinson; stipulate that if federal matching funds are not received, the \$325,000 will be returned to the State General Fund (SGF); and further requested a review at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion withdrawn with approval of the second.

Representative McCreary moved for a substitute motion to amend the Budget Committee report

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on the Department of Administration for FY 2007 by adding language to appropriate \$325,000 from the State General Fund (SGF) for Radio Kansas-Hutchinson with a stipulation that if a federal grant to partially fund the project is not received, the \$325,000 will be returned to the State General Fund (SGF) and further requested a review at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff moved to adopt the Budget Committee report on the Department of Administration for FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Yoder. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department on Aging for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Henry. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department on Aging for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Henry.

Representative Feuerborn moved to amend the Budget Committee report for the Department on Aging for FY 2007 by removing language in Item No. 6 stating "particularly in western Kansas". The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell moved to amend the Budget Committee report on Department on Aging for FY 2007 by adding language for the Budget Committee to review before Omnibus the cost effectiveness of the Senior Care Act as compared to the PACE program. The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell moved to adopt the Budget Committee report on the Department on Aging for FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Henry. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Administration-Division of Health Policy and Finance (DHPF) for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Administration-Division of Health Policy and Finance for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Responding to questions from the Committee, Scott Brunner, Department of Administration, Division of Health Policy and Finance, stated that the Healthy Kids pilot program covers children of state employees who would have otherwise been eligible for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The pilot program was started at the beginning of the health insurance plan year in January with the state covering 90 percent of the cost and the employee paying the remaining 10 percent. Mr. Brunner indicated that the plan operates within state law and has no matching federal funds. To be eligible for the pilot program, the employee must fill out an application, similar to a Healthwave application, and report total income for employee and spouse to meet federal poverty guidelines before acceptance into the program.

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Representative Bethell, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr.

Representative Landwehr moved to amend the Budget Committee report on the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) for FY 2007 by adding language requesting that the Division of Health Policy and Finance review the plan changes to the dental program under Title 19 and Title 21 and the impact the changes will have on the populations being served by these programs and requested that KHPA report their findings as well as the short term and long term policies regarding the Title 19 and Title 21 dental program to the Budget Committee before Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Landwehr moved to amend the Budget Committee report on the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) for FY 2007 by adding a proviso stating during fiscal year 2007 a school district shall encourage parents of pupils at risk to obtain an eye examination by an optometrist or an ophthalmologist to determine if such child suffers from conditions which impair the ability to read: provided, however, that the expense for such examination, if not reimbursed through medicaid, healthwave, private insurance, or other governmental or private program, shall be the responsibility of the child's parent. The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative McLeland moved to amend the Budget Committee report on the Kansas Health Policy Authority for FY 2007 by adding a proviso to allow in-state pharmacies, who are at present only allowed to fill prescriptions for a 30-day supply according to the state employees health plan, to fill prescriptions with a 90-day supply at little or no additional cost as offered by out-of-state mail pharmacies. The motion was seconded by Representative Hutchins. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell moved to adopt the Budget Committee report on the Kansas Health Policy Authority for FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Information provided by the National Conference on State Legislatures (NCSL) on the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 - Summary of Medicaid/medicare/Health Provisions, updated on February 3, 2006, was distributed to the Committee (Attachment 3).

Representative Henry, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Representative Bethell, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendation for Capital Improvements for Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) and Department of Administration for FY 2006 and FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee Reports for FY 2006 and FY 2007 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Henry. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's recommendation for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell.

Representative Pilcher-Cook moved for a substitute motion to amend Item No. 24 of the Budget Committee report on the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services for FY 2007 by deleting \$1.5 million of funding recommended by the Governor for the Child Support Enforcement (CSE) customer service center. The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion failed on

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a 8-9 vote. Representative Landwehr requested to be recorded as voting "yes".

Representative Ballard moved to adopt the Budget Committee report on the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services for FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2006.

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Melvin Neufeld, Chair