

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 A.M. on March 17, 2006 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Jerry Henry- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Andy Schlapp, Sedgwick County

Others attending:

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee Report on **HB 2520**
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee Report on **HB 2762**
- Attachment 3 Budget Committee Report on **HB 2861**
- Attachment 4 Amendment to **SB 475**
- Attachment 5 Amendment to **SB 475**
- Attachment 6 Budget Committee Report on **SB 503**
- Attachment 7 Budget Committee Report on **HCR 5042**

Discussion and Action on HB 2520 - Community mental health center licensure.

Representative Landwehr, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on **HB 2520** and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on HB 2762 - Adult care home administrators, grounds for licensure action, board membership.

Representative Landwehr, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on **HB 2762** and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

The Budget Committee noted that two amendments were added to the bill.

Discussion and Action on HB 2861 - Exercising the state's option to provide an exemption to disqualification for public assistance to certain drug offenders.

Representative Landwehr, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on **HB 2861** and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on HB 2814/SB 475 - Creating the state affordable airfare fund; moneys from the economic development initiatives fund; implementing a program to provide more flight options, more competition and affordable airfares.

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Representative Pottorff moved for the Committee to work **SB 475**, a similar bill, in place of **HB 2814**. The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell moved to amend **SB 475** by adding language on Page 3, Line 11, "as a condition of receiving assistance from the state affordable airfare fund, each airport receiving such assistance shall provide free parking for passenger motor vehicles that are designed and used for transporting 10 passengers or less and that are registered in Kansas" (Attachment 4). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion failed.

Responding to questions from the Committee, Andy Schlapp, Sedgwick County, indicated that the Wichita airport currently has short-term parking, with free parking for 30 minutes, and long-term parking offering a free shuttle to the terminal. The amendment would cause the airport to revise security and parking procedures. Mr. Schlapp stated that the annual income from the parking lots is approximately \$4.5 million, noting that providing free parking for 80-90 percent of the passengers could pose a serious issue for the airport.

The Committee noted that it is important to consider the cost of airport parking when working to provide affordable airfare within the State.

Representative Landwehr moved to amend **SB 475** by adding language "Commencing with the regular session in 2008, the regional economic area partnership (REAP) shall prepare and submit a report on the expenditures of the state annual grant and local matching moneys under the program and the results obtained for such expenditures to the legislature at the beginning of each regular session. The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Landwehr moved to amend **SB 475** by adding language "During the interim between regular sessions of the legislature, commencing with the 2006 legislative interim period, the legislative budget committee shall study and review the activities of the regional economic area partnership (REAP) under the program to provide more air flight options, more competition for air travel and affordable air fares for Kansas, including a regional airport in western Kansas." The motion was seconded by Representative McCreary. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn moved to amend **SB 475** by adding language "to establish the state affordable airfare fund for the same purposes and to be administered by the secretary of commerce. In accordance with the provisions of appropriation acts, moneys shall be transferred to the state affordable airfare fund from the state general fund or one or more special revenue funds in the state treasury as specified by appropriation acts. That the annual grant from the fund to the regional economic area partnership (REAP) shall be matched on the basis of 75% from the state affordable airfare fund to 25 percent from local units of government or private entities." The motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative Powell moved to amend **SB 475** by adding language to Page 3, Line 11, after the word "Kansas" which reads "including a regional airport in western Kansas" (Attachment 5). The motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff moved to recommend **SB 475** as amended favorable for passage and to report as **House Substitute for SB 475**. The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on SB 503 - Establishing the water supply storage assurance fund.

Representative Schwartz, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on **SB 503** and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report (Attachment 6). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Powell moved to amend the Budget Committee report on **SB 503** to correct language in the description of placement of the stream gauge on the Smoky Hill River to read "57"

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instead of "27" and add language after "30" below the dam" stating "or as near as practical as determined by USGS". The motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Representative McLeland moved to amend **SB 503** by adding the language in Section (b) of **HB 2862** concerning the use of the stream gauge measurements of water leakage from the dam to calculate the amount of water in the artificial recharge pool. The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz moved to recommend **SB 503** favorable for passage as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on HCR 5042 - Urging support of the "25 x '25" initiative.

Representative Schwartz, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on **HCR 5042** and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report (Attachment 7). The motion was seconded by Representative Williams. Motion carried.

The Budget Committee noted that their report includes two amendments to **HCR 5042**.

Representative Schwartz moved to recommend **HCR 5042** favorable for passage as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Sharp moved to approve the Committee minutes, as written, of March 6, March 7, March 8, March 9 and March 10. The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

SB 549 was referred to Education Budget Committee.

SB 382 was referred to General Government and Commerce Budget Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 20, 2006.

Melvin Neufeld, Chairman