

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE KANSAS 2000 SELECT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kenny Wilk at 1:30 p.m. on January 18, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Gwen Welshimer - excused

Committee staff present: Audrey Nogle, Legislative Research Department
Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes
Janet Mosser, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Senator Don Steffes
Senator Donald Biggs
David Wilson, Executive Director, Kansas Arts Commission
Bobbi Mariani, Assistant Director, Division of Personnel Services,
Department of Administration
Andy Sanchez, Kansas Association of Public Employees (KAPE)

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairperson Wilk opened the hearing on **HB 2592 - Kansas arts commission, terms of members**.

The fiscal note was distributed.

Chairperson Wilk recognized Senator Don Steffes. As a member of the Joint Committee on Arts and Cultural Resources, Senator Steffes expressed his embarrassment at the lack of funding the state of Kansas gives to this important area. While there is tremendous support at the local level in time and effort spent on the arts and culture, state financial support is minuscule. He encouraged the committee to think kindly towards the arts and would support the committee's efforts to enhance funding in this important area.

Chairperson Wilk recognized Senator Donald Biggs. Also a member of the Joint Committee on Arts and Cultural Resources, Senator Biggs emphasized the sincerity of the committee members and seconded everything said by Senator Steffes.

Audrey Nogle, Legislative Research Department, briefed the committee on the contents of the bill.

David Wilson, Executive Director, Kansas Arts Commission, proponent, was recognized by Chairperson Wilk to address the committee (Attachment 1).

Questions and discussion followed testimony.

Chairperson Wilk closed the hearing on **HB 2592**.

Chairperson Wilk opened the hearing on **HB 2481 - State civil service pilot projects, human resource management**.

The fiscal note was distributed.

Audrey Nogle, Legislative Research Department, briefed the committee on the contents of the bill.

Bobbi Mariani, Assistant Director, Division of Personnel Services, Department of Administration, proponent, was recognized by Chairperson Wilk to address the committee (Attachment 2).

Chairperson Wilk recognized Andy Sanchez, Kansas Association of Public Employees (KAPE), opponent, to address the committee (Attachment 3).

Questions and discussion followed testimony. Bob Nugent, Revisor, was recognized and assisted in answering questions.

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Chairperson Wilk closed the hearing on **HB 2481**.

Chairperson Wilk returned the committee's attention to **HB 2592**.

Representative Sloan moved to pass favorably and put on the consent calendar **HB 2592**. The motion was seconded by Representative Alldritt. The motion carried.

Chairperson Wilk adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2000.