

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Terrie Huntington at 3:30 P.M. on February 4, 2008 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Owen Donohoe- excused

Committee staff present:
Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ryan Hoffman, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Matt Todd, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Representative Charlie Roth
Dennis Lauver, Salina Area Chamber of Commerce
Mark Burghart, Kansas Chamber of Commerce & Industry
James Bartle, General Council, Dept. Of Revenue

SB 363 - Rural housing incentive district act; size of counties and cities eligible.

The Vice-Chair called on Representative Roth who then introduced Dennis Lauver. (Attachment 1).

Mr. Lauver addressed the Committee in support of **SB 363**, saying he knew that others across the state will confirm that significant linkage exists between economic development, a sufficient quantity of quality labor and the availability of affordable housing. He said that people must be able to find quality affordable housing as they consider if they want to live and work in Kansas.

Questions and answers followed.

Written only testimony in favor of **SB 363** was distributed from Jason A. Gage, Salina City Manager, (Attachment 2); and Ray Barmby, Olathe, KS, (Attachment 3).

The hearing on **SB 363** was closed.

HB 2603 - Concerning income taxation; relating to credits; clarifying the definition of qualified business facility employee and qualified business facility investment.

Appearing before the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2603** was Mark Burghart. (Attachment 4).

Speaking in support of a clarification measure that is important to corporations doing business in the state, Mr. Burghart said he believed this clarification was entirely consistent with the intent accompanying the original enactment of the tax credit legislation which was to promote capital investment and job creation within the State of Kansas. He felt that was exactly what was accomplished under this bill.

Questions and answers followed.

Written only testimony from Ashley Sherard of the Lenexa Chamber of Commerce in support of **HB 2603** was distributed. (Attachment 5).

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Addressing the Committee in opposition of **HB 2603** was James Bartle. (Attachment 6).

Mr. Bartle explained that the Department of Revenue opposes **HB 2603** because it would unnecessarily complicate and confuse the computation of the B & J credit and might also adversely affect other credit programs, including HPIP.

SB 497 - Creating the Kansas investment credit act and the Kansas jobs credit act.

The Department believes that **SB 497** provides a better, simpler way in which to provide income tax incentives to taxpayers who make investments in Kansas and hire Kansas workers.

Questions and answers followed.

The hearing on **HB 2603** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2008.