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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Morrison at 3:37 p.m. on February 11, 2009, in Room 535-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Brenda Landwehr- excused  
Representative Judy Loganbill- excused  
Representative Louis Ruiz- excused

Committee staff present:

Rena Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Gary Deeter, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Matt Veatch, State Archivist, Kansas State Historical Society  
Patricia Michaelis, Director of Library and Archives Division, Kansas State Historical Society

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2195** - Public records; certification of electronic records by the state archivist.

Patricia Michaelis, Director of Library and Archives Division, Kansas State Historical Society, explained that the bill is an important first step in creating a digital state archives because it establishes a process giving electronic records the same legal authority as paper records (Attachment 1).

Ms. Michaelis then introduced Matt Veatch, State Archivist, who provided a brief history of the work of the State Historical Society, then noted a pilot project begun in 2004 to establish some baselines for electronic state government publications. He said the Society is presently engaged in a collaborative effort to create a trusted digital repository for authentic Kansas government records—an electronic state archives. The Society is working on two fronts: first, designing, developing, and implementing the software and hardware infrastructure to support long-term preservation of state electronic records, and, secondly, creating the necessary policy and regulatory framework for such archives. He said that the bill will provide an important statutory foundation to support the transition to digital archives and digital government.

Revisor Rena Jefferies briefed the Committee on the bill, saying that it directs the state archivist to prepare and present recommendations to the State Records Board regarding the preservation process for maintaining the authenticity of electronic government records. She stated that the state archivist's electronic signature shall have the same legal effect as the original document.

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Answering questions, Ms. Michaelis said no definition is given in the bill for the term “reasonable fees,” but she noted that presently \$2 is charged for a certified copy of a historical document.

Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer Don Heiman responded to a question regarding digital signatures, saying that a set of keys controls the unique digital signature, which can be encrypted and decrypted. He explained that a digital signature can be associated with a set of processes and disciplines and that it attests to authorizing standards and has the full effect of a historical document. The Chairman commented that the legislature is moving toward using digital signatures and encrypted messages.

The hearing was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2009.