

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE KANSAS 2000 COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kenny Wilk at 1:45 p.m. on March 14, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Paul West, Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
Janet Mosser, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Judge David Mikesic, President, Kansas District Judges' Association  
Sandra Fruit, Planned Giving Officer, Kansas State University Foundation  
Bobbi Mariani, Acting Director, Division of Personnel Services, Department of Administration  
Andy Sanchez, Kansas Association of Public Employees  
James E. Lowther, Member, State Civil Service Board  
State Civil Service Board (written)

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairperson Wilk brought to the committee's attention a letter received from Michael Rees, Chief Counsel, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), in follow up to his testimony on **HB 3006** in which he provides information on expenses for outside counsel incurred by the Office of Chief Counsel, KDOT (Attachment 1).

Representative Sharp distributed a balloon on **HB 3006** for review by the committee prior to tomorrow's meeting (Attachment 2). Chairperson Wilk informed the committee of his intention to take up **HB 3006** at tomorrow's meeting.

Chairperson Wilk informed the committee of his intent to cancel the hearing on **HB 2004 - Biennial budget estimate for state agencies** scheduled for tomorrow's meeting.

Chairperson Wilk opened the hearing on **HB 2808 - Increasing maximum retirement for judges and allowing multiple designations of beneficiaries for system**

The fiscal note was distributed.

Chairperson Wilk recognized Judge David Mikesic, President, Kansas District Judges' Association, who, at the request of the Chair, gave a brief summary of the contents of the bill and then as a proponent of the bill, addressed the committee (Attachment 3).

Sandra Fruit, Planned Giving Officer, Kansas State University Foundation, proponent, was recognized to address the committee (Attachment 4).

Questions and discussion followed testimony. Jack Hawn, Deputy Executive Secretary, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs), was recognized and assisted in answering questions. Jerry Sloan, Office of Judicial Administration, was recognized and assisted in answering questions.

Chairperson Wilk closed the hearing on **HB 2808**.

Chairperson Wilk opened the hearing on **SB 138 - State employees; disciplinary actions**.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

The fiscal note was distributed.

Paul West, Legislative Research Department, briefed the committee on the contents of the bill.

Bobbi Mariani, Acting Director, Division of Personnel Services, Department of Administration, proponent, was recognized to address the committee (Attachment 5). Ms. Mariani explained that, because the Department of Administration is the administrative arm of the State Civil Service Board, she was appearing today on behalf of the State Civil Service Board. She introduced members of the State Civil Service Board who were present: Chairperson Richard Pratt, Vice-Chairperson Thomas Corcoran, and former State Representative and Board member James Lowther.

Andy Sanchez, Kansas Association of Public Employees, proponent, was recognized to address the committee (Attachment 6).

James E. Lowther, Member, State Civil Service Board, proponent, was recognized to address the committee and as a follow up to the discussion about the 30-day time limit, stated that the intent of the amendment is to provide clarification for employees so that it is clear the timeframe in which they must appeal.

Chairperson Wilk noted that the State Civil Service Board has submitted written testimony (Attachment 7).

Chairperson Wilk closed the hearing on **SB 138**.

Chairperson Wilk adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2000.