

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Pat Apple at 9:30 A.M. on January 17, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Senator Mike Petersen- excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Tatiana Lin, KSU Legislative Fellow  
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes  
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Larry Bentley, Kansas Weatherization Assistance Program  
Christine Reimler, Kansas Energy Efficiency Program (KEEP)

Others in attendance: See attached list

Chairman Apple noted the committee would be hearing updates on the Energy Assistance Program and the KEEP Program.

Energy Assistance Program

Larry Bentley, manager for training and technical assistance in the Kansas Weatherization Assistance Program, testified about the benefits of weatherization to the citizens of Kansas. He noted the growth in this program since its inception in 1974 and how increased funding and experience have helped develop this now highly technical program. (Attachment 1)

Questions from the committee concerning the evaluations, how the program is monitored, how complaints are handled, the set up of the organizational structure and the funding.

Kansas Energy Efficiency Program (KEEP)

Christine Reimler, manager for KEEP, testified about energy efficiency loans for the citizens of Kansas. Information on this program has been provided through news releases to most of the newspapers in Kansas, a brochure is in the process of being printed and distributed, and a website can be accessed at [Kansashousingcorp.org](http://Kansashousingcorp.org) and the programs viewed. (Attachment 2)

Questions regarding who qualified for these loans, how could citizens contact the KEEP office, and could energy tests be requested even if the person did not want a loan.

Adjournment.

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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