

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 A.M. on January 19, 2005 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Weber- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, Legislative Research Department
Michele Alishahi, Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Analyst
Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Barb Hinton, Auditor, Legislative Post Audit

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

- Attachment 1 Fiscal Analyst Staff, Legislative Research
- Attachment 2 Committee Rules
- Attachment 2 Overview of Legislative Post Audit, Barb Hinton
- Attachment 4 Appropriations Update, Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department

Chairman Neufeld welcomed the new and returning members of the Appropriations Committee and introduced his personal staff including intern Lucas Cosens. J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department, introduced the members of the Fiscal Analyst Staff (Attachment 1). Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes, introduced Mike Corrigan, also from the Revisor of Statutes office; both of whom will assist the Committee with legal matters. Chairman Neufeld presented the Committee Rules (Attachment 2).

Representative Landwehr moved to introduce legislation requested by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services allowing the Secretary to restrict patient access to prescription-only drugs pursuant to a program of prior authorization or a restrictive formulary. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Landwehr moved to introduce legislation requested by the Water Office pertaining to payment of operation and maintenance costs associated with the State's conservation water supply capacity based on estimated costs for the upcoming year. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell moved to introduce legislation requested by the Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) pertaining to the tenure of the director of the Division of Health. The motion was

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seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

Representative Gatewood moved to introduce legislation pertaining to employees of the State Fire Marshal's office. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Powell moved to introduce legislation to permit the Department of Transportation (KDOT) to solicit bids pertaining to advertising for the state map. The motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

Chairman Neufeld recognized Barb Hinton, Legislative Post Audit, who presented a briefing on audit-related issues, including key findings and audit issues since the last legislative session; audits issued during the last three years; audits currently under way; and possible future topics for audits (Attachment 3). Responding to a question from the Committee regarding the audit of the State Fire Marshal's office and their projected cash shortfall in early 2006, Ms. Hinton noted that part of the problem arises from the expiration of some federal grants, the decrease in fire premium levies, and the decline of year-end surplus funds.

The Chair thanked Ms. Hinton for her testimony.

Chairman Neufeld recognized Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department, who presented an overview of the Governor's Budget Report and recommendations for FY 2006 (Attachment 4).

Representative Light invited Committee members to accompany the Public Safety Budget Committee on a tour of the Lansing Correctional Facility on Thursday, January 20th.

HB 2020, HB 2021 and HB 2025 were referred to the Education Budget Committee.

Representative McCreary introduced his intern, Dan Einert, noting that he had just finished two tours of duty in Iraq. Representative Bethell introduced his intern, Joshua Bender, from Sterling.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2005, with an update by the Attorney General regarding the Colorado lawsuit and a presentation by the Water Office and the Water Authority on related issues.