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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:40 A.M. on February 11, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Carolyn McGinn - excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes  
Kristen Clarke Kellems, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means  
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Paul Johnson, Kansas Catholic Conference  
Jamie Corkhill, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services  
Barb Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, Legislative Division of Post Audit

Others attending:

See attached list.

### **Bill Introductions**

On January 23, 2008, the Committee was requested to introduce a bill regarding an Amber Alert for senior citizens. After reviewing the current law, it was determined that seniors are covered under the missing person statutes. There is no need for a bill, and a bill will not be introduced pursuant to this request.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Wysong, to introduce a conceptual bill regarding unified school districts; alternative building construction procurement. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Morris moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to introduce a bill concerning exempting certain motor carriers from KCC rules and regulations (7rs2114). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Paul Johnson, Kansas Catholic Conference, who presented information on Child Support Update (Attachment 1). Mr. Johnson addressed the child support system accomplishments, challenges and opportunities. There are about 300,000 children in the child support system. The call center is now fully operational and based in Halstead. Legislation that sanctions driver licenses is very close to being operational. Mr. Johnson addressed five points that are detailed in his written testimony concerning child support system challenges and opportunities. Mr. Johnson emphasized the SRS child support computer runs on a 1970's computer program that struggles with 131,000 cases and a new computer system is proposed.

The Chairman welcomed Jamie Corkhill, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, reported on the Child Support Enforcement Background (Attachment 2). Ms. Corkhill addressed the Kansas CSE Program which operates within the Integrated Service Delivery Division of SRS, Outsourcing CSE Functions, the Kansas Payment Center, the CSE Caseload, funding streams, performance and other features.

Chairman Umbarger recognized Barb Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, Legislative Division of Post Audit, who presented an overview of Legislative Post Audit (Attachment 3). Chairman Umbarger explained that there is oversight already in statute in Legislative Post Audit. Ms. Hinton explained that Post Audit was established in 1971 as the legislative audit arm of Kansas government. She noted that Legislative Post Audit had broad authority to conduct performance audits of government agencies and programs under two primary statutes that are detailed in her written testimony.

Ms. Hinton detailed the Kansas Governmental Operations Accountability Law (K-GOAL) and detailed

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information concerning it. She noted that the purpose of the act is “to provide for a governmental operations accountability system under which the legislature may ensure accomplishment of the declared purpose of state government by periodically reviewing and evaluating the operations of selected state agencies.”

Ms. Hinton explained how K-GOAL could be improved to better focus on efficiency/cost savings issues beginning on page 7 of her testimony and are detailed in the testimony:

1. Increase the number of agencies to be audited and reviewed each year.
2. Change the requirements related to which State agencies will be reviewed each year.
3. Change the focus of the K-GOAL audits to be conducted.
4. Consider whether to re-establish the “sunset” notion of abolishment/retention issues.
5. Be more specific regarding the “committees of reference.”
6. Change the timing of the K-GOAL audits/legislative review and evaluation process.
7. Consider whether you want to authorize more legislative audit staff resources to address both the efficiency and effectiveness issues.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to introduce a conceptual bill in regard to the form submitted by Ms. Hinton regarding revising the K-GOAL Audits concerning efficiencies (Attachment 4). Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for February 12, 2008.