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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Representative Mike Burgess, Chair, at 3:35 p.m. on January 27, 2011, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Julian Efird, Legislative Research
Iraida Orr, Legislative Research
Katherine McBride, Revisor of Statutes
Renaë Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Linda Herrick, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dennis Taylor, Secretary of Administration

Others attending:

(see attached list)

Chair Burgess called for any introductions of bills. He noted there has been a request from the State Treasurer's office concerning a bill drafted in 2010 by the Revisor's office that the Treasurer does not have access to unclaimed property records from the Department of Revenue and are paying a third party to get the information. Chair Burgess made a motion for a policy change to grant the Treasurer's office access to the Department of Revenue's unclaimed property records. The motion was seconded by Representative DeGraaf, and the committee voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Chair Burgess welcomed Secretary of Administration, Dennis Taylor. His topic was the development of the Office of Repealer. Mr. Taylor began by noting that Governor Brownback issued Executive Order 11-01 which establishes the Office of the Repealer (Attachment 1). The Department of Administration is in the process of developing a framework and methodology for the Office of the Repealer to carry out the mission set forth in the Executive Order. The Executive Order calls for the office to investigate laws, regulations, and other governing instruments that are unreasonable or in conflict; to receive public comment; to recommend repeal or modification to the originating body of such law; and to keep a tracking system to follow the action taken by any originating body and to prepare regular reports to the Governor.

Secretary Taylor responded to a variety of members' questions:

- He is not aware of other states having similar offices. Representative Grange will provide him contact names for the State of Texas. Minnesota has established a Sunset Commission which is similar.
- The Office of Repealer could be involved with some excess property activities. Some high level discussion has been held about criteria to begin the prioritization process to get to the 10% of property to be sold.
- Secretary Taylor noted he is open for suggestions. He welcomes e-mails and phone calls.
- Communications will be developed to inform the public of the newly created Office of Repealer.
- Last year, some legislation was passed related to transparency, and some transparency has already been initiated.
- An incentive plan for state employee suggestions on efficiencies and savings is being discussed (similar to Kansas Quality Management).

Chair Burgess thanked Secretary Taylor for his presentation.

Chair Burgess asked if there was any other business for the committee, and there was none.

Chair Burgess noted that staff has been asked to keep the Legislators updated on implementing KLISS. Progress is being made and it will be a great product once it is live.

Representative Howell indicated his working group is getting a draft bill prepared on the rainy day stabilization fund. The Revisor of Statutes staff has drafted such a bill. The bill has not yet been submitted to the House Chief Clerk for a number.

The Chair asked if there were any other requests for introduction of bills. There were none.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 31, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.