

Budget schedule worries Carlin

Staff reports

State Rep. **Sydney Carlin** expressed concern Thursday regarding an accelerated schedule of hearings on a budget proposal approved Wednesday by the Kansas Senate that changes the impact on school districts and social service agencies.

The House Appropriations Committee, of which **Carlin** is a member, is scheduled to take up both Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' budget proposal as well as the Senate bill Friday. **Carlin** said that may be too soon to gauge public sentiment regarding the funding changes contained in the Senate bill.

"I need to hear from people," **Carlin** said. She noted that the Senate bill recommended another \$11 reduction in per-pupil state aid to education in addition to reductions from anticipated increases proposed by Gov. Sebelius. "And there's a lot of social welfare cuts on top of that," she added.

"The public hasn't had a chance to look at these numbers and weigh in on it and let me know," said **Carlin**.

She said people who wanted to forward reactions on the proposals to her could e-mail her at sydney.carlin@house.ks.gov.

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