

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE, LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Hutton at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department
Linda Herrick, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Linda Craghead, Assistant Secretary Parks and Tourism, Kansas Department of Wildlife,
Parks and Tourism Kevin Fern, President, Tourism Industry Association of Kansas
Natalie Bright representing the Coalition for Opportunity

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible action on bills previously heard

Chairperson Hutton asked if there were any bills to be introduced.

Representative Couture-Lovelady moved, seconded by Representative Mason, a bill be introduced concerning enterprise zones. The motion passed.

State Tourism in Kansas and Its Economic Impact, Natalie Bright, Bright and Carpenter

Linda Craghead, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, gave a presentation ([Attachment 1](#)) on State Tourism in Kansas and Its Economic Impact ([Attachment 2](#)). In 2014, she noted Tourism Economics was hired to conduct a study of the economic impact of tourism in Kansas. For years 2013 and prior, the study indicated tourism expenditures generated \$9.5 billion all of which goes back to the local communities.

Some of the key highlights of the tourism study ([Attachment 3](#)) were:

-- In 2013, Kansas received 33.7 million visitors and tourism supports 92,265 jobs. Other findings of the study were that tourism brings in \$556 million in state and local government revenues, and provides \$5,000 in tax relief to each Kansas household.

-- Traveler spending has grown on the average of 6.0% annually over the last four years, and the overnight visitor spend \$332 per trip. County specific information ([Attachment 4](#)) is available online.

Kevin Fern added that he very much supports and appreciates the work of the Division of Tourism.

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After the presentation, Ms. Craghead gave the following responses to questions asked by the Committee:

- The increase in travel spending since 2011 is a result of travelers stopping and staying longer as reflected in the guest sales tax.
- Star bonds significantly contributed to Kansas tourism. The water slide in Kansas City is an example.
- Targeted marketing has increased promotion of state parks and outdoor activities. Some of the tourism ads have won local competition are are moving to national competition.
- For every dollar invested, there is a return of \$80.
- The guest sales tax ranges from .02% to 9% with the maximum at 10%.

State Use Law Annual Report, Natalie Bright

Natalie Bright, representing Coalition for Opportunity, gave the Kansas State Use Law (SUL) Usage Report for the period July 2013 to June 2014 ([Attachment 5](#)). This annual report is required by the 2005 Legislative Session. SUL vendors (those who employ blind and disabled Kansans) provide a summary of their volume of sales. In fiscal year 2014, SUL sales increased to \$7.567 million from \$7.32 million in fiscal year 2013.

Discussion on:

HB2096 - Kansas Uniform Common Interest Owners Bill of Rights Act.

Chairperson Hutton asked the Committee to work the bill.

Representative Claeys moved, seconded by Representative Couture-Lovelady the bill be amended. ([Attachment 6](#)). The motion passed.

Representative Claeys moved, seconded by Representative Couture-Lovelady, the bill be amended. ([Attachment 7](#)).

Representative Ruiz questioned the germaneness of the amendment pertaining to equal access to utilities. Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research, was asked his opinion, and he noted the Chairperson decides if it is germane or not.

The Chairperson asked for further discussion or action while staff analyzed the amendment.

Representative Brunk moved, seconded by Representative Whipple to amend the bill on page 1, line 8 after "owned," insert "or leased."

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Representative Davis noted the bill deals with restricted covenants between the home owner association and the owner and does not apply to the contractual agreement between the owner and the lessee. A person can still enter into any agreement if terms are agreeable to both the owner and lessee.

Representative Brunk, with the consent of Representative Whipple, withdrew the motion.

Representative Claeys, with the consent of Representative Couture-Lovelady, withdrew the amendment (See Attachment 7 above).

Representative Ruiz withdrew his question about germaneness.

Representative Claeys moved, seconded by Representative Brunk, HB2096 be passed as amended. The motion carried with 9 ayes and 6 nays.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.