

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, March 17, 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:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Further discussion and action on: HB2391 State employees; shared leave program limited to life threatening medical conditions; longevity bonuses only if moneys appropriated for such bonuses; classified positions converted to unclassified positions.**

The Department of Administration presented additional information on longevity bonuses ([Attachment 1](#)).

Representative Billinger moved, seconded by Representative Frownfelter, to amend the bill ([Attachment 2](#)).

Representative Suellentrop moved, seconded by Representative Claeys, to exclude the Department of Corrections and mental hospitals from the bill and to require the Secretary of Administration to conduct a study to report to the Chairperson of the House Committee on Commerce by the first day of the 2016 Legislative Session.

Representative Tietze moved, seconded by Representative Ruiz, a substitute motion to delay implementation of the bill for a year and to require a study be conducted by the Secretary of Administration and report the results to the House Commerce Chair in January 2016. The motion failed.

The Committee returned to Representative Suellentrop's motion, and Chairperson Hutton suggested the Committee continue work on this bill tomorrow so additional information could be received.

**Discussion & action on: HB2357 - Department of labor; employment security; disqualification for benefits, administrative review, personnel carrying out act, filing of wage reports.**

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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.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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See the discussion of **SB154** below.

**Discussion & action on: SB154 - Amending unemployment insurance benefits determination; employer classification and contribution rates.**

Chuck Reimer reviewed the bill. When this bill was heard on March 13, there were no opponents. Justin McFarland gave neutral testimony. The remainder were proponents.

*Representative Mason moved, seconded by Representative Claeys, the bill be passed.*

*Representative Couture-Lovelady moved, seconded by Representative Mason, the bill be amended ([Attachment 3](#)). The motion passed.*

*Representative Frownfelter moved, seconded by Representative Mason, the contents of HB2357 be amended into SB154, as amended; and SB154 be passed as amended. The motion passed.*

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.