

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 09, 2016, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Annie Tietze – Excused
Representative Les Mason – Excused
Representative Tom Burroughs, appointed substitute member to the committee

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

John Helms, CPA, Member, Kansas Board of Accountancy
Marlee Carpenter, Bright and Carpenter Consulting
Stephen Hall, Ph.D., Griffin Hammis Associates

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2536 — Amendments regarding accountant licensure.

Chairperson Hutton opened the hearing on this bill. Chuck Reimer gave an overview noting the bill pertains to statutes for the Board of Accountancy.

John Helms, CPA, provided proponent testimony ([Attachment 1](#)) noting this bill clarifies laws governing the practice of certified public accountancy and updates the laws to reflect changes in industry standards.

Marlee Carpenter provided proponent testimony ([Attachment 2](#)) on behalf of Aron Dunn, CPA, Chairperson, Kansas Society of CPA (KSCPA) Advocacy Task Force. Other supporters are state regulators, American Institute of CPAs, and the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.

There was no opponent or neutral testimony.

The hearing was closed.

Discussion & possible action on: HB2325 — Enacting the public employee bargaining transparency act.

Chairperson Hutton asked the Committee's desire on the bill.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, February 09, 2016 in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

Representative Claeys moved, seconded by Representative Davis, to recommend passage of the bill. The motion carried.

Representative Claeys moved, seconded by Representative Davis, for a Substitute to HB2325 (Attachment 3).

Chuck Reimer compared the bill to the substitute and Representative Claeys explained some of the wording. Representative Hutton asked if the intent of the substitute bill is the same as the bill that was heard. Mr. Reimer indicated there are some differences in timing for opening of the documents for public inspection, website, and wording dealing with the course of a meeting.

Chairperson Hutton asked that the bill be held over for further comparison of the bill with the substitute bill.

Presentation on:

Employment of Disabled Workers

Dr. Stephen Hall gave a presentation ([Attachment 4](#)) on employment outcomes for people with disabilities. He reported Kansas trails other states in funding for supported employment for persons with disabilities. He recommended steps to be taken to update the program.

State Use Law Annual Report, Natalie Bright

Chairperson Hutton acknowledged the State Use Law Usage Report ([Attachment 5](#)) submitted to the Committee by Natalie Bright.

Kansas Workers Compensation Fund Year End 2015 Report

Chairperson Hutton acknowledged receipt of this report from Ken Selzer, Kansas Commissioner of Insurance, which had been e-mailed in January to all House Commerce Committee members. The report summarizes the activities of the Fund through the period ending July 1, 2015.

Approval of Minutes

Representative Frownfelter moved, Representative Ruiz seconded, to approve the House Commerce minutes of January 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 25, and 26, 2016. The motion passed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.