

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 Thursday, February 11, 2016, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Linda Herrick, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jason Watkins, Wichita Chamber of Commerce
Dan Murray, National Federation of Independent Business
Eric Stafford, Vice President, Government Affairs, The Kansas Chamber
Adam Mills, President, Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association
Larry Baer, General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities
Bruce Tunnell, Executive Vice President, Kansas AFL-CIO

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2576 — Prohibiting cities or counties from adopting employee scheduling policies for private employers.

Chairperson Hutton opened the hearing on this bill. Chuck Reimer gave an overview. The bill provides that no city, county or local government unit could alter or adjust employee scheduling unless the alteration or adjustment is prescribed by state or federal law. Mr. Reimer answered questions.

Jason Watkins, Wichita Chamber of Commerce, and representing the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association, spoke in support the bill. Testimony was not provided.

Dan Murray, National Federation of Independent Business, provided proponent testimony ([Attachment 1](#)). He noted that small businesses and their employees should be free to negotiate the benefits package and compensation that best meets their mutual needs.

Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber of Commerce, provided proponent testimony ([Attachment 2](#)). The Chamber asked for support of the bill which prohibits local units of government from intruding on employment scheduling decisions for private businesses.

Adam Mills, Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association, provided proponent testimony

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[\(Attachment 3\)](#). This bill allows Kansans to continue managing their businesses under statewide uniform rules. Currently, there is no local government seeking to restrict the private sectors scheduling in Kansas, but there are at least 6 cities across the nation with pending legislation.

Larry Baer, General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities, provided opponent testimony [\(Attachment 4\)](#). This bill would prohibit cities from enacting or administering ordinances that would adjust or alter employee scheduling other than required by state and federal law. This would impinge upon the home rule right of local control and the inability to handle at the level of government closest to the citizens they represent.

Bruce Tunnell, Kansas AFL-CIO, provided opponent testimony [\(Attachment 5\)](#).

There was no neutral testimony.

The hearing on this bill was closed.

Discussion & possible action on: HB2536 — Amendments regarding accountant licensure.

This bill was heard on February 9. Chairperson Hutton asked the Committee's desire. Chuck Reimer, Revisor, gave a brief review of the bill.

Representative Whipple moved, seconded by Representative Claeks, the bill be passed. The motion carried.

Representative Whipple moved, seconded by Representative Claeks, the bill be amended [\(Attachment 6\)](#). The motion passed.

Representative Mason moved, seconded by Representative Whipple, the bill be passed as amended. The motion carried.

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

The Committee continued its discussion from February 9 on **HB2325- Enacting the public employee bargaining transparency act**. Chuck Reimer, Revisor, compared the bill as introduced, to the pending motion to amend which was offered by Representative Claeks.

Additional information will be provided by Mr. Reimer and discussion will continue next week.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.