

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 Monday, March 07, 2016, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

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:

Secretary Antonio Soave, Kansas Department of Commerce
Adam Roorbach, Athletic Commission, Ks. Dept. of Commerce
Justin McFarland, Deputy General Counsel, Kansas Department of Labor
Rey Mesa, Senior Government Affairs Director, The Kansas Chamber

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Approval of Minutes

The February minutes of House Commerce Committee meetings had been sent to Committee members on last week.

Representative Ruiz moved, seconded by Representative Corbet, the minutes of February 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, and 18 be approved. The motion passed.

Informational Hearing on: State Efficiency Recommendation on Enhance Commerce's Business to Business Strategies, and Ensure no Program Subsidy for Athletic Commission Fee for Service Operation

Secretary Antonio Soave, Kansas Department of Commerce and Adam Roorbach, Director, Athletic Commission, Department of Commerce ([Attachment 1](#)), provided comments on these two recommendations.

Secretary Antonio supports the changes but recommends decoupling some programs to allow for more flexibility and efficiency in the use of incentive funds.

Mr. Roorbach said athletic fees can be revenue neutral in two years, and action at this time seems premature.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development at 1:30 pm on Monday, March 07, 2016 in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

Informational Hearing on: State Efficiency Study Recommendations, KDOL Assessment Rate Change, Replace Worker's Compensation State Self Insured Fund (SSIF) Claims Management with an Experienced Third Party Administrator

Justin McFarland, Kansas Department of Labor ([Attachment 2](#)); and Rey Mesa, Senior Government Affairs Director, Kansas Chamber, provided comments ([Attachment 3](#)). Changing the basis for the assessment from claims paid to total written premium should be studied. The Kansas Chamber is not opposed to the assessment rate change if the revenue is neutral and not tied to funding a new office of risk management.

A letter from the National Council on Compensation Insurance ([Attachment 4](#)) referenced in Mr. Mesa's comments, indicated some of the figures contained in the study may be wrong. The change in assessment by written premium may be less than the current method by claims paid.

Written-only comments were provided by Natalie Bright, Kansas State Council Society for Human Resource Management ([Attachment 5](#)). Also, written-only comments were provided by Mike Michael, Director, State Employee Health Benefits Plan, KDHE ([Attachment 6](#)); and Carrie Doyal, KDHE, was present to answer any questions.

The conferees stood for questions.

Action on: HB2617 - Workers compensation; medical administrator; electronic filing.

Chairperson Hutton asked the Committee members to consider this bill. Chuck Reimer distributed an amendment ([Attachment 7](#)) and explained it.

Representative Mason moved, seconded by Representative Carpenter, to adopt the amendment. The motion carried.

Representative Mason moved, seconded by Representative Carpenter, to recommend passage of the bill as amended. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.