

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hedke at 9:00 am on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Rob Bruchman – Excused  
Representative John Carmichael – Excused  
Representative Tony Barton – Excused

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department  
Patricia Kready, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Gary Mason, Deputy Secretary for Environment, Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
Mark Schreiber, Vice President, Government Affairs, Westar Energy  
Rodger Woods, Deputy State Director, Americans for Prosperity-Kansas  
Zack Pistora, Legislative Director and State Lobbyist, Kansas Chapter of Sierra Club

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Hedke asked for a motion to approve committee minutes for February 8, 10, 12 and 15. *Rep. Whitmer moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Rep. Powell seconded, motion passed.*

### **Hearing on: SB318 — Utilities and state entities.**

Chairman Hedke opened the hearing on **SB318**.

Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, gave a bill brief. ([Attachment 1](#)) He stood for questions.

Gary Mason, Deputy Secretary for Environment, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, testified in support of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)) He stood for questions.

Mark Schreiber, Vice President, Government Affairs, Westar Energy, representing investor owned utilities jointly, presented proponent testimony. ([Attachment 3](#)) He stood for questions.

Rodger Woods, Deputy State Director, Americans for Prosperity-Kansas, gave supporting testimony.

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[\(Attachment 4\)](#) He stood for questions.

Written only proponent testimony was submitted by Jeff McClanahan, Director, Utilities Division, Kansas Corporation Commission. [\(Attachment 5\)](#) [\(Attachment 6\)](#)

Written only neutral testimony was submitted jointly from Earnie Lehman, Tim McKee and Les Evans, Kansas Electric Transmission Authority. [\(Attachment 7\)](#)

Zack Pistora, Legislative Director and State Lobbyist, Kansas Chapter of Sierra Club gave opposition testimony to the bill. [\(Attachment 8\)](#) He stood for questions.

Written only opponent testimony was submitted by Dorothy Barnett, Executive Director, Climate + Energy Project. [\(Attachment 9\)](#)

Chairman Hedke closed the hearing on **SB318**.

### **Discussion & action on: HB2516 — Asbestos control act, state licensing requirements and federal compliance.**

Chairman Hedke opened a discussion on **HB2516**.

Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes gave a refresher of the bill.

*Rep. Whitmer moved to pass the bill out favorably, Rep. Jennings seconded, discussion followed.*

*Rep. McPherson moved to add an amendment to the bill, Rep. Whitmer seconded, bill, as amended, passed favorably.*

Chairman Hedke requested a vote, according to House Rule 1308, to have discussion and action on **SB318** as well. The vote was 9-7, not meeting the requirement of 2/3 majority.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 am.