

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Brunk at 9:00 am on Thursday, March 05, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Susan Concannon – Excused

Representative Brett Hildabrand – Excused

Committee staff present:

Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department

Joanna Wochner, Legislative Research Department

Stephen Bainum, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

John D'Angelo, City of Wichita

Jason Gregory, Wichita Downtown Development Corporation

Kent Williams, Wichita Fisch Haus Studios

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Bill introductions:**

Chairman Brunk called for any bill introductions. There were no bill introductions from the Committee. The Assistant Secretary of State, Eric Rucker introduced a bill about the presidential preference primary. It was received without exception. There were no more bill introductions.

### **Hearing on: HB2368 — Establishing arts and cultural districts for the promotion of arts and culture.**

Chairman Brunk called upon the Committee to work **HB2368**. Jason Long Revisor of Statutes, provided a briefing on the bill and stood for questions from the Committee. ([Attachment 1](#))

Written testimony in support of **HB2368** was presented by:

John D'Angelo who said that Cultural Arts Districts are an important component of a vibrant community. A thriving creative sector is a powerful economic development asset. ([Attachment 2](#))

Jason Gregory said that the arts cultivate the uniqueness of a city. They provide distinctive qualities that greatly contribute to the retention and recruitment of talent. The Commerce Streets Arts District is an important partner in the success that is underway. This legislation will assist the artists in the remaining districts throughout Kansas. ([Attachment 3](#))

Kent Williams said that the careers of all of Wichita's artists and also our cities health, will be significantly influenced by this bill. ([Attachment 4](#))

Written only testimony in support of **HB2368** was presented by:

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Connie Bonfy ([Attachment 5](#))

Ed Parker ([Attachment 6](#))

Elizabeth Stevenson, Fisch Haus ([Attachment 7](#))

Chairman Brunk closed the hearing on **HB2368**.

**Discussion & possible action on: HB2007 — Creating a law enforcement mutual aid region for critical incidents.**

Chairman Brunk opened the hearing on **HB2007**. Jason Long, Revisor of Statutes presented a Balloon Amendment for the changes in the bill. ([Attachment 8](#))

Ed Klump withdrew their objections to the bill and confirmed their position of neutrality. ([Attachment 9](#)) Mr. Klump stood for questions from the Committee.

Chairman Brunk called upon the Committee to work the bill. *Representative Stephanie Clayton moved the amendment on the base bill, seconded by Representative John Bradford. The motion carried.*

Chairman called for the vote on the bill as amended. *The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.