

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Troy Waymaster at 2:15pm on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 218-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Mark Savoy, Legislative Research Department  
Justin Carroll, Legislative Research Department  
Jennifer Ouellette, Legislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Dylan Dear, Legislative Research Department  
LaVerne Engelhardt, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Dezeree Hodish, Legislative Research Department  
Mark Dapp, Legislative Research Department  
Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Doug Wareham, KBA  
Pam Scott, KS Funeral Directors Assoc.  
Brenda R. Sharpe, REACH Healthcare Foundation  
Mike Burgess, Disability Rights Center of KS  
William W. Sneed, KS Hospital Authority

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Hearing on: HB2721 — Boards, commissions and other entities; study committees.**

Daniel Yoza, Assistant Revisor, explained **HB2721**. He described the formation of the three study committees and the composition of each committee.

A discussion followed the explanation.

Doug Wareham, Executive Vice President-Government Relations of the Kansas Bankers Association appeared before the committee and offered neutral testimony. Mr. Wareham shared the concern of the Bankers Association over any potential proposal that would disrupt the current process for appointing a State Bank Commissioner with executive level banking experience. Mr. Wareham further stated that the current policy has served the baking industry and the state well during difficult economic times ([Attachment 1](#)).

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Pam Scott, Executive Director of the Kansas Funeral Directors Association, offered neutral testimony to the Committee. She suggested that the Committee consider a simple amendment to the bill and place the Funeral Directors Association under the public health and welfare committee rather than under the general industry regulatory committee. Ms. Scott stated that laws governing the Association fall under public health laws and have been assigned to public health committees ([Attachment 2](#)) .

Brenda R. Sharpe, President and CEO of the REACH Healthcare Foundation appeared before the Committee and offered neutral testimony. She stated that the REACH foundation is a completely independent foundation which is not dependent on governmental aid in any way. The REACH foundation should be deleted from the list in **HB2721** ([Attachment 3](#)) .

Mike Burgess, representing the Disability Rights Center of Kansas, appeared before the Committee to offer neutral testimony requesting a technical amendment. The Employment First Oversight Commission should be moved to the public health and welfare section of **HB2721** since the Commission's responsibilities lie with public health and welfare issues ([Attachment 4](#)).

William W. Sneed, retained counsel of the University of Kansas Hospital Authority, appeared before the Committee to offer neutral testimony in support of removing the University of Kansas Hospital Authority from the provisions of **HB2721** (Note that **HB2721** is incorrectly referred to as HB2718 in the written testimony. ([Attachment 5](#)) .

Other written only testimony was submitted by:

The Heartland Credit Union Association

([Attachment 6](#)) .

The Kansas Society of Association Executives ([Attachment 7](#)) .

The Kansas Cooperative Council ([Attachment 8](#)) .

The Kansas Lottery ([Attachment 9](#)) .

The Kansas Board of Regents ([Attachment 10](#)) .

The Kansas Northwest Library System

([Attachment 11](#)) .

Discussion by the Committee followed the testimony.

Chairman Waymaster asked if there was any other testimony. When none was offered, Chairman Waymaster closed the hearing on **HB2721**. He then stated that the bill would be worked on Thursday, March 17, 2016.

Discussion by the Committee followed.

Chairman Waymaster adjourned the Committee until Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

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