

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Hawkins at 1:30pm on Monday, March 16, 2015, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Scott Abbott, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jennifer Ouellette, Legislative Research Department
Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department
Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Sean Gatewood, Interim Executive Director Kansas Health Consumer Coalition
Kelly Melton for Mike Randol, Director of Health Care Finance, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: SB121 — Robert G. (Bob) Bethell joint committee on home and community based services and KanCare oversight; members and meetings.

Chairman Hawkins opened the hearing on **SB121**. Norm Furse, staff revisor, gave an overview of the bill.

Chairman Hawkins opened the the hearing to proponents. There were no proponents to testify; however, Senator Mary Pilcher-Cook submitted written testimony. ([Attachment 1](#))

Chairman Hawkins opened the hearing to opponents. Sean Gatewood who is the interim executive director of the Kansas Health Consumer Coalition (KHCC) testified as an opponent to the bill. Insurance companies and state officials have access to legislators, but the committee needs to hear directly from consumers. However, KHCC opposes the direct appointment of members from Appropriations and Ways and Means. This change was not recommended by the oversight committee nor was it discussed by the members. He stood for questions from the committee. ([Attachment 2](#))

There were no other opponents to testify.

Written neutral testimony was provided by the following groups.

Oral Health Kansas ([Attachment 3](#))

Kansas Advocates for Better Care ([Attachment 4](#))

Chairman Hawkins closed the hearing on **SB121**.

Hearing on: SB181 — Medicaid; restrictions of prescription-only drugs.

Chairman Hawkins opened the hearing on **SB181**. Scott Abbott, staff revisor, gave the committee an

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overview of the bill.

Chairman Hawkins opened the hearing for proponents. Kelly Melton who represented Mike Randol, Director of Health Care Finance, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) testified as a proponent to the bill. The bill will benefit KDHE in the area of KanCare drug management. It will create a drug hold on new to market drugs that are determined to need prior authorization. KanCare would not pay for the new drug until such time that the drug is approved and rules for how it is to be prescribed. The second change allows the decisions of the Drug Utilization Review Board (DUR) to be considered final while still allowing for a review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations. This process will greater reduce the time it takes to make a new drub available for use. She then stood for questions from the committee. ([Attachment 5](#))

Chairman Hawkins closed the hearing on **SB181** because there was no other testimony regarding this bill.

Discussion & possible action on: HB2362 — Healing arts licensees, resident active licenses and health care records.

Chairman Hawkins called for final action on HB2362 - An Act concerning restrictions of patient access to prescription-only drugs under medicaid. Norm Furse, staff revisor, provided the committee with an overview to this bill. *Representative Ward made a motion to pass out HB2362 favorable for passage. Representative Houston seconded the motion. Representative Ward then moved to amend the bill, and Representative Wilson seconded the motion.* Norm Furse explained the amendment. There was no discussion on the amendment. ([Attachment 6](#))

Representative Ward closed and asked for favorable passage of HB2362 as amended. Representative Wilson seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.

Discussion & possible action on: SB142 — Kansas department for aging and disability services; programs for all-inclusive care for the elderly.

No minutes information to display

Discussion & possible action on: SB180 — Health maintenance organizations and medicare provider organizations; privilege fees.

No minutes information to display