

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Hawkins at 1:30 pm on Monday, January 25, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Renae Hansen, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department
James Fischer, Legislative Research Department
Eileen Ma, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Renae Jeffries, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Alexandra Blasi, Kansas Board of Pharmacy
Kathleen Lippert, Kansas Board of Healing Arts
Rachelle Columbo, Kansas Medical Society

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill Introductions

Representative Hawkins introduced 4 bills that were requested by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment regarding:

- Birth Center Legislation,
- Child Care Background Check,
- Trauma Registry,
- Home Health Licensing.

The bills introduced were accepted by the committee without objection.

Representative Don Hill presented a bill before the committee regarding a Pharmacy Bill. It is a substantial upgrade on the Kansas Pharmacy act.

The bills introduced were accepted by the committee without objection.

Overview of Agencies By:

Alexandra Blasi, Board of Pharmacy, making sure all dispensing pharmaceutical products are licensed and registered ([Attachment 1](#)). The board of pharmacy consists of seven members who are selected by the governor. Functions of the board are: Licensing and registration, investigation and enforcement, and Administrative. She explained a 5-5-90 rule that they used to identify patients who might be misusing

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prescription drugs. They are looking for patients who go to 5 doctors for prescriptions or 5 pharmacists in a 90 day period.

Questions were asked and comments asked by Representatives: Scott Schwab, Les Osterman, and Dan Hawkins.

Kathleen Lippert, Board of Healing Arts gave the committee an overview of the agency she represents([Attachment 2](#)) . All 15 members of the board are appointed by the governor. Licensing is really checking the character and content of the applicant medical licensing. She noted from the 2011 figures applications for licensure is up about 50% for doctors for the 2015 calendar year.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Jim Ward, John Wilson, Jim Kelly, and Les Osterman.

The chairman explained why Revisor Norm Furse is not here. Norm fell and broke his shoulder and hip. He is home healing and Revisors covering our committee are Eileen Ma and Renae Jeffries.

Hearing on: HB2456 — Interstate medical licensure compact.

Eileen Mo briefed the committee on **HB 2456** noting specific parts of each of sections 1-24.

The fiscal note for **HB2456** was presented to the committee ([Attachment 3](#)) .

Proponents:

Kathleen Lippert, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, ([Attachment 4](#)), spoke in favor of **HB2456**. She noted this is an opportunity for physicians to stay in Kansas and export medicine and an opportunity for Kansas to import medicine.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Jim Kelly, Les Osterman, Brett Hildebrand,

Rachelle Columbo, Kansas Medical Society, ([Attachment 5](#)), presented testimony in support of **HB2456**. This bill supports the autonomy of licensing while allowing for the autonomy of tele-medicine. She noted that the compact is an important component of tele-medicine.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Jim Kelly, and Dick Jones.

Written Proponents

Bob Williams, Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine, ([Attachment 6](#)) presented written testimony in support of **HB2456**.

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The hearing on **HB2456** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2016 at 1:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:52 PM.

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