

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Hawkins at 1:30pm on Monday, February 01, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Broderick Henderson – Excused
Representative Randy Powell – Excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Pam Scott, Kansas Funeral Directors Association
Elizabeth Saaki, PhD, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

There were 12 people in the audience including those on the guest list.

Possible bill introductions

Chairperson Hawkins introduced a bill that would address billing concerns that arose from a bill passed during the 2015 Session regarding medical retainer agreements.

The proposed bill was accepted without objection by the committee.

Hearing on: HB2518 — Mandatory electronic filing of death certificates.

Chairman Hawkins opened the hearing on **HB2518**.

Eileen Ma, Revisor of Statutes, gave the committee an overview regarding **HB2518**.

The fiscal note was presented, ([Attachment 1](#)) to the committee.

Proponents:

Pam Scott, Executive Director, Kansas Funeral Directors Association, ([Attachment 2](#)) spoke to the committee regarding **HB2518** noting the reasons why they brought this bill forward to the committee. She noted that about 90% of their members do use the system already. This bill would require the other

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members to use the electronic data system.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Jim Kelly, John Whitmer, Dick Jones, and Les Osterman.

Written Neutral:

Elizabeth Saadi, PhD, State Registrar and Deputy Director, Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, ([Attachment 3](#)) , presented written testimony from a neutral position, explaining the way the current system works.

Opponents:

There were no opponents to **HB2518**.

The hearing was closed on **HB2518**.

The chairman read a thank you note from the Physicians of Family Medicine to the committee. It thanked the committee for allowing them to come explain their facet of the medical profession.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.