

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Hawkins at 1:30pm on Wednesday, February 03, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Brett Hildabrand – Excused

Committee staff present:

James Fisher, Legislative Research Department

Renae Hansen, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department

Renae Jeffries, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Maren Turneer, AARP

Judy Davis-Cole

Eileen McGivern, Brewster Place

Deborah Stern, KHA

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Possible bill introductions**

There were no bill introductions.

**Hearing on: HB2058 — Hospitals; regarding designated lay caregivers; duties of the hospital; policies and procedures.**

The hearing on **HB2058** was opened by Chairman Hawkins.

Revisor Renae Jeffries gave the committee an overview on **HB2058**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representative Blake Carpenter.

The fiscal note was presented ([Attachment 1](#)) for **HB2058**.

Proponents:

Maren Turner, AARP, ([Attachment 2](#)), spoke to the committee regarding **HB2058**. She noted care giving is an important issue for everyone at some point in their lives. She further commented that a report gave the state of Kansas a position of 35 in the nation of supporting care givers. She gave the committee a copy of a proposed balloon amendment they are proposing to insert instead of the language in the bill presented ([Attachment 3](#)). Additionally, included in her testimony was a side by

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side comparison of the Kansas Care Act to state and federal regulations. ([Attachment 4](#)).

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Les Osterman, Blake Carpenter, Jim Kelly, and Revisor Renae Jeffries

Judy Davis-Cole, retired nurse, ([Attachment 5](#)), spoke to the committee regarding **HB2058** from a unique perspective as a nurse and caregiver. She noted that caregivers in Kansas save us approximately \$3.85 billion in health care costs annually.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: John Edmonds, Blake Carpenter, and John Wilson.

Eileen McGivern, Brewster Place, ([Attachment 6](#)), spoke to the committee regarding **HB2058**. She has worked over 30 years as a Registered Nurse. Brewster was one of 112 sites that participated in a national project to provide transitional services to Medicare recipients and their families. The goal of the project was to reduce 30 day re-admissions to the acute care hospitals in Topeka and provide an evidence-based coaching model to recipients in Topeka and the surrounding eight counties.

Written Proponents:

Mitzi McFatrach, Advocates for Better Care, ([Attachment 7](#)) presented written testimony in support of **HB2058**.

Opponents:

Deborah Stern, KHA, ([Attachment 8](#)), offered testimony in opposition to **HB2058**. It is KHA's contention that the provisions in this bill are already included in the CMS' conditions of participation.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Scott Schwab, Dick Jones, Les Osterman, John Wilson, Willie Dove, and Dick Jones.

The hearing on **HB2058** was closed

**Action on: HB2471 — Kansas board of barbering; disciplinary authority.**

Revisor Renae Jeffries refreshed the committee about the contents of **HB2471**.

*Representative Willie Dove moved to pass **HB2471** favorably, seconded by Representative John Wilson.*

Discussion ensued between members.

*Motion passed.*

Action on **HB2471** was closed.

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The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 PM.

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