

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Willie Dove at 1:30pm on Thursday, February 04, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

James Fisher, Legislative Research Department
Renae Hansen, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Travis Oller, D.C.
Bryan Kendall Payne, D.C.
Ryan King
Dr. John Gallagher, MD
Bob Williams

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

There were 30 in the gallery including those who signed the attendance sheet.

Chairman Hawkins arrived late due to his testifying in another committee, therefore Vice-Chair Willie Dove chaired the meeting.

Possible bill introductions

There were no bill introductions.

Hearing on: HB2578 — Amending the school sports head injury prevention act.

The hearing on **HB2578** was opened.

Revisor Eileen Ma, gave an oral overview of **HB2578**.

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

Proponents:

Travis Oller, D.C.,([Attachment 2](#)), presented testimony in support of **HB2578**. He noted the reasons why Doctors of Chiropractic medicine are capable and qualified to perform the return to play decision

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for student athletes with head injuries.

Bryan Kendall Payne, D.C., ([Attachment 3](#)), spoke in favor of **HB2578** noting that chiropractic physicians are trained and educated in the diagnosis and treatment of concussions and are often times the treating physician of the head injury patients.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Scott Schwab, Blake Carpenter, Les Osterman, and Randy Powell.

Ryan King, ([Attachment 4](#)) , spoke as a student athlete who suffered concussions as an athlete and noted the only relief he got as a head injury patient was from the chiropractic community.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Willie Dove, and Ron Estes.

Written Proponents:

Steven J. Gould, D.C. ([Attachment 5](#)) offered written testimony in support of this bill. He noted that chiropractors are providing services in this enlarging role of care due to school budget changes, shortage of athletic trainers, and shortage of medical/osteopathic doctors to provide these services.

Jason Qualls, D.C. ([Attachment 6](#)) , offered testimony as a proponent to **HB2578** from the perspective of a school that trains chiropractors.

Dara Summers ([Attachment 7](#)), gave written testimony as a proponent to the bill and noted how the chiropractic community helped her during her head injury ordeal.

Dr. Pete Workman, ([Attachment 8](#)), presented testimony as a proponent, relating his experience of a Dr. for student athletes.

Tim Lackey, ([Attachment 9](#)), offered written testimony in support of **HB2578** noting his experience as a team doctor at Buhler High School.

Sean Hubbard, ([Attachment 10](#)), presented testimony in support of the bill and noted that he has not found any incident of a chiropractor ever sending an athlete back to play erroneously in any of the 40 states that allow chiropractors to make that decision.

Marcia Kampling, ([Attachment 11](#)) offered testimony in support of **HB2578**.

Todd Hague, ([Attachment 12](#)), noted the benefits to the Cheney High School athletic department that their chiropractic doctors offers their school and athletes.

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Opponents:

Dr. John Gallagher, MD, ([Attachment 13](#)), spoke to the committee as an opponent of **HB2578**. He noted that the proposed changes to the current policy pose serious concerns to the membership of the Kansas Medical Society, the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians, Medical Society of Sedgwick County and members of the Kansas Sport Concussion Partnership.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Blake Carpenter, John Wilson, Les Osterman, John Edmonds, Ron Estes, Randy Powell, and John Whitmer.

Bob Williams, ([Attachment 14](#)), spoke as an opponent to **HB2578** noting that previous legislation that was well thought out, had decided, in the interest of the student athletes, is best if only a physician signed the "Return to Practice" form.

Written Opponents:

Dr. Bart Grelinger, ([Attachment 15](#)), offered written testimony in opposition to **HB2578**. He shared his perspective on this issue from the perspective of a board certified Neurologist.

The hearing on **HB2578** was closed.

Post Audit Response to Committee questions posed February 3, 2016.

The committee received responses ([Attachment 16](#)) to questions that were asked in yesterday's hearing on **HB2058**.

Approval of January Minutes

Representative Scott Schwab moved to approve January 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, and 28 committee minutes, seconded by Representative John Whitmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & action on: HB2456 — Interstate medical licensure compact.

*Representative Jim Ward moved to pass out **HB2456**, seconded by Representative Willie Dove.*

There was no discussion.

Motion passed.

Possible action on bills previously heard

Action on: **HB2079 Kansas Dental Board; licensure of registered dental practitioners.**

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: John Edmonds, and Dan Hawkins.

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Revisor Eileen Ma, gave the committee a brief overview.

Representative Les Osterman moved to table **HB2079** until April 1, seconded by Representative Willie Dove. Motion to table passes. 10-5.

Action on **HB2578-Amending the school sports head injury prevention act.**

Discussion ensued between committee members Representatives John Edmonds, and Dan Hawkins.

Chairman Hawkins decided to hold off on working **HB2578.**

The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 PM.