

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Hawkins at 1:30pm on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Roderick Houston – Excused  
Representative Tom Sawyer, appointed substitute member to the committee

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:

Alexandra Blasi, Board of Pharmacy  
Mike Larkin, Kansas Pharmacists Association  
Mary Blubaugh, Kansas Board of Nursing  
Sandra Kimmons, DCF  
David Wellmaker  
Sister Teresa Bangert, sisters of Charity  
Rabbi Moti Rieber, Kansas Interfaith Action  
Amanda Gress  
Matt Schwartz, Kansas Lottery

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

There were 49 in attendance including those on the attendance sheet.

**Hearing on: HB2614 — Pharmacy act amendments.**

The hearing on **HB2614** was opened.

Revisor Eileen Ma gave the committee a detailed explanation of **HB2614**.

The fiscal note was presented for **HB2614** ([Attachment 1](#)) .

Proponents:

Alexandra Blasi, Board of Pharmacy, presented testimony in support of **HB2614** ([Attachment 2](#)). She

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noted a couple of minor changes to the bill that might need amending.

Questions were asked and comments were made by Representative Dick Jones.

Mike Larkin, Kansas Pharmacists Association, ([Attachment 3](#)) , offered testimony in support of **HB2614**.

Written Proponents:

Julie Hein, Kansas Association of Chain Drugstores, ([Attachment 4](#)) presented written testimony supporting **HB2614**.

Opponents:

There were no opponents to **HB2614**.

The hearing on **HB2614** was closed.

**Hearing on: HB2645 — Mental health technician's licensure act amendments.**

The hearing on **HB2645** was opened.

Revisor Eileen Ma gave the committee a brief description of the contents of **HB2645**.

The committee was presented the fiscal note for **HB2645** ([Attachment 5](#)).

Proponent:

Mary Blubaugh, Kansas Board of Nursing, ([Attachment 6](#)), offered testimony supporting **HB2645**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representative Bud Estes.

Opponent:

There were no opponents to **HB2645**.

The hearing on **HB2645** was closed.

**Hearing on: HB2600 — Amendments to Kansas public assistance eligibility, limitations and verification.**

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The hearing on **HB2600** was opened.

Revisor Eileen Ma gave an overview for **HB2600**.

The fiscal note was presented for **HB2600** ([Attachment 7](#)).

Proponents:

Sandra Kimmons, DCF, ([Attachment 8](#)), brought forth testimony in support of **HB2600**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Jim Ward, John Whitmer, Les Osterman, Dick Jones, John Wilson, Brett Hildebrand, and Willie Dove.

A fraud agent for DCF helped answer questions brought forth by the committee.

David Wellmaker, ([Attachment 9](#)) spoke to the committee regarding **HB2600**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Scott Schwab and Willie Dove.

Written Proponents:

- Taren Bragden & Josh Archambault, FGA Action ([Attachment 10](#)),
- Hillary Anderson([Attachment 11](#)),
- Chuck McGinnis ([Attachment 12](#)),
- Kelly Mobray ([Attachment 13](#)),
- Jennie Tesch ([Attachment 14](#))and
- Lucy Ross ([Attachment 15](#)).

Opponents:

Sister Teresa Bangert, Sisters of Charity, ([Attachment 16](#)) spoke as an opponent to **HB2600**. She noted that there was a suggested amendment to **HB2600** in her testimony.

Rabbi Moti Rieber, Kansas Interfaith Action ([Attachment 17](#)) spoke in opposition to **HB2600**. He noted that the principle of welfare is that it should help people and not hurt them. He believes this bill presumes the bad intentions of people in need. He noted that this bill is therefore unrighteous. He also presented testimony from the United Methodist Church welfare principles, ([Attachment 18](#)) that define the United Methodist Church's principles of welfare reform.

Questions were asked and comments were made by Representatives: Dan Hawkins, John Whitmer, Randy Powell, Jim Ward, and Dick Jones.

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Amanda Gress, Kansas Action for Children, ([Attachment 19](#)) spoke to the committee in opposition to **HB2600** noting some of the things are not addressed in the legislation.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: John Wilson, John Whitmer, Jim Ward, Randy Powell, Les Osterman, and Brett Hildebrand.

Written Opponents:

- Karen Wulfschlegel, United Community Services, ([Attachment 20](#)) ,
- Valerie Nicholson-Watson, Harvesters, ([Attachment 21](#)) ,
- Rebecca Gaston, Kansas Appleseed, ([Attachment 22](#)) and
- Gary Brunk, Kansas Association of Community Action Programs([Attachment 23](#)).

Neutral:

Matt Schwartz, finance director for the Kansas Lottery, spoke for Terry Presta, Kansas Lottery, ([Attachment 24](#)) from a neutral standpoint.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representative Bud Estes.

The hearing on **HB2600** was closed.

### **Possible action on bills previously heard**

There was no action taken on any bill.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.