

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Hawkins at 1:30pm on Tuesday, March 08, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Edmonds – Excused  
Representative Kent Thompson – Excused  
Representative Brett Hildabrand – Excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Lis Houchen, NACDS  
Doug Funk, Kansas Pharmacy Association  
Dr. Wakon Fowler, Kansas Academy of Family Physicians  
Kevin Robertson, Kansas Dental Association

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

There were 33 present including those who signed the register.

**Hearing on: HB2646 — Allowing pharmacists and certain other individuals to administer any vaccine to any person six years of age or older.**

Revisor Renaë Jeffries gave the committee an overview on **HB2646**.

A fiscal note was included for **HB2646**.

Lis Houchen, NACDS, ([Attachment 1](#)) , spoke to the committee in favor of **HB2646**. She noted this bill would help enhance what the Pediatricians do to administer medicine.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Dan Hawkins, Scott Schwab, and Jim Ward.

Doug Funk, Kansas Pharmacy Association, ([Attachment 2](#)) , spoke as a proponent to **HB2646** noting this bill would allow all pharmacists to administer all vaccines to any person age six and above.

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### Written Proponents:

- Peter Stern, Kansas Independent Pharmacy Service Corporation ([Attachment 3](#)) ,
- Michael Smith, Walgreen ([Attachment 4](#)) ,
- Fara Klein, National Community Pharmacists Association ([Attachment 5](#)) and,
- Alexandra Blasi, Kansas Board of Pharmacy ([Attachment 6](#)) .

### Opponents:

Dr. Wakon Fowler, Pratt Kansas, Kansas Academy of Family Physicians, ([Attachment 7](#)) , noted their opposition to **HB2646** has to do with the fracturing of care for the young children. It is more important to them to keep the care all in one place.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Dan Hawkins, Scott Schwab, and Dick Jones.

### Written Opponents:

- Dr. Dennis Cooley, Kansas Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics ([Attachment 8](#)) and
- Rachelle Columbo, KMS, ([Attachment 9](#)) .

The hearing on **HB2646** was closed.

### **Hearing on: SB402 — Charitable healthcare providers; continuing education credits for gratuitous care of eligible patients.**

Revisor Renae Jeffries gave the committee a brief explanation on **SB402**. She noted there would be a technical amendment presented.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: John Whitmer, and Randy Powell.

A fiscal note was presented for **SB402**.

### Proponents:

Kevin Robertson, Kansas Dental Association ([Attachment 10](#)) , spoke as a proponent to **SB402**. He noted that this bill is almost identical to a bill offered from the house side.

### Written Neutral:

Providing written only testimony was:

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- Rachelle Columbo, KMS ([Attachment 11](#)) .

There were no opponents to **SB402**.

The hearing on **SB402** was closed.

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

There was no action on previous bills.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 PM.