

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Hawkins at 1:30pm on Monday, March 14, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Edmonds – Excused
Representative Roderick Houston – 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:

Rachelle Columbo, Kansas Medical Society
Kathleen Lippert, Kansas Board of Healing Arts
Catherine Gordon, American College of Nurse Midwives
Cara Busenhardt, Board of Nursing
Crystal Murphy, American College of Nurse Midwives
Kelly Fritz for Dr. Betsy Wickstrom

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

There were 39 present in the gallery including those who signed the register.

Hearing on: HB2732 — Providing for certified nurse-midwife practice without collaborative practice agreements.

Chairman Hawkins opened the hearing on **HB2732**.

Revisor Eileen Ma gave the committee an overview of **HB2732**.

The fiscal note was presented to the committee members for **HB2732**.

Proponents:

Rachelle Columbo, Kansas Medical Society, The Kansas Academy of Family Physicians, the Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine, ([Attachment 1](#)) offered testimony in support of **HB2732**. She noted that the difference between Medical practitioners and nurse midwives is the scope and practice of

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their ability to provide health care to their patients. They believe this bill is a good compromise, in that it allows a collaborative and coordinated means for good health care between all parties involved.

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

Representative Powell, during the questioning period, presented the committee with a chart ([Attachment 2](#)) that tells of the different Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNM's) Scope of Practice Policy Types and States.

Kathleen Lippert, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, ([Attachment 3](#)), spoke as a proponent for **HB2732**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Les Osterman, and Jim Kelly.

Written Proponents:

Robert Noland, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, ([Attachment 4](#)), offered testimony in support of **HB2732**.

Opponents:

Catherine Gordon, American College of Nurse Midwives, ([Attachment 5](#)), spoke in opposition to **HB2732**. She noted that this bill would not impact the lack of obstetric providers in our state. It is missing some of the key definitions of what midwives currently do when they do their job.

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

Cara Busenhart, Board of Nursing, ([Attachment 6](#)), spoke in opposition to **HB2732**. She noted several areas of **HB2732** that are problematic. Those include: The definitions of independent midwifery, scope of practice of certified nurse-midwives, and licensure or authorization to practice by two regulatory boards. She noted midwives are experts in the care of women across their lifespan.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Dan Hawkins, and Randy Powell.

Crystal Murphy, American College of Nurse Midwives ([Attachment 7](#)) spoke in opposition to **HB2732** in the way that it is currently written. She believes their practice needs to be under the board of nursing and not the board of healing arts. They do everything in a team atmosphere. They do not want to take on complicated deliveries. She noted that this bill does not meet the recommendations of the A&M efficiency report regarding midwifery.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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

Kelly Fritz representing Dr. Betsy Wickstrom, ([Attachment 8](#)) , spoke in opposition of **HB2732**. Within her testimony she noted that she prefers **HB2280** with language from **HB2732** using section 9.

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

The hearing on **HB2732** was closed.

Action on Bills Previously Heard:

There was no action taken on bills previously heard.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 PM.