

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott Schwab at 3:30pm on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Pete DeGraaf – Excused

Representative Mario Goico – Excused

Committee staff present:

Iraida Orr, Legislative Research Department

Melissa Calderwood-Renick, Legislative Research Department

David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Diane Brian, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Eileen Ma, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Steve Kearney, Kansas State Troopers Association

Cindy Hermes, Kansas Department of Insurance

Dean Newton, Delta Dental of Kansas

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Possible bill introductions**

There were no bill introductions.

### **Hearing on: HB2021 — Allowing retiring KHP troopers and officers to convert certain unused leave for use to continue state health plan benefits.**

Chairman Schwab opened the hearing and Eileen Ma, Office of Revisor, gave an overview of the bill.

Steve Kearney appeared on behalf of Mitch Mellich, President of the Kansas State Trooper Association as a proponent. Mr. Kearney stated that this bill would offer retirees options that would best suit their needs. ([Attachment 1](#))

Cindy Hermes offered neutral testimony, stating that the department at this time does not administer any similar type of program but would leave it to the Committee to determine which agency would be best suited to administer the plan. ([Attachment 2](#))

There were no further conferees appearing before the Committee and hearing was closed.

### **Hearing on: HB2065 — Insurance; nonprofit dental service corporation disbursements.**

Chairman Schwab opened the hearing and David Wiese, Office of Revisor, gave a brief explanation of

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the bill.

Bill Sneed, Legal Counsel for Hyatt Legal introduced conferee Dean Newton, Managing Director and Executive Vice President of Delta Dental.

Mr. Newton appeared as a proponent to the bill. He stated that the statute change will resolve the discrepancies between Delta Dental of Kansas' enabling statute and codification. He also stated that the requested change will have no financial cost for consumers. ([Attachment 3](#))

There were no further conferees appearing before the Committee and hearing was closed.

Chairman Schwab presented Dean with a box of items that former Representative Newton had left behind in his haste to exit the Capitol at the end of his term. The Chair knew that Dean would regret this, and kept these valuables under lock and key until they could be returned to their owner. Mr. Newton seemed genuinely surprised and thanked Chairman Schwab.

Chairman Schwab called for final action on **HB2064-Authorizing insurance companies to insure against the cost of legal services.**

Dave Wiese, Office of Revisor, provided an overview of the bill.

Representative Hawkins made a motion to pass out **HB2064** favorably, motion seconded by Representative Anthimides. Motion carried.

Chairman Schwab adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2015.