

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott Schwab at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, February 11, 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

Whitney Howard, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kelly Campbell, The Property and Casualty Insurers Association of America

Bill Sneed, State Farm Insurance Companies

Marlee Carpenter, Kansas Association of Property and Casualty Insurance Companies

Will McCollum, Uber Technologies

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Hearing on: HB2249 — Enacting the transportation network company driver and passenger protection act.**

David Wiese presented an overview of the bill and Chairman Schwab opened the hearing. ([Attachment 1](#))

The following conferees testified in support of the bill and answered questions from the committee:

Kelly Campbell, Vice President State Government Relations, stated that the bill is to ensure TNC drivers and passengers have insurance coverage and allow the insurance and TNC marketplace to grow. ([Attachment 2](#))

Bill Sneed stated this bill specifically outlines the respective duties for coverage's and at the same time still allows for these new services to flourish. ([Attachment 3](#))

Marlee Carpenter stated that this bill will clarify Kansas law and ensure that there are no gaps in insurance coverage. ([Attachment 4](#))

The following conferee testified in opposition to the bill:

Will McCollum, General Manager with Uber Technologies, explained that the bill in its current form,

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would make it nearly impossible for Uber to operate in Kansas. He stated that by coming to Kansas, they would create hundreds of income opportunities for Kansans.

Dennis Stefanitsis, Counsel, Uber Technologies and Will McCollum, responded to questions from the committee members, they clarified the responsibilities of the company and the drivers, limits and types of coverage.

[\(Attachment 5\)](#)

There was no neutral testimony.

Written testimony in support of bill:

Brad Smoot, American Insurance Association [\(Attachment 6\)](#)

David Monaghan, American Family Insurance [\(Attachment 7\)](#)

Richard Turano, Allstate Insurance [\(Attachment 8\)](#)

Lee Wright, Farmers Group Insurance [\(Attachment 9\)](#)

Mark Johnston, National Association of Insurance Companies [\(Attachment 10\)](#)

Hearing closed.

**Final action on: HB2142 — Amending the definitions of fraudulent insurance act and external review organization.**

Eileen Ma gave an overview of the bill.

*Representative Bruchman moved, Representative Frownfelter seconded, to pass **HB2142** favorably. Motion carried.*

Chairman Schwab called for approval of the Minutes for January 14th, January 26th and January 28th.

*Representative Doll moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Representative Anthimides. Motion carried.*

Chairman Schwab adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2015.