

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott Schwab at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, February 18, 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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mike Larkin, Kansas Pharmacists Association

Jody Reel, Kansas Pharmacist Association and Sabetha Health Mart

Derek Hein, Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores

Bill Sneed, America's Health Insurance Plans

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Hearing on: HB2176 — Prescription drug fills and refills.**

David Wiese presented an overview of the bill and hearing was opened by the Chair. [\(Attachment 1\)](#)

The following conferees testified before the committee and responded to questions from members.

Mike Larkin, Executive Director of the Kansas Pharmacies Association, spoke as a proponent. He stated that medication synchronization will increase medication adherence and will benefit Kansas patients by keeping required medications more accessible. [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

Jody Reel, spoke in support of the bill. She stated that the synchronization program is not burdensome to the pharmacy benefit managers and it will decrease healthcare costs and improve the health of patients. [\(Attachment 3a\)](#) [\(Attachment 3b\)](#)

Derek Hein, governmental affair consultant, appeared as a proponent. He stated that the synchronization program would increase adherence to sometimes complex medication regimens and ensures a pharmacist is reviewing that regimen. [\(Attachment 4\)](#)

Bill Sneed, Legislative Counsel, spoke as an opponent.

He stated that creating a mandate, that it must be provided to all patients, regardless of their situation, does not guarantee efficiencies and/or increase compliance. [\(Attachment 5\)](#)

The following submitted written testimony in support of the bill:

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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.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Drue Duncan, Pfizer, Incorporated ([Attachment 6](#))  
Courtney Johnson, Balls Food Stores ([Attachment 7](#))  
Amanda Applegate, Balls Food Stores ([Attachment 8](#))  
Dale Masten, Genoa Healthcare Company ([Attachment 9](#))  
Reagan Cussimano, Cancer Action Network, American Cancer Society ([Attachment 10](#))  
Angie Baker, National Stroke Association ([Attachment 11](#))  
Dr. Mark Box, Midwest Rheumatology Association ([Attachment 12](#))  
Leah Martin, American Lung Association ([Attachment 13](#))

The following submitted written testimony is opposition to the bill:

Doug Mays, Aetna Incorporated ([Attachment 14](#))  
Allyson Blandford, Express Scripts ([Attachment 15](#))  
David Root, Prime Therapeutics, LLC ([Attachment 16](#))

The following submitted neutral testimony:

Kelley Melton, Kansas Department of Health and Environment ([Attachment 17](#))

There was no additional testimony and the Chair closed the hearing on **HB2176**.

**Possible action on bills previously heard**

No final action.

Chairman Schwab adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2015.