

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Barker at 3:30 pm on Monday, January 26, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Janice Pauls – Excused

Committee staff present:

Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department

Robert Allison-Gallimore, Legislative Research Department

Katherine Goyette, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Connie Bahner, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Chairperson Barker called for bill introductions.

Vice-Chairperson Charles Macheers introduced a bill relating to judicial branch docket fees. This is similar to **SB 44**. The bill was accepted.

Representative Steve Becker introduced a bill relating to the abolition of the death penalty and creating the crime of aggravated murder. The bill was accepted.

Representative John Carmichael introduced a bill relating to limitations on non-pecuniary losses under the Kansas wrongful death statute. The bill was accepted.

Representative Annie Kuether introduced a bill allowing the municipal court to have the same authority as the district court in putting people on the sex offender registry. The bill was accepted.

There were no further bill introductions.

Discussion & action on: HB2023 — Legislative review of exceptions to disclosure of public records.

Chairperson Barker asked the committee what its pleasure is on **HB2023**.

*Representative Blaine Finch moved that **HB2023** be passed favorably and placed on the Consent Calendar, seconded by Representative Leslie Osterman.* There was no discussion. Representative Finch closed. Chairperson Barker called for a vote. ***HB2023** passed favorably with the recommendation it be placed on the Consent Calendar.*

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Judiciary at 3:30 pm on Monday, January 26, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

Chairperson Barker recognized Robert Allison-Gallimore of the Legislative Research Department, who gave an overview to the committee of the Report of the Special Committee on Judiciary ([Attachment 1](#)). Three topics were discussed: The Foster Parents' Bill of Rights Act; recent Kansas Supreme Court decisions relating to criminal history scoring and search warrants; and Patent Infringement.

Questions were asked by Representative Mark Kahrs about **HB2053**. Representative John Rubin responded that this has to do with the scoring of criminal history points, allowing any pre-1993 out-of-state convictions to be scored in the same manner as those after 1993. This will keep the most serious convicted felons from being released prematurely.

Representative Annie Kuether advised the committee that with regard to the Foster Parents Bill of Rights, there is an executive order to move the licensing of foster parents from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to the Department of Children and Families. She wondered if there would be a hearing on this. Representative Jim Ward stated there will be. Lauren Douglass advised that the executive order number is **ERO43**.

Chairperson Barker adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2015.