

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Denning at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 05, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Julia Lynn – Excused

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department

Debbie Bartuccio, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department

Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Luke Bell, General Counsel and Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Kansas Association of Realtors

Bryon Schlosser, Commissioner, Kansas Real Estate Commission

Representative Stan Frownfelter

Whitney Damron, On Behalf of the City of Topeka

David Van Parys, Leavenworth County

Senator Mitch Holmes

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Possible bill introductions**

Chairperson Denning asked if there were any bill introductions.

Secretary of State Kris Kobach requested the introduction of a bill concerning worker's compensation. There was no objection to the introduction of the bill.

Senator Tom Holland requested the introduction of a bill concerning safety training. There was no objection to the introduction of the bill.

### **Hearing on: SB106 — Real estate brokers and salespersons; licensing requirements; sale transaction requirements.**

Chairperson Denning opened the hearing on **SB 106** and recognized the following conferees.

Luke Bell, Kansas Association of Realtors, provided testimony in support of the bill. He stated over the last five years, the Kansas Real Estate Commission (KREC) has undertaken a comprehensive review of KREBSLA and BRRETA in order to identify several technical and non-controversial changes that should be made to the statutes in order to correct problems identified by the Commission staff and real estate licensees. ([Attachment 1](#))

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Bryon Schlosser, Kansas Real Estate Commission, provided testimony in support of the bill. [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

There were no questions from the Committee. Chairperson Denning closed the hearing on **SB 106**.

**Hearing on: SB108 — Increasing real estate broker's and salesperson's license fees.**

Chairperson Denning opened the hearing on **SB 108** and recognized the following conferees.

Luke Bell, General Counsel and Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Kansas Association of Realtors, provided testimony in support of the bill. [\(Attachment 3\)](#)

Senator Melcher suggested consideration be given to adding language concerning a trigger that would reduce the not to exceed amount when the membership numbers rise about a particular level.

Bryon Schlosser, Kansas Real Estate Commission, provided testimony in support of the bill. [\(Attachment 4\)](#) He also provided a document listing the average number of licensees from 2006 through 2014. [\(Attachment 5\)](#)

At the conclusion of the question and answer session, Chairperson Denning closed the hearing on **SB 108**.

**Hearing on: SB84 — Cities; rehabilitation of abandoned property; definitions, other.**

Chairperson Denning opened the hearing on **SB 84** and requested Revisor Norm Furse to provide an overview of the bill.

Representative Stan Frownfelter provided testimony in support of the bill. [\(Attachment 6\)](#)

Senator Mitch Holmes provided testimony in support of the bill. [\(Attachment 7\)](#)

Whitney Damron, on behalf of the City of Topeka, provided testimony in support of the bill. [\(Attachment 8\)](#)

David Van Parys, Leavenworth County Counselor, provided testimony in support of the bill. [\(Attachment 9\)](#)

Senator Longbine commented this has been an important issue for a long time and cited several examples of properties in Emporia.

Written-only testimony in support of the bill was provided by:

- Larry Baer, Legal Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities [\(Attachment 10\)](#)

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- Dale Goter, Government Relations Manager, City of Wichita ([Attachment 11](#))
- Mike Taylor, Public Relations Director, Unified Government, Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas ([Attachment 12](#))
- Kathy Damron, President, Strategic Communications of Kansas on behalf of Kansas City, Kansas Chamber of Commerce. ([Attachment 13](#))

There was no testimony provided in opposition to the bill.

Due to time constraints, Chairperson Denning adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and scheduled a continuation of the hearing on **SB 84** at the next Senate Commerce Committee meeting.