

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Julia Lynn at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department  
Debbie Bartuccio, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department  
Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber  
Natalie Bright, Kansas Society for Human Resource Management  
Scott Siemers, Vice President of Finance, Cerner  
Jeff Oswald, President and CEO, Unemployment Insurance Services  
Jason Watkins, Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Hearing on: SB154 — Amending unemployment insurance benefits determination; employer classification and contribution rates.**

Chairperson Lynn opened the hearing on **SB 154** and requested Revisor Chuck Reimer to provide an overview of the bill.

Chairperson Lynn recognized the following conferees.

Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

Natalie Bright, Kansas Society for Human Resource Management, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#))

Scott Siemers, Cerner, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 3](#))

Jeff Oswald, Unemployment Insurance Services, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 4](#))

Jason Watkins, Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 5](#))

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

CONTINUATION SHEET

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- Jason Watkins, Kansas Beer Wholesalers Association ([Attachment 6](#))
- Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association ([Attachment 7](#))

Due to time constraints, Chairman Lynn continued the hearing on **SB 154** until the next meeting on February 16, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.