

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Julia Lynn at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

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:

Trisha Thomas, Director of Child Support Services, Kansas Department for Children and Families
Andrew Wiens, Kansas Department for Children and Families
Natalie Bright, on Behalf of Kansas Society for Human Resource Management

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: SB198 — State directory of new hires; contractors.

Chairperson Lynn opened the hearing on **SB 198** and recognized the following conferees.

Trisha Thomas, Director of Child Support Services, Kansas Department for Children and Families, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

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

There was discussion concerning the differences between the reporting requirements for an employee and an independent contractor.

Chairperson Lynn recognized Andrew Wiens, Department of Children and Families (DCF), who stated the Department was open to working with interested parties to amend the bill to resolve the issues raised. Chairperson Lynn stated the hearing would remain open to allow time for additional information to be provided for consideration by the Committee.

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

- Justin McFarland, Deputy General Counsel, Kansas Department of Labor. ([Attachment 3](#))

Written-only testimony in opposition to the bill was provided by:

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- Daniel Murray, Kansas State Director, National Federation of Independent Business ([Attachment 4](#))
- Tim Witsman, President, Wichita Independent Business Association ([Attachment 5](#))

There was no neutral testimony.

Final action on: SB84 — Cities; rehabilitation of abandoned property; definitions, other.

The Committee proceeded to deliberate the bill. Chairperson Lynn requested Senator Melcher to provide a summary of the Subcommittee report. ([Attachment 6](#))

Chairperson Lynn requested Revisor Chuck Reimer to review the Kansas Association of REALTORS Proposed Balloon Amendment. ([Attachment 7](#)) There were no questions concerning the amendment.

Senator Melcher moved, seconded by Senator Longbine, to adopt the recommendation of the Subcommittee report to amend the bill. The motion passed.

Senator Longbine moved, seconded by Senator Melcher, to amend the bill ([Attachment 8](#)). The motion passed.

Senator Pilcher-Cook moved, seconded by Senator Olson, to amend the bill ([Attachment 9](#)) and to further amend the bill on page 1, in line 28, strike "but are not" and in line 29, strike "limited to". The motion failed, with 4 aye votes and 5 nay votes. Senator Pilcher-Cook voted aye.

Senator Pilcher-Cook moved, seconded by Senator Olson, to amend the bill on page 2, in line 5, before the period, insert "and does not receive federal funding". The motion failed, with 4 aye votes and 5 nay votes.

Senator Pilcher-Cook moved, seconded by Senator Olson, to amend the bill ([Attachment 10](#)). The motion failed, with 2 aye votes and 5 nay votes.

Senator Pilcher-Cook moved, seconded by Senator Olson, to amend the bill ([Attachment 11](#)). The motion passed.

Senator Melcher moved, seconded by Senator Longbine to pass **SB 84** as amended.

Senator Olson moved, seconded by Senator Pilcher-Cook, a substitute motion to table the bill. The motion failed.

The original motion passed.

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Senator Lynn adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2014.