

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Julia Lynn at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Tom Holland – Excused

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:

Andrew Wiens, Department for Children and Families

Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber

Justin McFarland, Deputy General Counsel, Kansas Department of Labor

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible action on bills previously heard

Chairperson Lynn recognized Andrew Wiens, Department for Children and Families (DCF), who informed the Committee DCF would work with interested parties during the interim on a compromise concerning **SB 198 - State directory of new hires; contractors**, with a goal of achieving a better end product to be presented during the next session.

Final action on: SB154 — Amending unemployment insurance benefits determination; employer classification and contribution rates.

The Committee deliberated **SB 154**.

Chairperson Lynn recognized Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber, who reviewed proposed amendments to the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

Chairperson Lynn recognized Justin McFarland, the Kansas Department of Labor, who reviewed two amendments to the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)) ([Attachment 3](#))

Senator Olson moved, seconded by Senator Denning, to amend the bill ([Attachment 1](#)). The motion carried.

Senator Longbine moved, seconded by Senator Baumgardner, to amend the bill ([Attachment 2](#)). The motion carried.

Senator Olson moved, seconded by Senator Baumgardner, to amend the bill ([Attachment 3](#)). The motion failed.

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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Chairperson Lynn recognized Revisor Chuck Reimer who reviewed a technical amendment to the bill. [\(Attachment 4\)](#)

Senator Olson moved, seconded by Senator Longbine, to amend the bill [\(Attachment 4\)](#). The motion carried.

Senator Olson moved, seconded by Senator Longbine, to pass **SB 154** as amended. The motion carried.

Chairperson Lynn adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2015.