

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Julia Lynn at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 09, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Mary Pilcher-Cook – Excused

Senator Tom Holland – Excused

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department

Debbie Bartuccio, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Bobbi Mariani, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kurt Steinkuhler, President and Owner of George Groh and Sons, Inc., Chairman of the Board and Founding Member of the Kansas Roofing Association

Representative Diana Dierks

Mike Gibson, Executive Vice President, Associated General Contractors of Kansas

Adrian Serene, Assistant Attorney General

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Hearing on: HB2254 — Exempting certain general contractors from the roofing contractor registration act.**

Chairperson Lynn opened the hearing on **HB 2254** and requested Revisor Chuck Reimer to provide an overview of the bill.

Chairperson Lynn recognized the following conferees.

Kurt Steinkuhler, President and Owner of George Groh and Sons, Inc. and current Chairman of the Board of the Kansas Roofing Association, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

Representative Diana Dierks provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#))

Scott Schneider, speaking on behalf of Mike Gibson, Executive Vice President, Associated General Contractors of Kansas, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 3](#))

Senator Wilborn stated the insurance industry had supported the original bill and questioned whether the insurance industry supported the proposed changes to the bill. Since there was no one in the audience to address the question, Senator Lynn requested follow-up information on this issue be provided to the Committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Larry Baer, Kansas League of Municipalities (KLM), addressed the Committee in answer to a question concerning interpretation of the current bill by Kansas municipalities. He stated KLM views the proposed bill as clarifying the language of the current bill, and indicated KLM would work with cities concerning interpretation of the bill. ([Attachment 4](#))

Adrian Serene, Assistant Attorney General, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 5](#))

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

- Todd Welsh, Salina, Kansas ([Attachment 6](#))

No opposition or neutral testimony was received.

At the conclusion of the question and answer session, Chairperson Lynn closed the hearing on **HB 2254**.

**Hearing on: HB2096 — Kansas Uniform Common Interest Owners Bill of Rights Act.**

Chairperson Lynn opened the hearing on **HB 2096** and requested Revisor Norm Furse to provide an overview of the bill.

There was no verbal testimony in support of the bill.

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

- Carl Best ([Attachment 7](#))

There was no testimony submitted in opposition or neutral to the bill.

Chairperson Lynn closed the hearing on **HB 2096**.

Chairperson Lynn adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2015.