

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Julia Lynn at 8:30 am on Tuesday, February 09, 2016, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Stephen Hall, Ph.D., Director, Employment Policy and Financing, Griffin Hammis Associates

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Presentation on:

Chairperson Lynn recognized Stephen Hall, Ph.D., Director, Employment Policy and Financing, Griffin Hammis Associates, who made a presentation concerning Policy Analysis and Recommendations to Improve Employment Outcomes for People with Disabilities. ([Attachment 1](#))

Dr. Hall stated \$4.3 million, about 0.80 percent is spent on supported and customized employment. Kansas, the first Employment First state in the nation, currently invests four times less than the average state in real community employment jobs. Kansas investment in Supported Employment is over \$3 million less in actual non-adjusted for inflation money than it was 21 years ago. Dr. Hall recommended more of the current funding should be directed to employment at no additional cost to taxpayers. He suggested integrated employment should be increased annually to become 3.4% of every disabilities services total budget, putting Kansas permanently back on the integrated real jobs employment track.

Senator Faust-Goudeau questioned whether transportation assistance is provided for people with disabilities to their work site. Dr. Hall said providing transportation is often built into the labor program.

Senator Denning, recognizing the complicated nature of the issue, questioned if the appropriate cabinet agencies are involved with proposed changes to the program. Dr. Hall responded affirmatively. He said the purpose of speaking to the Committee was to inform members of the need to reform the program and expand the number of people with disabilities who are provided employment opportunities. He referred members to the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities to obtain additional information or to answer questions.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Commerce at 8:30 am on Tuesday, February 09, 2016 in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

Final action on: SB352 — Amending nonresident real estate broker and salesperson license requirements.

Chairperson Lynn requested Revisor Chuck Reimer to provide an overview of the bill. The Committee proceeded to deliberate the bill.

Senator Denning moved, seconded by Senator Olson, the bill be passed. The motion passed.

Chairperson Lynn acknowledged receipt by the Committee of the State Use Law Annual Report from Natalie Bright. ([Attachment 2](#))

Chairperson Lynn adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2016.