

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Jacob LaTurner at 10:30 am on Thursday, January 29, 2015, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Ralph Ostmeyer – Excused

Senator Robert Olson – Excused

Senator Tom Holland – Excused

Committee staff present:

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department

Connie Burns, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Joanna Wochner, Legislative Research Department

Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Senator Pettey

Scott Frank, Legislative Post Audit

Ed Klumpp, KS Assoc of Chiefs of Police, KS Sheriffs Assoc, KS Peace Officers Assoc

Philip J. Meyer, KS State Board of Technical Professions

Stephen K. Winslow, Prairie Gateway Chapter

Joshua J. Sales, Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists

Terry Humphrey, Kansas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

Bill Fox, Kansas Society of Land Surveyors

Eric Stafford, Kansas Society of Professional Engineers

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Introduction of bills

Senator Pettey requested a committee bill introduction concerning firearms; relating to the personal and family protections act; relating to exemptions for state and municipal buildings.

Senator Faust-Goudeau moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Wolf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator LaTurner requested a committee bill introduction concerning driving; relating to convictions and diversions; habitual violator status; expungement of driving under the influence and other driving offenses.

Senator Longbine moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Wilborn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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SB 6 Authorizing the division of post audit to background check contractors and other workers

Vice-Chairman LaTurner opened the hearing on **SB 6**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Scott Frank, Legislative Post Auditor, appeared before the committee as a proponent on the bill. ([Attachment 1](#)) The bill would allow the Post Auditor to require contractors, temporary workers, and any other individuals under the direction of the Post Auditor to submit to a criminal history record check.

Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association, testified as an opponent of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)) Mr. Klumpp stated the associations he represented were neutral on the core policy but recommend consideration be given to an amendment regarding the fingerprint provision and be able to recover the cost for the expense of taking and processing fingerprints.

Vice-Chairman LaTurner closed the hearing on **SB 6**.

SB 24 - Technical professions act; definitions clarification

Vice-Chairman LaTurner opened the hearing on **SB 24**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Philip J. Meyer, L.A. Landscape Architect Member, Kansas State Board of Technical Professions, (KSBTP) appeared in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 3](#)) The bill is a technical cleanup bill for legislation that was passed in 2014. Some concerns arose that the language in 2014 **SB 54** was too restrictive on who could prepare drawings, specifications and other submittals; and that the language only allowed architects to submit those items and that was never the intent. The Board has reached out to the six (6) Societies that represent the five (5) professions under the Boards jurisdiction; and all are in favor of the changes proposed.

The six societies are:

ACEC - American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas

Representing Consulting Engineering Business

AEG - Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists Kansas City/Omaha

Representing our licensed Professional Geologists

AIA - Kansas American Institute of Architects Kansas

Representing our licensed Architects

KSLS - Kansas Society of Land Surveyors

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Representing our licensed Professional Surveyors
KSPE - Kansas Society of Professional Engineers
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PGASLA - Prairie Gateway American Society of Landscape Architects
Representing our licensed Landscape Architects

Rick Worrel, President, American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas, testified in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 4](#)) The bill cleans up that potential and unintended situation from the 2014 legislation.

Eric Stafford, Kansas Society of Professional Engineers, (KSPE) appeared in support of the bill. ([Attachment 5](#)) KSPE fully supports the clean-up language in the bill and would respectfully ask for the committees support of the bill.

Stephen K. Winslow, PLA, ASLA, 2015 President, Prairie Gateway Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects, testified in support of the bill. ([Attachment 6](#)) Mr. Winslow stated that the changes will be beneficial to not only the profession of Landscape Architecture with the State, but also the other allied professions regulated by the Board.

Joshua J. Sales, P.G., Past-Chairperson, Kansas City-Omaha Section, Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists, appeared in support of the bill. ([Attachment 7](#)) The Kansas City-Omaha Section of the AEG supports the bill as presented and without amendments.

Terry Humphrey, Executive Director, American Institute of Architects Kansas,(AIA) appeared in support of the bill. ([Attachment 8](#)) Ms. Humphrey stated that AIA depends on a strong licensing law and asked the committee to vote in favor of the bill.

Bill Fox, P.S., Kansas Society of Land Surveyors, testified in support of the bill. ([Attachment 9](#)) The Kansas Society of Land Surveyors supports the provisions of the bill.

Vice-Chairman LaTurner closed the hearing on **SB 24**.

Committee Business

The committee was provided the requested cost information on the Hazardous Materials Program and Technical Rescue Training. ([Attachment 10](#)) The information was provided by Doug Jorgensen, State Fire Marshal.

The next meeting is scheduled February 3, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.