

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Longbine at 9:40am on Thursday, March 03, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jacob LaTurner – Excused

Committee staff present:

Theresa Allen, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Melissa Renick, Legislative Research Department

Whitney Howard, Legislative Research Department

Eileen Ma, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Clark Shultz, Kansas Insurance Department

Melissa Panettiere, BCBS

Steve Robino, Aetna

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2485 — Updating the effective date of the risk-based capital instructions.

Chair Longbine opened the hearing on **HB2485**. Eileen Ma, Staff Revisor to review **HB2485**.

There were no questions.

Proponents:

Clark Shultz spoke on behalf of KID. **HB2485** amendment updates the RBC instructions, which instruct companies how to calculate and report RBC, to the 2015 version. The amendment merely replaces 2014 with 2015 instructions. ([Attachment 1](#))

No questions from the Committee members.

Proponents (written only):

There were no proponents written only testimony submitted.

Opponents:

There were no opponents testimony submitted. Chair Longbine closed hearing on **SB2485**.

Hearing on: HB2454 — Allowing health insurers to offer policies that require health services to be rendered by a participating provider.

Chair Longbine opened the hearing on **HB2454**. Overview by Eileen Ma, Staff Revisor.

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Sen. Schmidt asked where are "emergency services" defined. Eileen Ma responded.

No further questions.

Proponents:

Melissa Panettiere spoke on behalf of BCBS of Kansas City in support of **HB2454**. Provide health insurers another affordable plan (EPO). ([Attachment 2](#))

Ms. Panettiere responded to Committee members questions.

Clark Shultz, KID spoke on behalf of KID in support of **HB2454**. ([Attachment 3](#))

Mr. Shultz and Melisa Renick, Staff Researcher responded to Committee members questions.

Steve Robino spoke on behalf of Aetna in support of **HB2454**. EPO plans let the consumer have a greater choice between what works best for them at a lower cost. ([Attachment 4](#))

There were no questions.

Proponents (written only):

There were no proponents written only testimony submitted.

Opponents:

There were no opponent testimony submitted.

Chair Longbine closed the Hearing on **HB2454**.

Sen. Bowers introduced a group from the American Student Exchange program.

There will be no meeting on Friday, March 4th or Monday March 7th. Tuesday, March 8th will have hearing on **HB2446**. Thursday, March 10th, will have final action on **HB2485**, **HB2454** and **HB2446** previously heard.

Chair Longbine adjourned the meeting.