

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff King at 10:40am on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department  
Robert Allison-Gallimore, Legislative Research Department  
Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department  
Suzanne Nelson, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Katherine Goyette, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No Conferees were present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Committee introductions**

Chairperson King opened the committee meeting by welcoming the members and others in attendance to the 2015 legislative session. He acknowledged and thanked Senator Greg Smith, Vice-Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Chairperson of the newly-formed Senate Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee. This new committee will allow the Senate Judiciary Committee a much more manageable schedule this year. The Chair also commended the Judiciary Committee members for their part in handling 38% of the bills that passed through the Kansas legislature last year.

The Chair gave a brief overview of some of the anticipated bills that would be coming to the committee this year. He then turned the Committee's attention to bill introductions.

### **Bill introductions**

Senator David Haley introduced a measure requiring law enforcement officers to wear body cameras.

Chairperson King introduced a measure expanding battery against a law enforcement officer to include prosecutors and judges performing in the line of duty, who would then be treated the same as other law enforcement officers when an infraction occurs.

The Chair also introduced two technical correction measures to funding and jurisdictional bills passed last year for the Judicial Branch. One bill pertained to the jurisdiction of magistrate judges and the second measure would change the summary judgment motion fee to a dispositive motion fee. A final measure introduced by the Chair would provide more specific guidelines and restrictions on powers of attorney.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Ed Klumpp, Associations for Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs, and Peace Officers, introduced a measure amending the Criminal History Records Information as it relates to the release of prisoner status and the victim notification process. Mr. Klumpp also introduced a second measure amending K.S.A. 74-7336 which provides the funding for the Kansas Criminal Justice Information Systems Line Funds.

Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, introduced a measure pertaining to prosecutorial authority on election crimes.

William Sneed, Legislative Counsel, State Farm Insurance Companies, introduced a bill relating to attorney fees and property damage claims, amending K.S.A. 40-908 and repealing the existing section.

Nancy Strouse, Kansas Judicial Council, introduced four bills. The first measure was to amend the Administrative Procedure Act and the Kansas Judicial Review Act to expand the use of electronic communications in administrative proceedings. Another measure requested would amend the statute pertaining to expungements and appeals to improve communications between District and Municipal Courts. The third measure would incorporate the 2008 amendments to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA), which is a federal mandate for all of the states to adopt the provisions in order to be eligible for federal funds for child support enforcement. The last measure expands the membership of the Judicial Council to include the Chairpersons of the House and Senate Judiciary and Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committees.

Richard Cram, Director, Kansas Department of Revenue, requested a bill regarding amendment of K.S.A. 8-1015(a)(2) dealing with suspension of driving privileges due to DUI conviction or test failure and, under certain circumstances, providing for limited driving privileges.

The Chair, seeing no other parties desiring to introduce bills, adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am. The next meeting of the Committee will be Tuesday, January 20, 2015 in Room 346-S of the Capitol.