

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff King at 10:55am on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Mary Pilcher-Cook – Excused

Senator Julia Lynn – Excused

Committee staff present:

Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department

Robert Allison-Gallimore, Legislative Research Department

Suzanne Nelson, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Stephen Howe, Johnson County District Attorney on behalf of the KS County and District Attorney Association;

Joe Molina, Attorney at Law, on behalf of Tim O'Sullivan, Kansas Bar Association;

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2048 — Clarifying what items a search warrant may be issued for.

Chairperson King opened the hearing on **HB2048**. Jason Thompson gave an overview of the bill which relates to search warrants and some proposed changes.

Steve Howe testified in favor of the bill and proposed a balloon amendment be drafted that would include the specificity in terms that prosecutors and law enforcement across the state believe is needed to forestall the chances of a future adverse ruling in an important case. ([Attachment 1](#))

There was discussion and Mr. Howe answered questions from the Chair and the committee.

Ed Klumpp, Legislative Liaison, Associations for Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs, and KS Peace Officers submitted written-only proponent testimony. ([Attachment 2](#))

The Chair called for opponent or neutral testimony. There being no other testimony submitted at this time, the hearing on **HB2048** was closed.

Hearing on: HB2101 — Relating to the mediation or arbitration of trust provisions.

Chair King opened the hearing on **HB2101**. Bill overview was provided by Jason Thompson.

Joe Molina appeared on behalf of Tim O'Sullivan, Kansas Bar Association, and presented testimony in support of this bill. Mr. Molina related that this bill fills a gap in the Kansas Trust code which would allow continued use of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in a dispute over a trust, a much less costly tool than mediation. ([Attachment 3](#))

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There being no questions, comments, or further discussion, and no other testimony has been submitted at this time, the Chair closed the hearing on **HB2101**.

Hearing on: HB2109 — Transfer-on-death deeds; lapsing or vesting of ownership in grantee beneficiary.

Chair King opened the hearing on **HB2109** with an overview from Jason Thompson.

Joe Molina appeared on behalf of Tim O'Sullivan, Kansas Bar Association in support of the bill. There was discussion and Mr. Molina answered question from the members. ([Attachment 4](#))

No other testimony has been submitted at this time. The hearing on **HB2109** was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:46am. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 10:45am.