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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Pyle at 9:30am on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 142-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau – Excused

Senator Tom Arpke – Excused

Senator Steve Fitzgerald – Excused

Senator Kay Wolf - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

Harrison Dean, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

See Attached List

## **Hearing continuation on:**

Chairman Pyle opened the hearing.

Matt Shaheen, Texas State Representative spoke on Texas HB1257. (Attachment 1)

Art Martinez de Vara, Chief of Staff for Texas State Senator Konnie Burton, spoke on the Senator's policy regarding publicly funded lobbyists.

Chuck DeVore, Vice President of Policy at the Texas Public Policy Institute testified on California and Texas efforts regarding taxpayer funded lobbying. (Attachment 2)

Jess Fields, Senior Policy Analyst, Texas Public Policy Institute, spoke about his perspective as a former city council member.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the hearing and adjourned the meeting at 10:30AM.