

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Pilcher-Cook at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 118-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Iraida Orr, Legislative Research Department
Randi Walters, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Whitney Howard, Legislative Research Department
Renaë Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Keen A. Umbehr, Attorney at Law

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2225 — Medical retainer agreements do not constitute insurance.

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook opened the hearing on **HB2225**. Renaë Jefferies, staff revisor, reviewed the bill.

Keen Umbehr, Attorney at Law, testified in support of **HB2225**. Mr. Umbehr indicated that Dr. Josh Umbehr developed the Direct Primary Care (DPC) model, and apologizes that he couldn't be here today but has provided written testimony. Mr. Umbehr stated that this bill is a DPC supplement that allows doctors to have a medical retainer agreement with their patients. Mr. Umbehr stated that this bill is needed to give doctors the ability to remove themselves from the insurance model. Mr. Umbehr described how a practice works under the DPC model. ([Attachment 1](#))

Written testimony in support of **HB2225** was submitted by:

Dr. Josh Umbehr, Atlas MD ([Attachment 2](#))

After all questions by the committee were answered, Senator Pilcher-Cook closed the hearing on **HB2225**.

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook requested approval of the minutes for February 23, 24, and March 4, 2015. With no objection, the minutes were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.