

Approved Gary Blumenthal
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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Governmental Organization

The meeting was called to order by Rep. Gary Blumenthal at
Chairperson

9:05 a.m./p.m. on March 2, 1992 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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Committee staff present:

Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Nita Shively, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Charles Dodson, Executive Director, KAPE
Dave Charay, Administrator, State Health Care Plan
Chip Wheelen, Director of Public Affairs, Kansas Medical Society
Carolyn Rampey, Research Department

Chairman Blumenthal called meeting to order when quorum was present. He reminded members of the heavy schedule facing the committee this week.

Hearing on HB 3103 - An act concerning the state health care benefits program; relating to composition of the Kansas state employees health care commission.

Chair recognized Charles Dodson, who testified as a proponent of HB 3103. This bill calls for the addition of 2 members on the Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission. One designated member should be a retired, classified former state employee and the other a current, classified state employee.

Mr. Dodson explained that since commission members make decisions regarding cost and coverage, it is important to have input from those who can better relate to the average or lower bracket employee. As an example, he cited a state employee earning \$840.00 a month who must also provide insurance for his or her children.

Dave Charay spoke regarding HB 3103, noting that he would not take a position. However, he observed that the present commission, consisting of 3 members, has worked very affectively; adding 2 additional members could result in politicizing the commission. Despite soaring health care costs, there was no increase for 1992 in the state of Kansas Health Care Plan.

Hearing closed on HB 3103.

Hearing on HB 2669 - An act concerning the Kansas sunset law, continuing in existence the state board of healing arts.

Chip Wheelin appeared in support of HB 2669, furnishing written testimony, (Attachment 1). Mr. Wheelin mentioned the necessity of having an agency to regulate the practice of medicine. He then commended the subcommittee for their diligent efforts in reviewing the Board. On behalf of the Kansas Medical Society, he urged passage of HB 2669.

Chair noted that the committee has already adopted the subcommittee's report.

Hearing closed on HB 2669.

Hearing on HB 3102 - An act relating to podiatry, providing for establishment and appointment of review committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 522-S, Statehouse, at 9:05 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 2, 1992

There were no conferees--staff (Carolyn Rampey) briefed the committee, noting that this bill was a recommendation in HB 2669. HB 3102 provides for a peer review committee in lieu of an advisory board. This is consistent with all other licensed occupations.

Hearing closed on HB 3102.

Discussion and action on HB 2971

Motion by Representative Bowden to report HB 2971 favorable, motion seconded by Representative Hackler, no discussion, motion carried.

Discussion and action on HB 2960.

Representative Bowden moved to report HB 2960 favorable, motion seconded by Representative Hamilton, discussion followed. Substitute motion by Representative Ramirez stating that students should be excluded from attending executive sessions, motion seconded by Representative Brown, motion passed. Representative Watson recorded as NO. On bill as a whole, motion to report HB 2960 favorable, as amended, motion seconded by Representative Gilbert, motion passed. Representative Watson recorded as voting NO.

Discussion and action on HB 2807

Motion by Representative Hamilton to report HB 2807 favorable, motion seconded by Representative McClure, no discussion, motion passed.

Discussion and action on HB 2669

Motion by Representative Hackler to report HB 2669 favorable, motion seconded by Representative Brown, no discussion, motion passed.

Discussion and action on HB 3102

Motion by Representative Brown to report HB 3102 favorable, motion seconded by Representative Samuelson, no discussion, motion passed.

Discussion and action on HCR 5037

Motion by Representative Hamilton to report HCR 5037 favorable, motion seconded by Representative Bowden, discussion followed. Representatives Weimer and Ramirez expressed strong reservations about this Resolution, after additional discussion Chair called for vote, division called, motion passed. Wishing to be recorded as NO were the following: Representatives Ramirez, Weimer, Lawrence, Samuelson and Hackler.

Motion by Representative Bowden to approve minutes for February 24, 25 and 26, 1992, motion seconded by Representative Watson, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



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To: House Governmental Organization Committee

From: Kansas Medical Society

Chris Weelen Dir. of Public Affairs

Subject: House Bill 2669; Continuation of the State Board of Healing Arts

The Kansas Medical Society strongly supports the provisions of HB 2669.

A convincing argument could be made that because the unregulated practice of medicine and surgery would always expose the public to the potential of grave harm, the Board of Healing Arts should be extended indefinitely. On the other hand, the recent sunset review has been beneficial for a number of reasons. We wish to commend your Subcommittee and research staff for a thorough analysis, and the Board staff for the many hours of work devoted to the Subcommittee's study. This confirms the value of the sunset review process on a periodic basis.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We urge you to recommend HB 2669 for passage.

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attachment 1*