

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Morrison at 1:33 p.m. on March 10, 2003, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representatives Landwehr and Bethell, both of whom were excused.

Committee staff present:

Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Renaë Jefferies, Kansas Revisor of Statutes' Office
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

Following a motion and second, the minutes for March 6 were unanimously approved.

The Chair reviewed the bill assignments and the dates for hearings. (Attachment 1)

Staff Bill Wolff provided a briefing on **SB 199**, saying the bill made three changes in existing law:

- Under present law certain persons are exempt from licensing by the Board of Examiners in Fitting and Dispensing Hearing Aids if they are fitting or dispensing hearing aids as a part of an academic program, a charitable institution, or a nonprofit organization supported by charitable contributions that does not sell hearing aids or accessories. The bill adds a new contingency to the exemption; besides not selling hearing aids, the person must also not charge a fee for his/her services.
- The amendment creates a new exception: a licensed audiologist employed by a publicly funded school district, a special education cooperative, or an education service center serving preschool through high school age students and not selling hearing aids or charging a fee is exempt.
- New language added by the bill states that if a complaint is lodged against a person exempted from Board licensure and that person is licensed by another state agency, the licensing agency shall consult with the Board regarding the complaint.

Answering questions, Dr. Wolff said even if a person were not an employee of a school district, if he/she provides the service without a fee, he/she is exempt. Representative Patterson raised the question of a for-profit company sending a volunteer to work under the auspices of a non-profit organization in order to gain a presence for later possible sales; Dr. Wolff suggested asking conferees tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
GUEST LIST

DATE: March 10 2003

NAME	REPRESENTING
Michelle Peterson	K. Governmental Consulting
Charles W. Kisely	self
Derril Gwinior	self

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Bill Assignments and Action

Bill Number * Indicates a fiscal note on bill	Person or Committee sponsoring bill	Committee Members Assigned to Bill	Date(s) of Hearing(s)	Disposition
*SB 199 Concerning fitting and dispensing of hearing aids	SPHW	Willa DeCastro - Joshua Svaty	3-11	
*SB 132 An act concerning automated external defibrillators	SPHW	Geraldine Flaharty - Stephanie Sharp	3-13	
*SB 106 Promoting the public health and welfare of all Kansans	Senate Public Health and Welfare	Bob Bethell - Cindy Neighbor	3-18	
*SB 151 An act concerning county and district hospitals (M)	SPHW	Nancy Kirk - Don Hill - Cindy Neighbor	3-19	
*Sub 204 -Prevention of lead poisoning	SPHW	Eber Phelps - Roger Reitz	3-19	
*SB 225 Licensure of Physical Therapists	SPHW	Peggy Long - Judy Showalter - Tom Holland - Scott Schwab	sometime after 3-12	

*Attachment 1
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