

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Longbine at 11:20 am on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, At the Rail of the Senate.

All members were present except:

Senator Beverly Gossage – Excused
Senator Robert Olson – Excused
Senator Kellie Warren – Excused

Committee staff present:

Eileen Ma, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Iraida Orr, Legislative Research Department
Leighann Thone, Legislative Research Department
Suzanne Nelson, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

No list available

Meeting at the Rail SB553 — Permitting a plan sponsor to authorize electronic delivery as the standard method of delivery of all plan documents and health insurance identification cards made to health benefit plan covered persons covered by a health benefit plan.

Chairperson Longbine convened a Meeting at the Rail of the Senate. He opened the meeting by reminding the members that the Committee had delayed final action on **SB553** on March 20, 2024, to allow the interested parties more time to work toward an agreement on an amendment to the bill. The Chairperson announced that the parties, including health services, hospitals, and insurance companies had reached agreement regarding prior authorizations as set forth in the attached amendment, which will become effective on January 1, 2028 as part of and supplemental to the utilization review organization act. ([Attachment 1](#))

*Senator Pittman moved, seconded by Senator Fagg, to adopt the amendment to **SB553**.* Chairperson Longbine asked for any discussion or questions. There were none. *The motion to adopt carried.*

The Chairperson asked for discussion or questions. There were none. *Senator Fagg moved, seconded by Senator Dietrich, to recommend **SB553**, as amended, favorable for passage. The motion carried.*

There being no other business for the Committee, the Meeting at the Rail adjourned at 11:25 am. There are no other meetings scheduled for Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee for the remainder of the 2024 Session.