

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE, LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sean Tarwater at 1:30 pm on Monday, February 10, 2025, in room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Chardae Caine, Legislative Research Department
Charles Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes
DelRay Strahm, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Mike Ditch, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Tanner Tempel, Deputy State Director, Americans for Prosperity Kansas
Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs, Kansas Chamber
Rees Empey, Director, Libertas Institute, State of Utah
Dane Ishihara, Director, Office of Regulation Relief, State of Utah
Representative Kristey Williams, Kansas House of Representatives

Others in attendance:

No list available

Hearing on: HB2291 — Creating the regulatory relief division within the office of the attorney general and establishing the general regulatory sandbox program to waive or suspend rules and regulations for program participants.

Chair Tarwater opened the hearing on HB2291, Charles Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes, explained the bill and distributed a Bill Brief. ([Attachment 1](#))

Temple Tanner, AFP KS, spoke as a proponent. ([Attachment 2](#))

Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber, spoke as a proponent. ([Attachment 3](#))

Rees Empey, Utah Libertas Institute, gave proponent testimony. ([Attachment 4](#))

Dane Ishihara, Utah Governors Office, gave proponent testimony. ([Attachment 5](#))

All conferees stood for questions.

Chair Tarwater closed the hearing on HB2291.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development at 1:30 pm on Monday, February 10, 2025, in room 346-S of the Capitol.

Hearing on: HB2304 — Requiring local governments to report certain local economic development incentive program information to the secretary of commerce, defining such programs, requiring the secretary of commerce to post such information on the economic development incentive program database maintained by the secretary and requiring certain search result presentation and report formats.

Chair opened the hearing on **HB2304**. Mr. Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes explained the bill.

Representative Kristey Williams, gave proponent testimony and answered questions. ([Attachment 6](#))

Written Only neutral testimony was provided by:

Rachel Willis, Government Affairs Director ([Attachment 7](#))

Spencer Duncan, League of Kansas Municipalities ([Attachment 8](#))

There was no other testimony.

Chair Tarwater closed the hearing on **HB2304**.

Chair Tarwater adjourned the hearing at 3:00 PM.