

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Kessler at 9:08 am on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, in room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Cheryl Baker, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Jordan Milholland, Legislative Research Department
Kate Smeltzer, Legislative Research Department
Kyle Hamilton, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

William Haverkamp, Kansas Society of Land Surveyors
Amy Campbell, Kansas Association of Beverage Retailers
Spencer Duncan, Government Affairs Director, League of Kansas Municipalities
Debbi Beavers, Kansas Department of Revenue, Alcohol Beverage Control
Heidi Goff, Citizen
Dr. Shelly Steadman, Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center
Maureen Reintjes, Citizen
Joseph Rupnick, Chairman, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Ben Barnes, Chief of Shawnee Tribe
Patrick Zollner, Executive Director, Kansas Historical Society
Anna Krstulic, Stinson, Citizen
Wesley Pappan, Kaw Nation
Melissa Garrett, Shawnee Indian Mission
Melanie Hepperly, Mayor of Fairway
Kathryn Gates, Shawnee Mission Foundation
Nathan Nogelmeier, Fairway City Administrator
Grant Glenn, Past Chairman of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
Penny Gilbert, Citizen

Others in attendance:

No list available

Request for bill introductions

Chairman Kessler asked for bill introductions.

Representative Howell requested introduction of 25RS0481 regarding prohibiting concealed carry for

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the Legislature.

Without objections, the bill was accepted.

Representative Estes requested a bill introduction on behalf of Representative Laura Williams, 25RS1604 regarding owners with previous crimes to re bond.

The request was rejected.

Hearing on: SB9 — Extending the amount of time required for reports to be filed with the state historical society for certain United States public land surveys from 30 to 90 days.

Chairman Kessler opened a hearing on **SB9**.

Kyle Hamilton, Office of Revisor of Statutes, gave a briefing ([Attachment1](#)) of the amendment from 30 days to 90 days for report filing.

William Haverkamp([Attachment2](#)), Kansas Society of Land Surveyors gave testimony in support. He testified that with larger projects, it is almost impossible to complete work within 30 days. The extension to 90 days is needed.

Scott Heidner([Attachment3](#)) and Larry Karnes([Attachment4](#)) gave supporting written only testimony.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB9**.

Hearing on: HB2376 — Transferring the licensure of on-premise cereal malt beverage retailers and off-premise cereal malt beverage retailers from cities and counties to the alcoholic beverage control division of the department of revenue; allowing continued local licensure by cities or counties.

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Chairman Kessler opened the hearing on **HB2376**.

Kyle Hamilton, Office of the Revisors office Statutes briefs([Attachment5](#)) the committee. This bill would transfer the licensing for off-premise and on-premise cereal malt beverage retailers from cities and counties to the alcoholic beverage control division of the department of revenue; allowing continued local licensure by cities or counties.

Amy Campbell provided oral neutral testimony([Attachment6](#)) and the agency was supportive of the changes.

Spencer Duncan provided oral supporting testimony([Attachment7](#)) on the bill. This bill continues to issue a license and still allows revocation. The agency is working with Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Debbi Beavers provided supporting testimony([Attachment8](#)) on the bill. She advised the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) asked for this change on cereal malt beverages. ABC proposed issuing the licensing which would combine the existing costs into one and allow the ABC to oversee the licensing.

Jay Hall provided supportive written only testimony([Attachment9](#)) on the bill.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB2376**.

Hearing on: HB2331 — Authorizing the disposition of the unclaimed remains of deceased persons by district coroners and providing exemptions from liability for such actions.

Chairman Kessler opened the hearing on **HB2331**.

Kyle Hamilton, Office of Revisor of Statutes gave a briefing([Attachment10](#)) on **HB2331**. The amendment to the bill regarded authorizing the disposition of the unclaimed remains of deceased persons by district coroners in addition to providing exemptions from liability for such actions.

Heidi Goff provided neutral testimony ([Attachment12](#)) on the bill.

Dr. Shelly Steadman offered testimony([Attachment13](#)) in support of the bill. Dr. Steadman shared the extensive search for family by the coroners office.

Maureen Reintjes, testified([Attachment14](#)) in support of the bill.

Ryan Baty provided written only testimony([Attachment15](#)) in support of the bill.

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The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB2331**.

Hearing on: HB2384 — Authorizing the state historical society to convey certain real property located in Johnson county to the Shawnee Tribe; requiring deeds and conveyances contain restrictive covenants prohibiting any gaming or gambling on such property; requiring a report by the Shawnee Tribe every two years for a 10-year period to the joint committee on state-tribal relations regarding the rehabilitation of the property and consultations with other tribes.

Chairman Kessler opened a hearing on **HB2384**.

Kyle Hamilton, Office of Revisor of Statutes gave a briefing([Attachment16](#)) on the bill. The bill amendment would authorize the state historical society to convey certain real property located in Johnson county to the Shawnee Tribe; requiring deeds and conveyances contain restrictive covenants prohibiting any gaming or gambling on such property.

Joseph Rupnick gave neutral testimony([Attachment17](#)) on the bill.

Ben Barnes gave supportive testimony([Attachment18](#)). Chief Barnes requested change in the bill.

Patrick Zollner gave testimony([Attachment19](#)) in opposition. Wants to make sure the tribes are consulted on changes and included in the same. Requested change to an amendment.

Anna Krstulic gave testimony([Attachment20](#)) in opposition.

Wesley Pappan gave testimony([Attachment21](#)) in opposition.

Melissa Garrett gave testimony([Attachment22](#)) in opposition.

Melanie Hepperly gave testimony([Attachment23](#)) in opposition.

Kathryn Gates gave testimony([Attachment24](#)) in opposition.

Nathan Nogelmeier gave testimony([Attachment25](#)) in opposition.

Grant Glenn gave testimony([Attachment26](#)) in opposition.

Penny Gilbert gave testimony([Attachment27](#)) in opposition.

Brian Frehner gave written testimony([Attachment28](#)) in opposition.

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Hannah Howard gave testimony([Attachment29](#)) in support.

Dr. Mary Patterson gave testimony([Attachment 30](#)) in support.

Written Only testimony submitted by:

Last names A - J ([Attachment31](#)) in opposition.

Last names K - Z ([Attachment32](#)) in opposition.

Susan McGee ([Attachment33](#)) in opposition.

The Chairman closed the hearing **HB2384**.

The committee was adjourned at 11:00 am.