

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Humphries at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, in room 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jordan Milholland, Legislative Research Department
Lynette Hosek, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

William Quick, Kansas Revised Limited Liability Company Act Study Committee of the Kansas Bar Association
William Matthews, Kansas Revised Limited Liability Company Act Study Committee of the Kansas Bar Association
Clay Barker, Kansas Secretary of State
Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber
Kelly VanZwoll, Kansas Bankers Association
Steven Lovett, Private Citizen
Chancellor Doug Girod, The University of Kansas
President Richard Linton, Kansas State University
Ron Barrett-Gonzalez, State of Kansas Conference of the American Association of University Professors
Dr. Kim Morse, Washburn University Chapter, American Association of University Professors
David Smith, United Academics of The University of Kansas
George Burdick, President, Washburn University Student Government Association
Timothy Graham, Director of Government Relations, Kansas National Education Association
Dr. Hans Dalton, University of Kansas, Assistant Professor
Dr. Emily Beck, University of Kansas, Assistant Professor
Blake Flanders, Kansas Board of Regents

Others in attendance:

No list available

Hearing on: HB2371 — Amending the Kansas revised limited liability company act, the business entity transactions act and the business entity standard treatment act.

Chairperson Humphries opened the hearing on **HB2371**.

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes, gave the bill brief. ([Attachment 1](#))

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Proponents:

William Quick, Chair, Kansas Revised Limited Liability Company Act Study Committee of the Kansas Bar Association testified in support of **HB2371**. ([Attachment 2](#))

Clay Barker, Deputy Secretary of State, Kansas Secretary of State's office testified in support of **HB2371**. ([Attachment 3](#))

Neutral:

Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs, Kansas Chamber provided testimony Neutral to **HB2371**. ([Attachment 4](#))

Kelly VanZwoll, Vice President of Government Relations, Kansas Bankers Association provided testimony Neutral to **HB2371**. ([Attachment 5](#))

Chairperson Humphries closed the hearing on **HB2371**.

Hearing on: HB2348 — Providing that tenure at postsecondary educational institutions shall not be defined, awarded or recognized as an entitlement, right or property interest in a faculty member's current, ongoing or future employment by an institution.

Chairperson Humphries opened the hearing on **HB2348**.

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes, gave the bill brief. ([Attachment 6](#))

Proponents:

Steven Lovett, Private Citizen and bill author testified in favor of **HB2348**. ([Attachment 7](#))

He stood for questions.

Opponents:

Chancellor Douglas A. Girod, Chancellor, The University of Kansas testified against **HB2348**. ([Attachment 8](#))

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President Richard Linton, President, Kansas State University testified against **HB2348**. (See Attachment 8)

Ron Barrett-Gonzalez, Committee Co-Chair, State of Kansas Conference of American Association of University Professors testified against **HB2348**. ([Attachment 9](#))

Dr. Kim Morse, Chair, Washburn Chapter of the American Association of University Professors testified against **HB2348**. ([Attachment 10](#))

David Smith, United Academics of The University of Kansas, testified against **HB2348**. ([Attachment 11](#))

George Burdick, President, Washburn University Student Government Association testified against **HB2348**. ([Attachment 12](#))

Timothy Graham, Director of Government Relations & Legislative Affairs, Kansas National Education Association testified against **HB2348**. ([Attachment 13](#))

Dr. Hans Dalton, Assistant Professor, University of Kansas, testified against **HB2348**. ([Attachment 14](#))

Dr. Emily Beck, Assistant Professor, University of Kansas, testified against **HB2348**. ([Attachment 15](#))

Blake Flanders, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents testified against **HB2348**. ([Attachment 16](#))

Chair Humphries requested that Mr. Flanders submit further information shared in response to a question. ([Attachment 17](#))

The opponent conferees then stood for questions.

The Chair advised reading Written-Only testimony.

Proponent Written Only testimony was provided by:

Christine Curley, Citizen ([Attachment 18](#))

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Opponent Written Only testimony was provided by:

Dr. Whitney Whitaker, Associate Professor & Chair of Psychology, Fort Hays State University ([Attachment 19](#))

Dr. Nuchelle Chance, Assistant Professor, Fort Hays State University ([Attachment 20](#))

Dr. Jonathan Beck, Assistant Professor, University of Kansas School of Business ([Attachment 21](#))

Joseph Cohn, Director of Policy, Heterodox Academy ([Attachment 22](#))

Dr. Justin Greenleaf, Professor, Fort Hays State University ([Attachment 23](#))

Elizabeth Dodd, Citizen/Kansas State University faculty member ([Attachment 24](#))

Dr. Kirk R. Haskins, Kansas State Representative, District 53 ([Attachment 25](#))

Eric Deyo, Citizen ([Attachment 26](#))

Ron Hobert, President, American Federation of Teachers ([Attachment 27](#))

Dr. Angie M. Howard, Assistant Professor, Fort Hays State University ([Attachment 28](#))

Dr. Lindsey Ibanez, Citizen/Washburn University faculty member/American Association of University Professors member ([Attachment 29](#))

Professor Daniel A. Hoyt, Citizen/Kansas State University Professor ([Attachment 30](#))

Dr. Tucker Jones, Citizen/Washburn University Assistant Professor ([Attachment 31](#))

Dr. J.T. Lacy, Citizen/Fort Hays State Assistant Professor ([Attachment 32](#))

Dr. Lori Kniffin, Assistant Professor, Fort Hays State University ([Attachment 33](#))

Dr. Jason Miller, Citizen/Washburn University faculty member ([Attachment 34](#))

Professor April Park, Citizen/Fort Hays State University Professor ([Attachment 35](#))

Kerry Wynn, Citizen/university professor ([Attachment 36](#))

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Dr. Brooke Mann, Assistant Professor, Fort Hays State University ([Attachment 37](#))

Melany Wilks, President, Kansas Library Association ([Attachment 38](#))

Ziwei Qi, Associate Professor, Fort Hays State University ([Attachment 39](#))

Gene Rice, President, American Association of University Professors and American Federation of Teachers ([Attachment 40](#))

Todd Wolfson, President, American Association of University Professors ([Attachment 41](#))

Dr. Janett Naylor-Tincknell, Fort Hays State University faculty ([Attachment 42](#))

Dr. Karalyn Kendall-Morwick, Citizen/Washburn University faculty ([Attachment 43](#))

Chairperson Humphries closed the hearing on **HB2348**.

Possible action on bill previously heard: HB2212 — Increasing the reimbursement amount of money that the secretary of corrections may make to inmates for losses for personal injury or property damage or loss caused by negligence and requiring notice to the secretary for claims exceeding the reimbursement maximum.

Chair Humphries called for discussion and final action on **HB2212**.

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes, provided a brief overview of the bill.

*Representative Williams moved, Representative Lewis seconded, to recommend **HB2212** favorably for passage. The motion carried.*

Representative Carmichael requested that his affirmative vote be recorded.

Possible action on bill previously heard: HB2173 — Authorizing certain offenders to petition for relief from registration requirements under the Kansas offender registration act.

Chairperson Humphries called for discussion and final action on **HB2173**.

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes, reviewed the bill.

Representative Barth proposed an amendment that would exclude certain offenders from being removed from the offender registry. ([Attachment 44](#))

Discussion ensued.

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Chairperson Humpries paused work on **HB2173**.

Possible action on bill previously heard: HB2183 — Including any photograph, film, video picture, digital or computer-generated image or picture that has been created, altered or modified by artificial intelligence or any digital means in the definition of a visual depiction for certain criminal offenses.

Chairperson Humpries called for discussion and final action on **HB2183**.

Representative Barrett proposed an amendment that would expand the bill to include any artificially-generated image of a child. ([Attachment 45](#))

Discussion ensued.

*Representative Barrett moved, Representative Sweely seconded, to adopt the amendment to **HB2183**. The motion carried.*

Representative Ward proposed an amendment that would include the word "Cable Services" and provides exemptions to those entities. ([Attachment 46](#))

Discussion ensued.

*Representative Ward moved, Representative Borjon seconded to adopt the amendment to **HB2183**. The motion carried.*

Representative Carmichael requested his affirmative vote on the amendment be recorded.

*Representative Williams moved, Representative Ward seconded, to recommend **HB2183** as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried.*

Representative Carmichael requested his nay vote be recorded.

Chairperson Humpries adjourned the committee.