

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Thompson at 10:30 am on Thursday, February 27, 2025, in room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Angela Gantzer, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Elaina Rudder, Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Nicole Fielder, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kris Kobach, Kansas Attorney General
Sister Therese Bangert, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth
Msgr. Stuart Swetland, KS Interfaith Action
Mike Taylor, KS County Commissioners
Rashane Hamby, ACLU
Tim Graham, KNEA
Forrest Ehmke, Private Citizen
Justin Gust, Elcentro
Alejandro Range-Lopez, New Frontiers
Dr. Marta Silva, Teacher

Others in attendance:

No list available

Request for bill introductions

Senator Erickson requested introduction of a bill pertaining to State Treasurers Office and relates to tax advantaged savings accounts and programs.

Senator Dietrich requested a bill introduction for Senator Warren pertaining to restrictions on adult registered sex offenders involving schools and school activities.

Without objection all requests for bill introductions were accepted.

Hearing on: SB254 — Prohibiting aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States from receiving any state or local public benefit in accordance with applicable federal law.

Chairman Thompson opened the hearing on **SB254**.

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Jason Long, Revisor of Statute, gave a bill summary. ([Attachment 1](#))

Proponent Testimony

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Kris Kobach, Kansas Attorney General ([Attachment 2](#))

Written Only

Gloria Bayer, Sedgwick County Committeewoman ([Attachment 3](#))

Kari Sue Vosburgh, Sedgwick County Committeewoman ([Attachment 4](#))

Tammy Minihan, Sedgwick County Committeewoman ([Attachment 5](#))

Brett Anderson, Sedgwick County Committeeman ([Attachment 6](#))

Opponent Testimony

In-Person

Sister Therese Bangert, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth ([Attachment 7](#))

Msgr. Stuart Swetland, KS Interfaith Action ([Attachment 8](#))

Mike Taylor, KS County Commissioners ([Attachment 9](#))

Rashane Hamby, ACLU ([Attachment 10](#))

Tim Graham, KNEA ([Attachment 11](#))

Forrest Ehmke, Private Citizen ([Attachment 12](#))

Justin Gust, Elcentro ([Attachment 13](#))

Alejandro Range-Lopez, New Frontiers ([Attachment 14](#))

Dr. Marta Silva, Teacher ([Attachment 15](#))

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Sarah Balderas, Private Citizen ([Attachment 16](#))

Yarid Villareal, Private Citizen ([Attachment 17](#))

Meghan Schaible, Private Citizen ([Attachment 18](#))

Melanie I. Arroya Perez, Private Citizen ([Attachment 19](#))

Aude Negrete, KS Latino Communication Network ([Attachment 20](#))

Karen Siebert, Harvesters ([Attachment 21](#))

Yeni Silva Renteria, Private Citizen ([Attachment 22](#))

Marcus Winn, Private Citizen ([Attachment 23](#))

Angie Powers, Private Citizen ([Attachment 24](#))

Sofia Jimenez, Private Citizen ([Attachment 25](#))

Karla Juarez, Advocates for Immigrants Rights and Reconciliation ([Attachment 26](#))

Alison Snell, Private Citizen ([Attachment 27](#))

Beto Lugo, Private Citizen ([Attachment 28](#))

Diossely Tot, Private Citizen ([Attachment 29](#))

Melisa Alfonso, Private Citizen ([Attachment 30](#))

Matt Kleinmann, Private Citizen ([Attachment 31](#))

Melinda Lewis, Private Citizen ([Attachment 32](#))

Lolo Munoz, Private Citizen ([Attachment 33](#))

Itzel Vargas, Private Citizen ([Attachment 34](#))

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Jason Miller, Private Citizen ([Attachment 35](#))

Ashley Hernandez, Private Citizen ([Attachment 36](#))

Charlie Hurt, JOCO Dept of Health and Environment ([Attachment 37](#))

Irma Faudoa, KS Hispanic and Latino Americans ([Attachment 38](#))

Monique Garcia, Private Citizen ([Attachment 39](#))

Christian Ramirez, Private Citizen ([Attachment 40](#))

Nayeli Cano, Private Citizen ([Attachment 41](#))

Arely Nevarrette, Private Citizen ([Attachment 42](#))

Xavier Carrasco Cooper, Private Citizen ([Attachment 43](#))

Gerald L. Cross, JOCO Community College Trustee ([Attachment 44](#))

Sarahi Aguilera, Private Citizen ([Attachment 45](#))

Kathleen Alonso, Private Citizen ([Attachment 46](#))

Phillip Wrigley, Private Citizen ([Attachment 47](#))

Ariana Mercado, Private Citizen ([Attachment 48](#))

Christy Moreno, RevEd ([Attachment 49](#))

Samantha Calderon, Private Citizen ([Attachment 50](#))

Spencer Duncan KS League of Municipalities ([Attachment 51](#))

Madison Shanks, Private Citizen ([Attachment 52](#))

Elissa Jones, Private Citizen ([Attachment 53](#))

Irene Olivares, Private Citizen ([Attachment 54](#))

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Courtney Bell, Private Citizen ([Attachment 55](#))

Elizabeth Ault, Private Citizen ([Attachment 56](#))

Logan Heley, Private Citizen ([Attachment 57](#))

Jamie Hellen, Private Citizen ([Attachment 58](#))

Judy Ancel, The Cross Border Network ([Attachment 59](#))

John Buass, Private Citizen ([Attachment 60](#))

Graciela Berumen, Private Citizen ([Attachment 61](#))

Amanda Vega-Mauec ([Attachment 62](#))

Meleny Ewers, Private Citizen ([Attachment 63](#))

Danielle Guana, Private Citizen ([Attachment 64](#))

Heather Hayden, Private Citizen ([Attachment 65](#))

Michael Rebne, Private Citizen ([Attachment 66](#))

Isidro Marino, Private Citizen ([Attachment 67](#))

Alejandra Garcia, Private Citizen ([Attachment 68](#))

Nubia Estefes, Private Citizen ([Attachment 69](#))

Maria Ordaz, Private Citizen ([Attachment 70](#))

Emily Wolfe, Private Citizen ([Attachment 71](#))

Yareli Ortiz, Private Citizen ([Attachment 72](#))

Cassandra WoolWorth, Private Citizen ([Attachment 73](#))

Stacie Unruh, Private Citizen ([Attachment 74](#))

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Emily Lavery, Private Citizen ([Attachment 75](#))

Mariela Cisneros, Private Citizen ([Attachment 76](#))

Emmaline Bohlander, Private Citizen ([Attachment 77](#))

Kay Burtzloff, Private Citizen ([Attachment 78](#))

Courtney Eiterich, Lenexa City Council ([Attachment 79](#))

Mariana Ramez, Private Citizen ([Attachment 80](#))

Karen Siebert, Harvesters ([Attachment 81](#))

Yeni Silva Renteria, Private Citizen ([Attachment 82](#))

Raymond Rico, Private Citizen ([Attachment 83](#))

Jose Lara, Mayor Liberal KS ([Attachment 84](#))

Clarissa Carrillo, Private Citizen ([Attachment 85](#))

Randy Lopez, Private Citizen ([Attachment 86](#))

Nathan Madden, Health Forward Foundation ([Attachment 87](#))

Rick Behrens, Pastor ([Attachment 88](#))

Marcus Winn, Private Citizen ([Attachment 89](#))

Haley Kottler, KS Appleseed ([Attachment 90](#))

Esmeralda Tovar-Mora, Private Citizen ([Attachment 91](#))

Erica Andrade, El Centro ([Attachment 92](#))

Michael Poppa, Private Citizen ([Attachment 93](#))

Franco Mayela, Private Citizen ([Attachment 94](#))

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Clayton J. Perkins, RIPS Legislation ([Attachment 95](#))

Mariel Ferreiro, Sanctuary Alliance ([Attachment 96](#))

Dustin Hare, KS Action for Children ([Attachment 97](#))

Continuation of Testimony

Marixendra Alvarez ([Attachment 98](#))

Janeth Vasquez ([Attachment 99](#))

Jessica Carr ([Attachment 100](#))

Neutral

Written Only

Shane Rolf ([Attachment 101](#))

Jay Hall ([Attachment 102](#))

Chairman Thompson closed the hearing on **SB254** at 11:15AM.

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting at 11:16AM.