

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 p.m. on March 15, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes
Susan Allen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Barbara Allen
Mary Prewitt, General Counsel, Kansas Board of Regents
Representative Everett Johnson
Diane Lindeman, Director of Student Financial Aid, Kansas Board of Regents

Others attending:

See Attached List.

SB 540 - Prohibiting the use of social security numbers on student and employee identification cards at postsecondary educational institutions.

The Chairman opened hearings on **SB 540** and recognized Senator Barbara Allen who testified as a proponent. In her testimony Senator Allen pointed out that the bill passed the Senate unanimously and that it is supported by Kansas Board of Regents (Attachment 1).

Chairman Sloan called the Committee's attention to written testimony submitted by Sheila Frahm, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Community Colleges (Attachment 2). Attached to Ms. Frahm's testimony was a letter written by Bob Warford, Director of Information Technology, Labette Community College. In his letter, Mr. Warford agreed with the intent of **SB 540** to protect students' and employees' privacy, but doubted if it would have the desired affect. Mr. Warford also stated that Labette Community College would have difficulty meeting the designated deadline and funding the expenses to convert their system to numbers other than social security numbers.

The Chairman recognized Mary Prewitt, General Counsel, Kansas Board of Regents, who testified as a proponent of **SB 540** (Attachment 3).

Representatives Reardon and Huntington commented that the deadline for compliance was amended in the Senate to July, 2006, therefore most existing students at a community college should not need to be issued new identification cards.

With no further questions, Chairman Sloan closed the hearing on **SB 540**.

HB 2627 - U.S. Military; benefits relating to persons killed in the military.

Chairman Sloan opened the hearing on **HB 2627** and recognized Representative Everett Johnson.

Representative Johnson testified as a proponent of **HB 2726**. A bill that offers tuition waivers for spouses and dependents of military personnel who are killed in the line of duty (Attachment 4).

Representative Johnson also suggested balloon language to the bill (Amendment 5).

Chairman Sloan recognized Diane Lindeman, Kansas Board of Regents, who testified that the Board of Regents supports the efforts to assist spouses and dependents of military and public safety officers killed in the line of duty, but are unable to establish a fiscal estimate (Attachment 6).