

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Shultz at 3:30 p.m. on March 19, 2009, in Room 784 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

## Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
 Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
 Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
 Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
 Sue Fowler, Committee Assistant

## Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Louis Ruiz, District 32  
 Michael Wasmer, Kansas Coalition for Autism Legislation  
 Lorri Unumb, Council for Autism Speaks  
 Dr. Bill Craig, Chair, Autism Task Force  
 Dr. Kathy Ellerbeck, Center for Child Health & Development, KU Medical Center  
 Joe Fiorella, Past Chief Operating Officer of Health Insurance Company in Kansas  
 Stuart Jackson, Kansas small business owner, Helzberg Entrepreneurial  
 Carrie Wright, Parent of a child with autism  
 Melissa Cooper, Parent of a child with autism  
 Sky Westerlund, Kansas Chapter National Association of Social Workers  
 Tom Laing, Interhab  
 Rachelle Columbo, Kansas Chamber  
 Jim Leiker, Kansas Autism Task Force Member  
 Marlee Carpenter, KS Association of Health Plans  
 Brad Smoot, Kansas BC/BS and KC BC/BS  
 Dan Murray, National Federation of Independent Businesses  
 Bill Sneed, America's Health Insurance Plans

## Others attending:

See attached list.

## Discussion and action on:

**HB 2075 - Providing insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening.**

Representative Neighbor moved to propose a substitute bill for HB 2075 by removing the current language from HB 2075 and amend the language with the impact study language. Seconded by Representative Grant. Motion passes. Representative Neighbor moved to pass HB 2075 out as amended. Seconded by Representative Hermanson. Motion passes.

**SB 105 - Enacting the public adjusters licensing act.**

Representative Dillmore made a motion to amend SB 105 by striking lines 13-17, subsection f, in Section 9 on page 6. Seconded by Representative Burroughs. Division was called with five in favor and seven against. Motion failed. Representative Dillmore moved to amend HB 2160 into SB 105. Seconded by Representative Burroughs. Division was called with five in favor and seven against. Motion failed. Representative Olson made a motion to pass SB 105 out favorably. Seconded by Representative Hermanson. Motion passes.

**SB 126 - Controlled insurance program act.**

Representative Peck made a motion to adopt subcommittee report on SB 126. Seconded by Representative Olson. Motion Passes. Representative Peck moved to put new language from subcommittee report into SB 126 and create House Substitute for SB 126. Seconded by Representative Olson. Motion passes. Representative Peck moved to pass House Substitute for SB 126 out favorably. Seconded by Representative Grant. Motion passes.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Insurance Committee at 3:30 p.m. on March 19, 2009, in Room 784 of the Docking State Office Building.

**SB 174 - Removal of mandatory participation requirements for group life insurance.**

Representative Peck made a motion to table SB 174. Seconded by Representative Brown. All in favor motion passes.

Hearing on:

**HB 2367 - Insurance coverage; autism.**

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave a brief overview on **HB 2367.**

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2367.**

Proponents:

Louis Ruiz, District 32, (Attachment 1), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2367.**

Michael Wasmer, Kansas Coalition for Autism Legislation, (Attachment 2), gave testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2367.**

Lorri Unumb, Council for Autism Speaks, (Attachment 3), presented testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2367.**

Dr. Bill Craig, Chair, Autism Task Force, (Attachment 4), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2367.**

Dr. Kathy Ellerbeck, Center for Child Health & Development, KU Medical Center, (Attachment 5), gave testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2367.**

Joe Fiorella, Past Chief Operating Officer of Health Insurance Company in Kansas, (Attachment 6), presented testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2367.**

Stuart Jackson, Helzberg Entrepreneurial Mentoring Program, (Attachment 7), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2367.**

Carrie Wright, Parent of a child with autism, (Attachment 8), gave testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2367.**

Melissa Cooper, Parent of a child with autism, (Attachment 9), presented testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2367.**

Sky Westerlund, KS Chapter National Association of Social Workers, (Attachment 10), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2367.**

Tom Laing, Interhab, (Attachment 11), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2367.**

Rachelle Columbo, Kansas Chamber, (Attachment 12), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2367.**

Jim Leiker, Kansas Autism Task Force Member, (Attachment 17), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2367.**

Opponents:

Marlee Carpenter, KS Association of Health Plans, (Attachment 13), appeared before the committee in opposition to **HB 2367.**

Brad Smoot, Kansas BC/BS and KC BC/BS, (Attachment 14), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2367.**

Dan Murray, National Federation of Independent Businesses, (Attachment 15), presented written testimony in opposition to **HB 2367.**

Bill Sneed, America's Health Insurance Plans, (Attachment 16), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2367.**

Hearing closed on **SB 2367.**

Representative Grant moved without objection to pass the March 12 and March 17, 2009 committee minutes, with one minor change, as written.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.