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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven R. Brunk at 1:30 p.m. on February 16, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Holmes – Excused
Representative Kiegerl - Excused
Representative Peterson - Excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Stephen Bainum, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Ponka-We Victors
Mike Taylor, United Government, Wyandotte County
Sandy Jacquot, League of Kansas Municipalities
Leslee Fonseca, City of Lenexa
Natalie Bright, Society for Human Resource Management
Allie Devine, The Kansas Business Coalition
Pat Mack, Society for Human Resource Management
Reverend Jill Jarvis, Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
Eric Stafford, The Kansas Chamber
Angela Ferguson, Austin & Ferguson, L.L.C.
Desima Dawdy, Self
Rebecca Escalante, Self
Lalo Munoz, Self
Holly Weatherford, American Civil Liberties Union
Glenda Hernandez, Self
Dale Chaffee, Self

Others attending: See attached.

Representative Trent LeDoux introduced a bill about the licensure of microbreweries. It was received without exception.

The Chairman opened the hearing on:

HB 2492–E-verify program; use of by business and governmental entities,
HB 2575–Kansas Immigration accountability act; state agencies, state contractors,
HB 2576–Immigration; unlawful concealing, harboring or shielding an alien; public benefits, proof of citizenship; failure to carry documentation, enforcement; vital records identity fraud; dealing in

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false identification documents; penalties; charged with a crime verification of citizenship, HB 2577–Enrollment and participation in an e-verify program by business and governmental entities; penalties and HB 2578–Immigration; enforcement of federal immigration laws; determination of citizenship; notification; exchange of information; indemnification; implementation; cooperative agreements.

Representative Ponca-We Victors delivered over 2000 letters from the Wichita area in opposition to the immigration bills ([Attachment 1](#)).

Mike Taylor presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2492, HB 2576, HB 2577 and HB 2578** ([Attachment 2](#)). He said that these bills were unfunded local mandates that local government does not have the staff or the funds to carry out.

Sandy Jacquot presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2492, HB 2576, HB 2577 and HB 2578** ([Attachment 3](#)). She said that the bills unfunded mandates, and the increased exposure to litigation and liability make the bills impractical.

Leslee Fonseca presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2492 and HB 2577** ([Attachment 4](#)). She was also concerned that these were unfunded mandates.

Natalie Bright presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2492 and HB 2577** ([Attachment 5](#)). Their concern is the cost of E-Verify.

Allie Devine presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2576 and HB 2578** ([Attachment 6](#)).

Pat Mack presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2492 and HB 2577** ([Attachment 7](#)).

Jill Jarvis presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2578** ([Attachment 8](#)).

Eric Stafford presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2578** ([Attachment 9](#)).

Angela Ferguson presented testimony as **HB 2576 and HB 2578** ([Attachment 10](#)).

Desima Dawdy presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2492, HB 2576, HB 2577 and HB 2578** ([Attachment 11](#)).

Rebecca Escalante presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2576 and HB 2578** ([Attachment 12](#)).

Lalo Munoz presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2575** ([Attachment 13](#)).

Holly Weatherford presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2576 and HB 2578** ([Attachment 14](#)).

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Glenda Hernandez presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2576** (Attachment 15).

Dale Chaffee presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2576, HB 2577 and HB 2578** (Attachment 16).

Written testimony in support of **HB 2577** was submitted by:

Brian Threadgold, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Attachment 17).

Written testimony as neutral on **HB 2492, HB 2575, HB 2576, HB 2577 and HB 2578** was submitted by:

Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police (Attachment 18)

Jim Edwards, Kansas Association of School boards (Attachment 19)

Written testimony in opposition of **HB 2492, HB 2575, HB 2576, HB 2577 and HB 2578** was submitted by:

Leslie Kaufman, Kansas Cooperative Council (Attachment 20)

Dan Morgan, The Builders Association (Attachment 21)

Rev. Joan Porter, Self (Attachment 22)

Suzanne Germes, Self (Attachment 23)

Dale Goter, City of Wichita (Attachment 24)

Joyce Grover, Kansas Coalition (Attachment 25)

Michelle Ponce, Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (Attachment 26)

Rev. Rick Behrens, Grandview Park Presbyterian Church (Attachment 27)

Ron Miller, Topeka Police Chief (Attachment 28)

Stephen Germes, Self (Attachment 29)

Elias Garcia, Kansas League of United Latin American Citizens (Attachment 30)

The Dominican Sisters, Ministry of Presence (Attachment 31)

Michael Schuttloffel, Kansas Catholic Conference (Attachment 32)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.