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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 1:07 p.m. on March 26, 2012, in Room 783 of the Docking Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Huebert – Excused
Representative Carlson – Excused
Representative Holmes – Excused
Representative Peterson – Excused
Representative Seiwert - 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 Kasha Kelley
Erin Besson, Public Policy Associate, ACLU of Kansas & Western Missouri

Others attending: See attached.

The Chairman called upon the committee to work **SB 438–Information submitted to department of labor for state directory of new hires.** *Representative Rubin moved, Representative Grosserode seconded to move SB 438 out favorably for passage.*

Representative Rubin moved, Representative Grosserode seconded to insert the language of HB 2515–Competitive Bid Protection Act into SB 438. The Committee discussed the passage of **HB 2515** in the house. *The motion carried.* Representatives Loganbill, Victors and Henderson asked to be recorded as ‘no’ votes.

Representative Rubin moved, seconded by Representative Grosserode to pass SB 438 out favorably as amended. The motion carried. Representatives Loganbill, Victors and Henderson asked to be recorded as ‘no’ votes.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2686–Establishing a program for drug screening for cash assistance recipients.**

Representative Kasha Kelley testified as a proponent of **HB 2686** (Attachment 1).

The meeting was recessed at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was resumed by Chairman Steven R. Brunk at 6:39 p.m. on March 26, 2012 in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

Representative Kelley stood for questions on **HB 2686.**

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee at 6:39 p.m. on March 26, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

Representative Boman asked about the differences in programs in other states. Representative Kelley said that Florida had the closest to the same program.

Representative Brunk asked about page 12, lines 32-36, and a crime involving a controlled substance going back to the year 2000 would forever be excluded from any cash assistance. Mike Heim said that the wording of this Section was not clear and needed to be reworked. Representative Rubin said that the wording forever prohibits cash assistance to a person guilty of two misdemeanors since the year 2000.

Representative Kiegerl said that there should be some consideration for those who have children in the home.

Representative Wolfe-Moore asked how a minor in the home who had a couple of drug convictions would affect the household benefit. Michelle Schroeder of SRS stepped up to answer the question. She said that there was no provision in the bill to exclude the minors in the home for that conviction.

Representative Patton asked about the cost of the educational treatment and who is going to pay for it and what is the cost of the drug screen? Michelle said that the cost of the drug screen was estimated at \$50.00 and they only have to pay if it is positive. The cost of treatment is estimated at \$3,780.00.

Representative O'Hara asked what percentage of people receiving cash assistance are currently being drug tested? Michelle said that it was less than 5%.

Erin Besson presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2686** (Attachment 2).

Representative Rubin asked if she had any thoughts about provisions of the bill regarding prohibition of assistance for those convicted of drug offenses. She did not know of any constitutional objection to it.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2686**.

Representative Gregory has an amendment that will be presented when we again hear the bill.

Representative Rubin said he would work on an amendment for page 12 of the bill.

Representative Howell said he would work on an amendment for Subsection 3 on page 12 as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2012.