

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vicki Schmidt at 1:30 p.m. on January 13, 2011 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Vicki Schmidt - excused.

Committee staff present:

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Katherine McBride, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Iraida Orr, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Carolyn Long, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

Vice-Chairman Brungardt welcomed the Committee to the first meeting of the 2011 Legislative Session.

New committee members, the staff of the Legislative Research Department, Office of the Revisor of Statutes and Chairman's Office were introduced. Also present was Dorothy Hughes, Kansas Legislative Research Department.

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department, drew the committee's attention to the draft Report of the Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee to the 2011 Kansas Legislature (Attachment 1).

#### Bill Introductions

Tom Bruno, representing the Kansas Athletic Trainers Society, requested introduction of a bill regarding school districts and the enactment of a school sports brain injury prevention act. Moved by Senator Kelly, seconded by Senator Reitz to introduce the bill. Motion carried. (Attachment 2)

Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society, requested a bill regarding Health Information and Technology Exchange. Moved by Senator Reitz, seconded by Senator Pilcher-Cook. Motion carried.

The Vice-Chair introduced Mr. Charles L Wheelen, Executive Director of the Health Care Stabilization Fund. Mr. Wheelen noted that the Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Act had two principal features; the creation of the Health Care Stabilization Fund and the establishment of a joint underwriting authority. Mr. Wheelen then outlined a brief history of the Act, it's Principal Features, the Commercial Insurance Market, the criteria for self-insured health care providers, the inclusion of the University of Kansas Medical Center, the effect of Senate Bill 414, fiscal year 2010 data, HCSF revenue and reserves, and brief conclusion relating to it's future (Attachment 3).

The Vice-Chair thanked Mr. Slaughter for appearing.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.