

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brenda Landwehr at 1:30 P.M. on March 6, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Don Hill- excused
Peggy Mast- excused

Committee staff present:

Jason Thompson, Revisor's Office
Rena Jefferies, Revisor's Office
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Tatiana Lin, Legislative Research
Patti Magathan, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Hein, KS Society of Radiologic Technologists
Representative Dick Kelsey
Carol LaFreniere
Linda Renken
Kay Lyn Carlson
Jean Gawdun representing Jodi Estep
Beatrice Swoops, KS Catholic Foundation
Kathy Ostrowski, Kansas For Life
Brandon Bell, Attorney
Shannon Jones, Executive Director Statewide Independent Living

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

Chair Landwehr opened hearings on **SB 284 - Radiologic technologists licensure requirements.**

Testifying as a proponent and representing the Society of Radiologic Technologists, (K.S.R.T.) **Ron Hein** stated that this bill repeals the grandfather clause enacted when radiation technologists were first licensed. The bill also makes technical changes to existing statute. The impact of this bill has been reviewed with both the Board of Healing Arts and the Kansas Hospital Association. A compromise has been reached which would involve an amendment delaying the effective date until July 1, 2008, and he requested that the committee consider adding this amendment. (Attachment 1)

Written testimony was provided in support of **SB 284** by the KS Board of Healing Arts. (Attachment 2)

Chair Landwehr asked Mr. Hein to provide the amendment information to the revisor so it will be available when we work this bill. She then closed the hearings on **SB 284** and Opened Hearings on **HB 2292 - Abortion; performance on a minor; certain restrictions.**

Proponent, **Representative Dick Kelsey** said that this bill is a common sense approach. It requires that a person applying for an abortion have valid ID. The person who accompanies her must declare their relationship to the applicant and also provide valid ID. This bill passed the house last year but did not pass the senate.

Carol LaFreniere related her experiences as a young girl. She stated that asking for ID and having a relative accompanying her would have been a positive thing, since she was too young to make major life decisions on her own. (Attachment 3)

Linda Renken, a proponent, recounted her experience at a college student at age 19. Today she is a teacher and emphasized that parental consent is required for many school activities and feels strongly that parental involvement should be part of the abortion process. (Attachment 4)

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Kay Lyn Carlson, Proponent shared experiences at age 17. She said that at 17 she was still a vulnerable and impressionable child., and wishes today that she had not shut out her parents. She added that this bill is also in the best interest of children who are abused. ([Attachment 5](#))

Jean Gawdrun read testimony provided by **Jodie Estep** who was unable to be there in person. Jodie's story involved experiences when she was 16 and was the victim of physical abuse and intimidation. ([Attachment 6](#))

Kathy Ostrowski, Legislative Director for Kansans for Life, voiced her support for **HB 2292**, saying that 30 states have parental involvement laws and require consent or notification of at least one parent before an abortion can be performed on a minor. This bill will yield statistics, guarded for privacy. ([Attachment 7](#))

Beatrice Swoopes, of the KS Catholic conference, spoke in support of **HB 2292**. She provided statistical information on the numbers of abortions performed nationally and the age groups of women receiving abortions. The need to protect minors is compelling based on these statistics. Section 1 of the bill would strengthen Kansas law to protect parental rights. If a minor chooses not to involve her parents there is an option under existing law for her to petition the district court for a waiver. This bill also provides for data on these waivers to be accessible, to aid in the future in determining the extent or pervasiveness of abuse or incest. ([Attachment 8](#))

Written testimony in support of HB 2292 was provided by the Concerned Women of America of Kansas. ([Attachment 9](#))

Opponent, **Branden Bell** said he opposes the amendments to the judicial bypass statute contained in **HB 2292**. He said that the amendments are an apparent effort to intimidate young women, the judges, and other adults who take a role in helping them through this difficult time. The new statute would also be vulnerable to a strong legal challenge. Forcing reports would erode the independence of the judiciary, and there is no purpose in the collection of this information, since abortion procedures, by age, are already reported to Kansas Department of health and Environment. ([Attachment 10](#))

Shannon Jones, an opponent, spoke representing the Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas (S.I.L.C.K.). Ms. Jones said that the primary purpose of S.I.L.C.K. is to advocate and promote the civil and human rights of people with disabilities in all aspects of life. This bill, with the language on lines 32-33 on page four, has a strong potential to install an attitudinal barrier that women/minors with disabilities do not have the capability to make informed decisions about their pregnancies. If this legislation were to pass it means a backward step in the recognition of the rights of persons with disabilities. ([Attachment 11](#))

Chair Landwehr closed hearings on HB 2392.

Representative Morrison motioned to approve committee minutes for February 6, 7, 8, 12, and 13. Motion seconded by Representative Neighbor. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20. Next meeting will be March 7 at 1:30 P.M.