

MINUTES OF THE SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Reitz at 9:30 a.m. on February 3, 2009, in Room 446-N of the Capitol. Senator Kultula moved to approve the January 26<sup>th</sup> minutes. Senator Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Noell Memmott, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Melissa Wangemann, Legislative Service Director/General Counsel, KS Association of Counties  
Marjorie Phelps, Director of Re-Entry Program, Department of Corrections  
Phil Perry, Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City  
Eric Stafford, Association of General Contractors  
Chris Wilson, Kansas Building Industry Association  
John Frederico, Home Builders of Greater Kansas City

Others attending:

See attached list.

Melissa Wangemann, Legislative Service Director/General Counsel, KS Association of Counties, explained the purpose of **SB 129** which requires suspension - rather than termination- of medicaid eligibility for persons who are incarcerated in county jails or state correctional facilities ([Attachment 1](#)).

Marjorie Phelps, Director of Re-Entry Program, Department of Corrections, testified in support of **SB 129** addressing the problems caused by delay in reestablishing medicaid eligibility ([Attachment 2](#)).

Additional written testimony for **SB129** was provided by Elizabeth Gillespie, Director, Johnson County Department of Corrections ([Attachment 3](#)), and Michelle Sweeney, Policy Analyst, Association of CMHC's of Kansas. ([Attachment 4](#)).

Phil Perry, Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City, spoke in favor of **SB 91**, an act concerning vesting rights of developers ([Attachment 5](#)).

Eric Stafford, Association of General Contractors, supported **SB 91**. The Associated General Contractors supports legislation which prevents local government from rezoning property once construction has begun. ([Attachment 6](#)). He offered a balloon amendment to **SB 91**.

Chris Wilson, Kansas Building Industry Association, expressed concerns about **SB 91**. First, that the current law has worked well since passage in 1992 and that the bill would create more problems that it would solve. ([Attachment 7](#))

John Frederico, Home Builders of Greater Kansas City, reemphasized that **SB 91** is about "property rights", and encouraged the Committee's support of the bill.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9,2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.