

Approved: January 30, 2007

Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Shultz at 3:30 P.M. on January 25, 2007 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Oletha Faust-Goudeau- excused
Representative Joe Humerickhouse- excused
Representative Brenda Landwehr- excused

Committee staff present:

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office
Sue Fowler, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Julie Hein, Mental Health Credentialing Coalition, Topeka, KS
John Meetz, Kansas Insurance Department, Topeka, KS

Others attending:

See attached list.

Introduction of Bills:

Julie Hein, Mental Health Credentialing Coalition, representing the clinical psychologists and marriage and family therapy counselors introduced a bill to encourage competition among mental health providers and open up the competition and insurance coverage for competitors and mental health providers as well. Representative Dillmore moved for the introduction of the bill. Seconded by Representative Grant. Motion carried.

Hearing on:

HB 2112: Insurance companies; removal of requirement for corporate seal

Melissa, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave an overview of the Fiscal Note for **HB 2112**.

Proponent:

John Meetz, Kansas Insurance Department, (Attachment #1), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2112**.

Hearing closed on **HB 2112**.

Discussion and action on:

HB 2109 Insurance; risk-based capital requirements

Representative Brown moved to place **HB 2109** on the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Representative Kiegerl. Motion carried.

HB 2110 Insurance companies; authorizing merger with health maintenance organizations

Representative Dillmore recommended **HB 2110** be amended by inserting the word “or” between the words company and health on Line 30 of Page 1. Seconded by Representative Grant. Motion carried. Representative Grant recommended **HB 2110** favorable for passage as amended. Seconded by Representative Neighbor. Motion carried.

Representative Wetta will carry the bill.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee at 3:30 P.M. on January 25, 2007 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

Next meeting will be January 31, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.