

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Patricia Barbieri-Lightner at 3:30 p.m. on March 11, 2004 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative Ray Cox- excused

Committee staff present:
Bill Wolff Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Renaë Hansen, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
William Sneed, The State Farm Insurance Companies
Tara Eubanks, State Farm Insurance Companies
Larry Magill, Jr., Kansas Association of Insurance Agents
Jarrod Forbes, Kansas Insurance Department
Scott Brunner, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Natalie G. Haag, Security Benefit Life Insurance Company

Others attending:
17 including but not limited to the attached list.

Hearing on:
SB 311: Insurance policies; issuance in a foreign language.

William Sneed, The State Farm Insurance Companies, (Attachment #1), spoke in favor of **SB 311** that was presented in the house last year and passed committee and the house favorably last year.

Tara Eubanks, State Farm Insurance Companies, (Attachment #2), based on the projected increase of the Hispanic and Asian population believes this **SB 311** is important to providing these Kansans with the best service possible in making what is one of the most important financial decisions for their family.

Questions were posed by: Representatives Stanley Dreher, and David Huff.

Larry Magill, Jr., Kansas Association of Insurance Agents, (Attachment #3), agrees with the intent of **SB311** to offer coverage in a foreign language, but to know it will be interpreted in the English version.

Jarrod Forbes, Kansas Insurance Department, (Attachment #4), **SB 311** furthers the Department of Insurance's objective of educating insurance consumers.

Hearing closed on **SB 311**.

Presentation on:
Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services overview.

Scott Brunner, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Director of Medicaid, (Attachment #5), spoke on the overview of the SRS, including some budget recommendations by the Governor of Kansas, where dollars have gone in the past year, and numbers of individuals receiving specific kinds of care and services offered by the SRS.

Questions were asked by: Representatives Nile Dillmore, Bob Grant, Stanley Dreher, Patricia Barbieri-Lightner, and Scott Schwab.

Hearing on:
SB 342: Insurance; technical amendment to form of certain policies.

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Jarrold Forbes, Kansas Insurance Department, (Attachment #6), talked about the simple changes of **SB 342** from or to and. It will help Kansans get better benefit payments on individual accident and health policies. This change will more accurately reflect an ideal cost of benefits.

Questions were asked by Representative Stanley Dreher.

Natalie G. Haag, Security Benefit Life Insurance Company, (Attachments #7 and #8), explained the amendment that she proposed be added to **SB 342**. It changes specific statutes about who might sign a contract for a company, allowing for someone other than just the president or vice president together with the Corporate Secretary to sign for them.

Hearing Closed on **SB 342**.

The Insurance Department views this amendment as a friendly amendment to **SB 342**.

Representative Mike Burgess moved to amend the presented amendment into **SB 342**, seconded by Representative Scott Schwab, passed unanimously.

It was suggested by Representative Patricia Barbieri-Lightner proposed by the County Treasurers Department with approval by the Insurance Department, that **HB 2852**, on electronic filing, be amended into this bill also.

Representative Mary Kauffman moved to amend **SB342** to include **HB2852**, seconded by Representative Mario Goico, passed unanimously.

Representative Scott Schwab moved to amended the amended **SB 342** as it included **HB 2852**, but grandfather in the electronic verification wording, seconded by Representative Cindy Neighbor, passed unanimously.

Representative Scott Schwab moved to pass out **SB 342** as amended, seconded by Representative Mario Goico, passed unanimously.

Representative Scott Schwab will be carrying this bill to the floor.

Representative Mario Goico moved to pass out **SB 311** favorably to the house floor, seconded by Representative Bob Grant, unanimously passed.

Representative Mary Kaufman will carry this bill to the House floor.

Meeting Adjourned.