

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 March 13, 2007 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Tom Burroughs- excused
Representative Richard Carlson- excused
Representative Jeff Colyer- excused
Representative Bob Grant- 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 Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Lee Wright, Farmer's Group, Overland Park, KS
John Meetz, Kansas Insurance Department, Topeka, KS
Brenda Eddy, Topeka, KS
Tina Schrag, Newton, KS
Michael Hall, Colby, KS
Brenda Lancaster, Overland Park, KS
Bill Fansler, Topeka, KS
Kelly Miguez, Olathe, KS
Judy Sawyer, Kansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Wichita, KS
Ed Rucker, Director of Policy, Disability Rights Center, Topeka, KS
Jeanette Williams, Spring Hill, KS
Larrie Ann Lower, Kansas Association of Health Plans, Topeka, KS
Larry Magill, Kansas Association of Insurance Agents, Topeka, KS

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on:

SB 121 **Insurance; attorney-in-fact and reciprocal insurance company treated as same entity for certain purposes**

Proponents:

Lee Wright, Farmer's Group, Overland Park, KS, (Attachment #1), gave testimony in support of **SB 121**.
John Meetz, Kansas Insurance Department, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #2), presented testimony in support of **SB 121**.

Hearing closed on **SB 121**.

HB 2125 **Insurance; providing coverage for hearing aids**

Interpreter:

Rhoda Smith, Topeka, KS

Proponents:

Brenda Eddy, Citizen, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #3), offered testimony in support of **HB 2125**.
Tina Schrag, Citizen, North Newton, KS, (Attachment #4), gave testimony in support of **HB 2125**.
Michael Hall, Citizen, Colby, KS, (Attachment #5), presented testimony in support of **HB 2125**.
Brenda Lancaster, Citizen, Overland Park, KS, (Attachment #6), offered testimony in support of **HB 2125**.
Bill Fansler, Citizen, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #7), gave testimony in support of **HB 2125**.
Julie Dispenbrock, Citizen, Moundridge, KS, (Attachment #8), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2125**.
Kelly Miguez, Johnson County Mental Health, Olathe, KS, (Attachment #9), offered testimony in support

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of **HB 2125**.

Judy Sawyer, Kansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Wichita, KS, (Attachment #10), gave testimony in support of **HB 2125**.

Ed Rucker, Director of Policy & Disability Rights Center, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #11), presented testimony in support of **HB 2125**.

Jennifer Schwartz, Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #12), provided written testimony in support of **HB 2125**.

Jeanette Williams, Citizen, Spring Hill, KS, (Attachment #13), gave testimony in support of **HB 2125**.

Robert A. Maile, Ph.D, Kansas School of the Deaf, Olathe, KS, (Attachment #14), provided written testimony in support of **HB 2125**.

Opponents:

John Meetz, Kansas Insurance Department, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #15), offered testimony in opposition to **HB 2125**.

Larrie Ann Lower, Kansas Association of Health Plans, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #16), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2125**.

Hearing closed on **HB 2125**.

SB 271 **Insurance; workers compensation rating forms**

Proponents:

Larry Magill, Kansas Association of Insurance Agents, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #17), gave testimony in support of **SB 271**.

John Meetz, Kansas Insurance Department, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #18), offered testimony in support of **SB 271**.

Hearing closed on **SB 271**.

Representative Dillmore made a motion to accept the minutes of March 12, 2007 as written. Seconded by Representative Neighbor. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 3:30 P.M., in Room 527-S.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.