

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hedke at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kasha Kelley – Excused
Representative Rob Bruchman – Excused
Representative Mike Kiegerl – Excused

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department
Patricia Kready, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Rex Buchanan, Interim Director, Kansas Geological Survey
Ryan Hoffman, Director, Conservation Division, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Hedke called the meeting to order. He then introduced his Intern, Blair Loving.

Bill introductions

Gary Mason, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), introduced a tire tax reduction bill.

Rep. Whitmer moved to accept the bill, Rep. Sutton seconded, motion passed.

Gary Mason, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), also introduced an asbestos act revision bill.

Rep. Barton moved to accept the bill, Rep. Whitmer seconded, motion passed.

Update on Seismicity

Rex Buchanan, Interim Director, Kansas Geological Survey (KGS), presented an update on seismicity. [\(Attachment 1\)](#) Director Buchanan stood for questions following his presentation.

Dr. Richard Miller, Research Scientist, Kansas Geological Survey gave a brief on Kansas Earthquake

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Activity in 2015. Following this, Dr. Miller stood for questions.

Ryan Hoffman, Director, Conservation Division, Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) gave an update on seismicity. ([Attachment 2](#)) Following his presentation, Director Hoffman stood for questions.

Chairman Hedke announced the next meeting would be Monday, January 25 with an Update of the Energy Industry in Kansas, to include Oil & Gas, Wind Energy and Ethanol. Wednesday, January 27 meeting will be a hearing on **SB246 - Exempting certain state leases from energy audit requirements.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am.