

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Troy Waymaster at 1:30 pm on Friday, February 13, 2015, 218-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Pete DeGraaf – Excused

Representative Harold Lane – Excused

Committee staff present:

LaVerne Engelhardt, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Mark Dapp, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Stephanie Clayton

Kent Cornish, Kansas Association of Broadcasters

Mark Dugan, Mainstream Coalition

Jim Miller, Legislative Office of Information Services

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2148 — Kansas transparency act.

Chairman Waymaster opened the hearing on **HB 2148** on Friday, February 13, 2015 at 1 :30 p.m. . Jill Wolters, staff revisor, reviewed the bill and the fiscal note. ([Attachment 1](#))

Rep. Clayton testified in support of **HB 2148** stating that Kansas should be a leader in bringing the government to the people. ([Attachment 2](#))

Rep. Hineman provided comments in support of **HB 2148** stating that committees were where the decision making takes place. The constituents who sent us here should be able to hear us in action even though many of them do not have the opportunity to attend a committee meeting in person. ([Attachment 3](#))

Ken Cornish, President of the Kansas Association of Broadcasters, spoke as a proponent of **HB 2148**. He stated that the Kansas Association of Broadcasters served as a conduit between citizens and the legislature. This **HB 2148** is an option to open the transparency and respect the budget process. ([Attachment 4](#))

Mark Dugan from the Mainstream coalition spoke as a proponent from a nonpartisan organization. **HB 2148** is a strong bill for greater transparency, and it would help everyone make better decisions since most substantive information happens in committees. This bill is definitely a step in the right direction. ([Attachment 5](#))

Jim Miller provided neutral testimony outlining the costs of installation and implementation of

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preparing four committee rooms for streaming live audio feed. ([Attachment 6](#))

Written testimony in support of **HB 2148** was submitted by:

Representative Brett Hildabrand ([Attachment 7](#))

Susie Rawlings, interested citizen ([Attachment 8](#))

Bob Weeks, Voice for Liberty ([Attachment 9](#))

Judith Deedy, Executive Director, Game On for Kansas Schools ([Attachment 10](#))

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.