

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Barker at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department
Robert Allison-Gallimore, Legislative Research Department
Katherine Goyette, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Connie Bahner, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Bill Kerr, City of Wichita
Ronald Nelson
Milfred Dale, Ph.D.
Mark Gleeson, Office of Judicial Administration
Sky Westerlund, Kansas Chapter, National Association of Social Workers
Sara Rust-Martin, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
Chris Brown

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Chairperson Barker opened the floor for bill introductions.

Representative John Rubin introduced a conceptual bill relating to citizen grand juries. The bill was accepted.

Representative Barbara Bollier introduced a conceptual bill relating to gun violence restraining orders. The bill was accepted.

Representative Blaine Finch introduced a bill for Representative Tom Phillips relating to immunity for underage drinkers when calling for emergency assistance for another underage person. The bill was accepted.

Chairperson Barker asked the committee to review the minutes of January 13 and 14, 2015 so that they can be approved tomorrow.

Hearing on: HB2040 — Amending which convictions are counted for driving while license is canceled, suspended or revoked.

Chairperson Barker opened the hearing on **HB2040**. An overview was given by Katherine Goyette,

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Office of Revisor of Statutes. Questions were asked by Representatives John Carmichael, Becky Hutchins and Dennis Highberger.

Chairperson Barker then recognized Bill Kerr, Wichita Municipal Court Judge. Judge Kerr gave testimony as a proponent of **HB2040** ([Attachment 1](#)). Questions were directed to Judge Kerr by Representatives Charles Macheers, John Carmichael, and Chairperson Barker.

Chairperson Barker closed the hearing on **HB2040** after seeing that there were no further proponents and no opponents to the bill.

Hearing on: HB2039 — Domestic case management.

Chairperson Barker opened the hearing on **HB2039**. Katherine Goyette, Office of Revisor of Statutes, presented an overview of the bill.

Ronald Nelson, an attorney from Johnson County, Kansas, presented testimony as a proponent of **HB2039** ([Attachment 2](#)).

Wilfred "Bud" Dale, Ph.D., presented testimony as a proponent ([Attachment 3](#)). Representative Annie Kuether had a question for Dr. Dale.

Chairperson Barker directed the committee's attention to the written proponent testimony of Larry Rute ([Attachment 4](#)) on **HB2039**.

Mark Gleeson, Office of Judicial Administration, presented testimony as a neutral on **HB2039** ([Attachment 5](#)). Questions were directed to him by Chairperson Barker and Representatives Jim Ward, Leslie Osterman, John Whitmer, and John Carmichael.

Sky Westerlund provided neutral testimony on **HB2039** ([Attachment 6](#)). Questions were asked by Representatives Stephen Becker and Randy Powell.

Sara Rust-Martin of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence provided neutral testimony ([Attachment 7](#)). Questions were directed to Ms. Rust-Martin by Representatives Charles Macheers, John Carmichael, Erin Davis, Leslie Osterman, and James Todd. Representative Leslie Osterman asked Ms. Rust-Martin to provide information showing what other states require domestic violence training as a part of their statutes.

There were no further neutral conferees.

Chairperson Barker recognized Chris Brown as an opponent of **HB2039** ([Attachment 8](#)).

Chairperson Barker advised the committee that there was written opponent testimony from Engin

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Sabuncu ([Attachment 9](#)) and Kansans Against Judicial Social Experiments ([Attachment 10](#)).

Chairperson Barker closed the hearing on **HB2039**.

Chairperson Barker advised the committee that no bills would be worked on January 29, 2015. He will try to give the committee a list of the bills he intends to work next week and the days each bill will be worked.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on January 29, 2015.