

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Barker at 3:30 pm on Thursday, March 03, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Annie Kuether – Excused
Representative Mark Kahrs – Excused

Committee staff present:

Robert Gallimore, Legislative Research Department
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jenna Seematter, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department
Connie Bahner, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Hon. William Woolley, Kansas District Judges Association
Hon. Taylor Wine, Kansas District Magistrate Judges Association
Hon. Steve Hornbaker
Amanda Truan, Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators
Stephanie Bunten, Office of Judicial Administration
Katherine Stocks, 10th Judicial District Court Administrator
Stephanie Springer, Kansas Association of Court Services Officers
Dylan Dear, Fiscal Analyst

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2704 — Judicial branch, salaries of judges and justices; making and concerning appropriations for fiscal year 2017.

Chairperson Barker opened the hearing on **HB2704**. Jason Thompson provided an overview of the bill.

Representative Janice Pauls requested a briefing by the fiscal staff, which was allowed by the Chair. Dylan Dear, Fiscal Analyst, gave a briefing regarding judicial salaries ([Attachment 1](#)). Questions were asked by Representatives John Whitmer and Craig McPherson.

Chairperson Barker recognized Judge William Woolley, on behalf of the Kansas District Judges Association, as a proponent of **HB2704** ([Attachment 2](#)). Questions were asked by Representatives John Whitmer and Craig McPherson.

Judge Taylor Wine then testified as a proponent on behalf of the Kansas District Magistrate Judges Association ([Attachment 3](#)).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Chairperson Barker then recognized Judge Steve Hornbaker as a proponent of **HB2704** ([Attachment 4](#)).

Amanda Truan testified as a proponent on behalf of the Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators ([Attachment 5](#)). Comments were made by Representatives John Carmichael and Blake Carpenter, and a question was asked by Representative Leslie Osterman.

Katherine Stocks, Tenth Judicial District Court Administrator, testified as a proponent of **HB2704** ([Attachment 6](#)).

Stephanie Springer testified as a proponent on behalf of the Kansas Association of Court Services Officers ([Attachment 7](#)).

Chairperson Barker recognized Stephanie Bunten, who testified as a proponent of the bill on behalf of the Office of Judicial Administration ([Attachment 8](#)). Questions were asked by Representatives James Todd, Kyle Hoffman, John Carmichael, Charles Macheers, Randy Powell, Leslie Osterman, and Jim Ward.

Chairperson Barker advised the Committee that there was written proponent testimony from Nathan Leadstrom, on behalf of the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel ([Attachment 9](#)); Joe Molina for the Kansas Bar Association ([Attachment 10](#)); Richard James ([Attachment 11](#)); and Callie Denton for the Kansas Association for Justice ([Attachment 12](#)).

Chairperson Barker closed the hearing on **HB2704**.

There being no further business, Chairperson Barker adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.