

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marvin KleeB at 3:31pm on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kasha Kelley – Excused

Representative Tom Sawyer – Excused

Committee staff present:

Phyllis Fast, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department

Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Arlen Siegfried, Board of Tax Appeals

David Pierce, Washburn University Professor of Oil & Gas Law

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Representative Louis Ruiz substituted for Ranking Minority Member Representative Tom Sawyer.

Hearing on: HB2240 — Removing prohibition against board of tax appeals employees serving as hearing officers.

Chairman KleeB opened a hearing on **HB2240**.

Chuck Reimer briefed the Committee on **HB2240** concerning hearing officers and small claims. He stood for questions.

Arlen Siegfried presented testimony in support of **HB2240** by explaining the "provision pertaining to the use of staff as small claims hearing officers". He stood for questions. ([Attachment 1](#))

No testimony neutral for or in opposition to **HB2240** was presented.

When all questions from the Committee were answered, Chairman KleeB closed the hearing on **HB2240**.

Hearing on: HB2179 — Property taxation; recording of mineral interests.

Chairman KleeB opened a hearing on **HB2179**.

Chuck Reimer briefed the Committee on **HB2179** by explaining the effects of the bill. He stood for questions.

David Pierce presented testimony in support of **HB2179** by explaining how the bill will "prevent the

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harsh remedy of taking property away from the true owner because they failed to record promptly". He stood for questions. ([Attachment 2](#))

No testimony neutral for **HB2179** was presented.

Written only testimony in opposition to **HB2179** was presented by Erick Nordling, Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association ([Attachment 3](#)); and Randy Barbour, Kansas Land Title Association ([Attachment 4](#)).

When all questions from the Committee were answered, Chairman Kleeb closed the hearing on **HB2179**.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.