

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marvin KleeB at 3:33pm on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Henry Helgersen – Excused
Representative John Edmonds – Excused

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department
Phyllis Fast, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Scott Drenkard, Tax Foundation, Washington D.C.
R.L. Kreutzer, Tatro Plumbing, Garden City
Peggy Johnson, Financial Advisor, Lawrence
Ashley Jones-Wisner, KC Healthy Kids
Judy Storandt, Kids Need to Eat, Butler County
Hale Ritchie, Ritchie Construction, Wichita
James Zacura, Overland Park Resident
Trace Walker, Blue Beacon, Salina
Doug Albin, CPA, Wakeeney
Michael Smallwood, Locksmith, KC
Senator Jim Denning, District 8
Andrea Krauss, CPA, Kansas
Bob Meyer, Financial Advisor, Overland Park
Malinda Boeken, Kansas Farmer
Jerry Marsh, Ellsworth Teacher
Karen Siebert, Harvestors, KC-Topeka
Lona Duvall, Finney County Economic Development Corporation
Jim Eschrich, Eschrich Research
Jeremy Hill, WSU Economist
Gary Dennet, Pittsburg Resident
Howard Partington, Great Bend Resident
Representative Adam Lusker, District 2
Senator Jeff King, District 15
Denis Miller, CPA, Phillipsburg
Nick Jordan, Secretary Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR)
Michael Austin, KDOR

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Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Kleeb opened a hearing on **HB2444**.

Hearing on: HB2444 — Eliminating the business non-wage income tax exemption and reducing the sales tax rate on food.

Scott Wells briefed the Committee on **HB2444**. He stood for questions.

The following presented testimony to the Committee in support of **HB2444**. Each conferee stood for questions.

Scott Drenkard ([Attachment 1](#))

R.L. Kreutzer ([Attachment 2](#))

Peggy Johnson ([Attachment 3](#))

Ashley Jones Wisner ([Attachment 4](#))

Judy Storandt ([Attachment 5](#))

Hale Ritchie ([Attachment 6](#))

James Zacura ([Attachment 7](#))

Trace Walker ([Attachment 8](#))

Doug Albin ([Attachment 9](#))

Michael Smallwood, on behalf of Daniel Silva ([Attachment 10](#))

Senator Jim Denning ([Attachment 11](#))

Andrea Krauss ([Attachment 12](#))

Bob Meyer ([Attachment 13](#))

Melinda Boeken ([Attachment 14](#))

Jerry Marsh ([Attachment 15](#))

Karen Siebert on behalf of Kathryn Nicholson-Watson ([Attachment 16](#))

Lona Duvall ([Attachment 17](#))

Jim Eschrich ([Attachment 18](#))

Jeremy Hill ([Attachment 19](#))

Gerry Dennet ([Attachment 20](#))

Howard Partington ([Attachment 21](#))

Representative Adam Lusker ([Attachment 22](#))

Senator Jeff King ([Attachment 23](#))

Denis Miller ([Attachment 24](#))

Written only testimony in support of **HB2444** was presented to the Committee by:

Ashley Sherard, Lenexa Chamber of Commerce ([Attachment 25](#))

Kenneth Harshberger, Meade Farmer ([Attachment 26](#))

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Tom Robinett, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce ([Attachment 27](#))
Barry Downing, Northrock, Wichita ([Attachment 28](#))
Natalie Fullerton, Kansas Rural Center ([Attachment 29](#))
Brian Hansen, Dustrol, Towanda ([Attachment 30](#))
Ronald Vignery ([Attachment 31](#))
Sarah Faltico, Cultivate, KC ([Attachment 32](#))
Emily Brown, Food Equality Initiative, KC ([Attachment 33](#))
Rebekah Gaston, Kansas Appleseed, Lawrence ([Attachment 34](#))
Jim Holland, Fisher Phillips Law, Leawood ([Attachment 35](#))
Kevin Walker, American Heart & Stroke, Assn. ([Attachment 36](#))
Carol Gilmore, KSAND, Olathe ([Attachment 37](#))
John Golden, Goodland resident ([Attachment 38](#))
LeEtta Felter, Olathe resident ([Attachment 39](#))
Lon Pishny, Pishny Financial Services, Garden City ([Attachment 40](#))
Brenda Henry, Atwood resident ([Attachment 41](#))
Marge Ahrens, League of Women Voters of Kansas ([Attachment 42](#))
Keith Shuttleworth, Shuttleworth Law Firm, Overland Park ([Attachment 43](#))
Tim McKee, Olathe Chamber of Commerce ([Attachment 44](#))

Nick Jordan and Michael Austin presented testimony to the Committee neutral to **HB2444**.
([Attachment 45](#)) Each conferee stood for questions.

When all questions from the Committee were answered, Chairman Kleeb closed the hearing on **HB2444**.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.