

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Pilcher-Cook at 1:35pm on Monday, March 16, 2015, 118-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Michael O'Donnell – Excused

Senator David Haley – Absent

Committee staff present:

Iraida Orr, Legislative Research Department

Randi Walters, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Whitney Howard, Legislative Research Department

Renae Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dr. Barbara Carr, Neonatologist, Pediatrix Medical Group, Saint Luke's Hospital

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook briefed the committee on the reason she sent each committee member a copy of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation "*Methamphetamine Recommendation Report for Calendar Year 2014.*"

Hearing on: HB2149 — Relating to donor human breast milk.

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook opened the hearing on **HB2149**. Renae Jefferies, staff revisor, reviewed the bill.

Dr. Barbara Carr, Pediatrix Medical Group, Saint Luke's Hospital, testified in support of **HB2149**. Dr. Carr stated that **HB2149** would allow hospitals to be reimbursed for providing medically prescribed donor human milk (DHM) to critically ill infants who are under three months of age and receiving treatment in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of a hospital. Dr. Carr indicated that many infants do not have access to this recommended therapy as DHM is often seen as a nutritional supplement by third party payers. ([Attachment 1](#))

After all questions by the committee were addressed, Chairperson Pilcher-Cook closed the hearing on **HB2149**.

Informational hearing:

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook opened the informational hearing on **SB39--Updating statutory references and making corresponding changes due to 2012 E.R.O. No. 41**. The Chair stated that this is a bill that was heard in the Judiciary Committee that she would like for the committee to be able to consider. Renae Jefferies reviewed the bill.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare at 1:35pm on Monday, March 16, 2015, 118-N of the Capitol.

Written testimony in support of **SB39** was submitted by:

Lea Taylor, Assistant Secretary, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services ([Attachment 2](#))

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook stated she is considering taking the contents of **SB39** and amending it into **HB2043--Secretary for aging and disability services, criminal history record information**. Renae Jefferies reviewed **HB2043**.

*Senator Kelly moved, Senator Holmes seconded, to remove the contents of **SB39** in its entirety and insert the contents into **HB2043**. Motion carried.*

*Senator Kelly moved, Senator LaTurner seconded, to create **S Sub for HB2043** and recommend favorably for passage. Motion carried.*

Possible action on bills previously heard

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook made an announcement that any day the committee could be working bills that were previously heard.

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2015.