

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on February 28, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department  
Mr. Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes  
Ms. Rebecca Zapick, Intern for Senator Barnett  
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ms. Maggie Macantire, Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office

Others attending: See attached guest list.

**Hearing on SB 305 - Required testing for hepatitis B to persons charged with certain offenses**

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle requested that Ms. Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department, give a brief overview of SB 305 for the Committee. Part of Ms. Correll's overview included: the key being judication, referred to page one of the bill stating that it applies to juveniles, page 2 refers to AIDS testing and adding Hepatitis B to the test results, and on page 4, the statute amended for this section only.

Chairperson Wagle then asked if the Committee had questions or comments of Ms. Correll. Senators Jordan and Praeger were concerned about a physical note and if the cost was reasonably recovered.

The Chair then introduced Ms. Maggie Macantire from the Sedgwick County District Attorney's office who gave her employment history and stated that there are certain gaps in protection afforded under statutes 38-1692, 65-6009, but that SB 305 seeks to fill these gaps by allowing a clearly designated funding source along with the possibility for the defendant to ultimately bear the cost of such testing and victim counseling. A copy of her written testimony is (Attachment #1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

As there were no opponent or neutral testimonies, Chairperson Wagle asked if the Committee had questions or comments. Senators Jordan, Wagle, Barnett, Praeger, Salmans, and Barnett, and Ms. Correll asked questions of Ms. Macantire ranging from testing done on the victim, HB 2127, overkill on suggested language, how effective is the Hepatitis B vaccine, redundancy concerning Hepatitis C, testing the victim, to who pays.

Senator Jordan thought it wise to wait for the Fiscal Note for budgeting purposes. Chairperson Wagle was in agreement as was the rest of the Committee. The Chair said that she looked at House bills the committee had received and felt that they should be able to work with no extra meetings.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business, and with none coming forth, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held March 5, in the regular meeting room at 1:30 p.m.