

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Shultz at 3:30 P.M. on February 15, 2005 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Faber- excused

Committee staff present:

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes Office

Sue Fowler, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jarrold Forbes, Topeka, KS

Brad Smoot, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City, Topeka, KS

Craig Shultz, Wichita, KS

Bill Sneed, Topeka, KS

Dave Hanson, Topeka, KS

Paul Olde, Olathe KS

Mick Murphy, Olathe, KS

Eric Blasdel, Wichita, KS

Jeff Chalk, Shawnee, KS

Representative Eric Carter, Overland, KS

Representative Candy Ruff, Leavenworth, KS

Russ Peterson, Overland Park, KS

Linda Berndt, Topeka, KS

Kevin Fowler, Topeka, KS

Rodney Whittington, Russell, KS

Larry Magill, Topeka, KS

Becca Vaughn, Topeka, KS

Pamela Johnson-Betts, Topeka, KS

Margaret Farley, Lawrence, KS

Ernie Kutzley, Topeka, KS

Kirk Lowry, Topeka, KS

Bill Sneed, Topeka, KS

Brad Smoot, Topeka, KS

Larrie Annn Lower, Topeka, KS

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on:

**HB 2203: Medical and hospital service corporations; termination of coverage for cause approved by commissioner of insurance.**

Proponents:

Jarrold Forbes, Kansas State Insurance Department, (Attachment #1), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2203**.

Brad Smoot, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City, (Attachment #2), presented testimony in support of **HB 2203**.

Hearing was closed on **HB 2203**.

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Hearing on:

Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave a brief overview of **HB 2305**.

**HB 2305**: **Allowing an uninsured motorist claim to the extent the coverage exceeds the limits of the amount of liability proceeds actually available to an injured insured.**

Proponent:

Craig Shultz, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, (Attachment #3), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2305**.

Opponents:

Bill Sneed, State Farm, (Attachment #4), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2305**.

Dave Hanson, Kansas Association of Property and Casualty Insurance Companies, (Attachment #5), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2305**.

Rick Wilborn, Farmers Alliance, (Attachment #6), presented written testimony in opposition to **HB 2305**.

Hearing was closed on **HB 2305**.

Hearing on:

**HB 2039**: **Workers compensation, exemption for certain supports officials working for nonprofit organizations.**

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave a brief overview of **HB 2039**.

Proponents:

Representative Eric Carter, 48<sup>th</sup> District, (Attachment #7), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2039**.

Paul Olde, Olathe Youth Baseball, (Attachment #8), presented testimony in support of **HB 2039**.

Eric Blasdel, Westurban Baseball, (Attachment #9), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2039**.

Jeff Chalk, The 3 & 2 Baseball Club of Johnson County, Inc., (Attachment #10), gave testimony in support of **HB 2039**.

Opponents:

Representative L. Candy Ruff, 40<sup>th</sup> District, (Attachment #11), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2039**.

Russ Peterson, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, (Attachment #12), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2039**.

Hearing was closed on **HB 2039**.

Hearing on:

**HB 2241**: **Adult care homes; risk assessment plans; prohibited use of inspection reports.**

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave a brief overview of **HB 2241**.

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Proponents:

Linda Berndt, Kansas Health Care Association, (Attachment #13), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2241**.

Kevin Fowler, Kansas Health Care Association, (Attachment #14), gave testimony in support of **HB 2241**.

Rodney Whittington, Wheatland Nursing Facility, (Attachment #15), gave testimony in support of **HB 2241**.

Larry Magill, Kansas Association of Insurance Agents, (Attachment #16), gave testimony in support of **HB 2241**.

John Sheridan, eHealth Data Solutions, (Attachment #17), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2241**.

Opponents:

Becca Vaughn, The Topeka Independent Living Resource Center, (Attachment #18), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2241**.

Pamela Johnson-Betts, State Department on Aging, (Attachment #19), appeared before the committee in opposition to **HB 2241**.

Margaret Farley, Kansas Trial Lawyers, (Attachment #20), appeared before the committee in opposition to **HB 2241**.

Ernie Kutzley, AARP, (Attachment #21), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2241**.

Kirk Lowry, Disability Rights Center, (Attachment #22), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2241**.

Deanne Bacco, Kansas Advocates for Better Care, (Attachment #23), presented written testimony to the committee in opposition to **HB 2241**.

Hearing was closed on **HB 2241**.

Hearing on:

**HB 2357**: **Establish a self audit program for insurance.**

Proponents:

Bill Sneed, State Farm, (Attachment #24), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2357**.

Brad Smoot, American Insurance Association, (Attachment #25), presented testimony in support of **HB 2357**.

Larrie Ann Lower, Kansas Association of Health Plans, (Attachment #26), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2357**.

Representative Eric Carter, 48<sup>th</sup> District, (Attachment #27), presented testimony in support of **HB 2357**.

Hearing was closed on **HB 2357**.

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 17, 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.