

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Barnett at 2:35pm on May 7, 2009, AT THE RAIL of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jeff Colyer- absent
Senator David Haley- absent
Senator Laura Kelly- absent
Senator Vicki Schmidt- absent

Committee staff present:

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Kelly Navinsky-Wenzl, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jan Lunn, Committee Assistant

Senator Barnett briefed those attending on **HB 2366 - All-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) program**. This bill was passed through the house and referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee on March 24, 2009. **HB 2366** deals with all inclusive care for elderly through the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program whose goal is to keep individuals living independently in the community as long as possible (Attachment 1). This bill would exempt federally certified PACE programs in the Medicare/Medicaid program from the licensing requirement as a home health agency. This would eliminate unnecessary duplicative licensure costs.

Following brief discussion, Senator Kelsey moved the bill favorably for passage by the Senate. Senator Pilcher-Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39pm.