

Approved:  
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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Praeger at 9:30 a.m. on February 26, 2002 in Room 234 N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Dr. Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
JoAnn Bunten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

### **Overview of Utilization Review Statutes and Regulations**

Dr. Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department, briefed the Committee on utilization review statutes, regulations and information compiled by the Kansas Insurance Department. (Attachment 1)

During Committee discussion on the utilization review process, representatives from the Kansas Insurance Department, Richard Huncker and Julie Gonzales, contributed to the discussion on information related to the Utilization Review Advisory Committee. It was noted there currently are 167 utilization review organizations certified in the state that have URAC accreditation. Larry Pitman, Kansas Foundation for Medical Care and a member of URAC, explained the screened criteria and appeal process used for utilization review. The Chair requested the Utilization Review Advisory Committee convene and review the recommendations that had been made and report back to Committee or recommend an interim study on the process.

### **Discussion and Action on SB 586 - Long-term Care Insurance - restrictions on elimination period**

During Committee discussion on **SB 586** the Chair called the Committee's attention to the need to amend a drafting error on page 1, line 25 of the bill, so that "100" would read "365" days. Senator Teichman made a motion to change "100" to "365" days on page 1, line 25 of the bill, and that the Committee recommend SB 586 as amended favorable for passage, seconded by Senator Barnett. The motion carried.

### **Discussion and Action on SB 420 - Health care provider insurance availability act; certain health care providers**

Senator Feleciano called the Committee's attention to a letter from J. Greg Kite dated February 22, 2002, that was delivered to each Committee member at their statehouse office regarding **SB 420**.

Senator Feleciano made a motion that the Committee recommend SB 420 favorable for passage, seconded by Senator Steineger. The motion failed.

Senator Feleciano and Senator Steineger requested their "Yes" vote be recorded.

### **Approval of Committee Minutes**

Senator Teichman made a motion to approve the Committee minutes of February 19, 20, 21, 2002, seconded by Senator Steineger. The motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

## CONTINUATION SHEET