

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Shultz at 3:30 P.M. on March 13, 2008 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Tom Burroughs- excused

Committee staff present:

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office

Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes Office

Sue Fowler, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator James Barnett, District #17

Representative Delia Garcia, District #103

Representative Dale Swenson, District #97

James J. Hamilton, Jr., MD, Tallgrass General & Vascular Surgery

Justin Cessna, Self

Andy Allison, Kansas Health Policy Authority

Ron Gaches, Kansas Association of Financial Services

John Meetz, Kansas Insurance Department

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on:

**SB 511 Study on bariatric surgery by the Kansas Health Policy Authority; necessity and effect of bariatric surgery for morbidly obese, impact on health insurance and cost**

Proponents:

Senator James Barnett, District #17, (Attachment #1), presented testimony before the committee in support of **SB 511**.

Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research Department, provided a brief overview on **SB 511**.

Representative Delia Garcia, District #103, (Attachment #2), gave testimony before the committee in support of **SB 511**.

Representative Dale Swenson, District #97, (Attachment #3), appeared before the committee in support of **SB 511**.

James J. Hamilton, Jr., MD, Tallgrass General & Vascular Surgery, (Attachment #4), presented testimony before the committee in support of **SB 511**.

Justin Cessna, Self, (Attachment #5), gave testimony before the committee in support of **SB 511**.

Cynthia Smith, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System, (Attachment #6), presented written testimony in support of **SB 511**.

Larrie Ann Lower, Kansas Association of Health Plans, (Attachment #7), presented written testimony in support of **SB 511**.

Neutral:

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Andy Allison, Kansas Health Policy Authority, (Attachment #8), appeared before the committee as neutral to **SB 511**.

Hearing closed on **SB 511**.

Hearing on:

**SB 561**      **Removal of maximum coverage limitation on creditor/debtor group life insurance**

Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research Department, provided a brief overview on **SB 561**.

Proponents:

Ron Gaches, Kansas Association of Financial Services, (Attachment #9), presented testimony before the committee in support of **SB 561**.

John Meetz, Kansas Insurance Department, (Attachment #10), gave testimony before the committee in support of **SB 561**.

Hearing closed on **SB 561**.

Representative Grant moved without objection to accept the minutes of March 12, 2008.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 18, 2008, 3:30 PM, in room 527-S.

Meeting adjourned.