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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Alicia Salisbury at 8:00 a.m. on March 22, 1993 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Members present: Senators Burke, Downey, Feleciano, Jr., Gooch, Harris, Hensley, Petty, Reynolds, Steffes and Vidricksen

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes
Mary Jane Holt, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: George Welch, State Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund
George D. Vega, Commissioner, Mental Health and Retardation Services, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Others attending: See attached list

Hearing and possible action on SB 307, Workplace health & safety program under state workers compensation self-insurance fund

George Welch, State Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund, testified some state agencies have small safety programs that are staffed, but there is no general safety program for all state employees. The Department of Administration, for example, has no safety program. Some experts say you can cut your work comp costs by 30% in the first year. This would save the state self-insurance fund \$4 million. In FY 1992, 6,127 accidents were reported by state employees. The cost of the claims was \$12,600,000. If **SB 307** passes, he has developed a model safety program planned that would fit any agency.

The Chairman reported the fiscal note for FY 1994, supplied by the Director of the Budget, would increase expenditures from the self-insurance fund by \$228,269 above the amounts included in the FY 1994 Governor's Budget Report, as amended. The Department of Administration also believes that a successful safety program could reduce state expenditures for workers compensation claims from \$15.8 million to \$11.1 million annually.

George D. Vega, Commissioner, Mental Health and Retardation Services, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, submitted injury data from Mental Retardation Institutions and Youth Centers, see Attachment 1. He testified in support of **SB 307**.

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **SB 307** was closed.

A motion was made by Senator Petty and seconded by Senator Burke to report **SB 307** favorably for passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

The committee meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on adjournment of the Senate for a hearing on **SB 421**--Certain city redevelopment projects, special obligation and tax increment bond financing, in room 254-E.

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Appendix A

Kansas Neurological Institute Injury Data

Fiscal Year 1991

Type	Number	%	Costs
<u>Aggression</u>			
Struck by Person	125	32.38%	\$ 97,330.89
Struck by Object	44	11.40	11,885.52
Pushing or Pulling	16	4.15	7,629.05
Caught In, On, Between	3	.78	4,052.06
Struck Against Object	17	4.40	3,275.35
Human Bite or Scratch	16	4.15	2,415.12
Total	221	57.26%	\$126,587.99
<u>Lifting/Bending/Twisting</u>			
Lifting	68	17.62%	\$139,741.80
Bending or Twisting	24	6.22	105,695.34
Total	92	23.84%	\$245,437.14
<u>Accidental</u>			
Slip or Fall Inside	39	10.10%	\$121,422.88
Unknown Cause/Unclassified	13	3.36	89,605.80
Slip or Fall Outside	9	2.33	21,515.27
Ingestion of Chemical	1	.26	543.43
Penetration of Foreign Object Through Skin	1	.26	418.24
Electric Shock	1	.26	81.60
Exposure to Noxious Weed	1	.26	68.09
Insect Bite	2	.52	35.78
Chemical Spill on Skin/Eye	1	.26	19.18
Total	68	17.61%	\$233,710.27
<u>Medical</u>			
Exposure to Infectious Disease	1	.26%	\$ 673.33
Repetitious Use	4	1.04	378.94
Total	5	1.30%	\$ 1,052.27
Grand Total	386	100.00%	\$606,787.67
Average Cost/Claim: \$1,571.99			

SOURCE: Statistical Claim Report (1992)
 State Self Insurance Fund
 Division of Personnel Services
 Department of Administration
 Appendix B

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Injuries at MHRS Institutions and Youth Centers
FY 1991

Cause of Injury	KNI	LSH	OSH	PSH	RMHF	TSH	WSH	YCAA	YCAB	YCAT	Total	of Total
Ingestion/inhalation of chemical	1			1		1					3	.18%
Chemical spill on skin or eye	1	1	2	3		3	6				16	.94%
Foreign body in eye		1	2	1		2	4			1	11	.65%
Penetration foreign body thru skin	1			2							3	.18%
Electric shock	1						1				2	.12%
Exposure to noxious weed	1		1								2	.12%
Exposure to dust				1						1	2	.12%
Repetitive use	1		1	1		2	1			1	7	.41%
Horseplay							1				1	.06%
Insect bite	2			1							3	.18%
Caught in, on or between	3			3	1		2			1	10	.59%
Exposure to infection	4		1		2		2				9	.53%
Not otherwise classified	6	4	1	4		4	6	1		1	27	1.59%
Unknown cause	7	6	1			1	4			2	21	1.24%
Slip or fall outside	9	21	10	10	1	13	15	2	1	3	85	5.00%
Human bite or scratch	16	4	3	8	1	8	36		2		78	4.59%
Pushing or pulling	16	12	4	20		5	24		1	3	85	5.00%
Struck against object	17	25	6	12	1	11	38	2	2	4	118	6.94%
Bending or twisting	24	32	12	10		21	30		1	5	135	7.94%
Slip or fall inside	39	37	21	21		12	51		1	5	187	11.00%
Struck by object	44	27	12	15		7	34	3	1	3	146	8.59%
Lifting	68	24	7	15	2	14	144	2		5	281	16.54%
Struck by a person	125	70	38	69	2	44	101	5	4	9	467	27.49%
Total	386	264	122	197	10	148	500	15	13	44	1,699	100.00%

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Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
 JOB INJURY RATE FOR DIRECT CARE STAFF
 FY 1992

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Agency No.</u>	<u>No. of Injuries</u>	<u>No, of Direct Care Positions</u>	<u>Injury Rate</u>
Winfield State Hospital & Trg. Ctr.	713	341	585	58.3%
Kansas Neurological Institute	363	247	498	49.6%
Parsons State Hospital & Trg. Ctr.	507	126	394	32.0%
Larned State Hospital	410	53	202	26.2%
Larned State Hospital, Security	410	63	184	34.2%
Total LSH	410	116	386	30.1%
Topeka State Hospital	664	91	334	27.2%
Osawatomie State Hospital	494	59	265	22.2%
Rainbow Mental Health Facility	555	6	73	8.2%
Youth Center at Topeka	319	11	134	8.2%
Youth Center at Atchison	355	13	83	15.7%
Youth Center at Beloit	325	4	52	7.7%
Youth Center at Larned	410	3	37	8.1%
Average Overall Injury Rate		1,017	2,841	35.8%

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Kansas Neurological Institute Injury Data

Fiscal Year 1990

Type	Number	%	Costs
<u>Aggression</u>			
Struck by Person	105	28.77%	\$ 27,752.81
Struck by Object	31	8.49	54,053.83
Pushing or Pulling	19	5.21	56,565.48
Caught In, On, Between	1	.27	19.12
Struck Against Object	23	6.30	15,243.23
Human Bite or Scratch	11	3.01	1,295.55
Total	190	52.05%	\$154,930.02
<u>Lifting/Bending/Twisting</u>			
Lifting	92	25.21%	\$362,606.00
Bending or Twisting	22	6.03	11,360.70
Total	114	31.24%	\$373,966.70
<u>Accidental</u>			
Slip or Fall Inside	31	8.49%	\$107,833.94
Unknown Cause/Unclassified	6	1.65	15,819.75
Slip or Fall Outside	15	4.11	49,803.67
Motor Vehicle	2	.55	227.40
Exposure to Noxious Weed	1	.27	48.50
Insect Bite	1	.27	27.18
Chemical Spill on Skin/Eye	2	.55	104.00
Total	58	15.89%	\$173,864.44
<u>Medical</u>			
Exposure to Infectious Disease	1	.27%	\$ 759.76
Repetitious Use	2	.55	168.85
Total	3	.82	\$ 928.61
Grand Total	365	100.00%	\$703,689.77
Average Cost/Claim: \$1,927.92			

SOURCE: Statistical Claim Report (1992)
 State Self Insurance Fund
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Appendix C

Kansas Neurological Institute Injury Data

Fiscal Year 1989

Type	Number	%	Costs
<u>Aggression</u>			
Struck by Person	121	28.40%	\$116,712.84
Struck by Object	29	6.81	13,028.30
Pushing or Pulling	25	5.87	53,196.81
Caught In, On, Between	6	1.41	506.60
Struck Against Object	41	9.62	18,733.85
Human Bite or Scratch	22	5.16	47,268.33
Total	244	57.27%	\$250,046.73
<u>Lifting/Bending/Twisting</u>			
Lifting	102	23.94%	\$248,521.59
Bending or Twisting	12	2.82	6,537.75
Total	114	26.76%	\$255,059.34
<u>Accidental</u>			
Fire	1	.23%	\$ 15.00
Slip or Fall Inside	32	7.51	93,664.30
Unknown Cause/Unclassified	2	.47	4,564.88
Slip or Fall Outside	8	1.88	34,870.83
Motor Vehicle	2	.47	25,119.74
Exposure to Noxious Weed	1	.23	31.00
Insect Bite	3	.70	78.71
Chemical Spill on Skin/Eye	4	.94	130.39
Total	53	12.43%	\$158,474.85
<u>Medical</u>			
Foreign Body in Eye	6	1.41%	\$ 569.25
Exposure to Infectious Disease	6	1.41	566.97
Infectious Disease	1	.23	35.20
Repetitious Use	1	.23	3,302.57
Total	14	3.28%	\$ 4,473.99
Grand Total	426	100.00%	\$668,054.00

Average Cost/Claim: \$1,568.20

SOURCE: Statistical Claim Report (1992)
State Self Insurance Fund
Division of Personnel Services
Department of Administration

Injuries to Direct Care or Line Staff -- FY 1992
Social & Rehabilitation Services, MHRS Institutions and Youth Centers

Cause of Injury	KNL #/Cost	LSH #/Cost	LSH,Sec. #/Cost	OSH #/Cost	PSH #/Cost	RMHF #/Cost	TSH #/Cost	WSH #/Cost	YCAA #/Cost	YCAB #/Cost	YCAT #/Cost	Total #/Cost
Struck by a person	73 \$51,911	17 \$28,209	18 \$7,078	28 \$23,624	61 \$28,806	1 \$15	33 \$63,754	71 \$83,196	5 \$20,360	1 \$83	3 \$984	311 \$308,020
Human bite or scratch	9 \$1,463	-	3 \$459	6 \$294	8 \$648	1 \$62	2 \$68	21 \$1,910	-	1 \$50	-	51 \$4,954
Struck against object	11 \$6,831	2 \$353	3 \$1,037	2 \$762	7 \$1,203	-	3 \$373	15 \$14,233	1 \$145	1 \$173	-	45 \$25,110
Struck by object	14 \$3,942	2 \$335	5 \$1,817	1 \$16,873	7 \$2,782	-	1 \$995	7 \$3,556	-	1 \$28	3 \$1,821	42 \$32,149
Knife/other stab wound	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 \$518	-	-	-	3 \$518
TOTAL	108 \$64,147	21 \$28,897	29 \$10,391	37 \$41,553	83 \$33,439	2 \$77	39 \$65,190	117 \$103,413	6 \$20,505	4 \$334	6 \$2,805	452 \$370,751

Department of Corrections Facilities

Cause of Injury	Larned #/Cost	Norton #/Cost	Lansing #/Cost	Hutch #/Cost	Ellsw. #/Cost	El Dor. #/Cost	Topeka #/Cost	Winf. #/Cost	Wich. #/Cost	Total #/Cost
Struck by a person	3 \$1,361	4 \$1,134	8 \$19,429	2 \$3,072	1 \$206	4 \$3,050	2 \$229	2 \$666	-	26 \$29,147
Struck by object	-	1 \$156	2 \$148	5 \$9,184	7 \$9,673	1 \$276	-	-	1 \$208	17 \$19,645
Struck against object	-	1 \$147	5 \$1,052	2 \$69	2 \$417	1 \$385	3 \$320	1 \$114	-	15 \$2,504
Knife or other stab wound	1 \$137	2 \$478	1 \$140	-	-	2 \$301	1 \$105	-	-	7 \$1,161
Human bite or scratch	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 \$472	-	-	1 \$472
TOTAL	4 \$1,498	8 \$1,915	16 \$20,769	9 \$12,325	10 \$10,296	8 \$4,012	7 \$1,126	3 \$780	1 \$208	66 \$52,929

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Comparison of Assault Injuries to Direct Care/Line Staff
Social and Rehabilitation Services/Department of Corrections
FY 1992

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Cause of Injury	SRS			DOC		
	# of Injuries	% of Total*	Total Cost To Date	# of Injuries	% of Total*	Total Cost To Date
Struck by person	311	30.58%	\$308,020	26	11.98%	\$29,147
Human bite or scratch	51	5.01%	4,954	1	.46%	472
Struck against object	45	4.42%	25,110	15	6.91%	2,504
Struck by object	42	4.13%	32,149	17	7.83%	19,645
Knife or other stab wound	3	.29%	518	7	3.23%	1,161
TOTAL	452	44.44%	\$370,751	66	30.28%	\$52,929
			↓ \$820.25 per injury			↓ \$801.95 per injury

*Total Direct Care/Line Staff Injuries, All Causes.

	<u>SRS</u>	<u>DOC</u>
Total direct care/line staff positions	2,841	1,704
Total direct care/line staff injuries	1,017	218
Injury rate	35.8%	12.8%

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