

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE, LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sean Tarwater at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Charles Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
DelRay Strahm, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Mike Ditch, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Beth Ansel, Visit Shawnee  
Warren R. Wilkinson, Visit Overland Park  
Jeremy McDowell, Top Gun Events  
Allen Carr, Travel Industry Assoc.  
Katrina Magaro, Triple Crown Sports

Others in attendance:

No list available

**Hearing on: HB2346 — Establishing the Kansas sports tourism grant program to be administered by the secretary of commerce to provide grants to assist communities in developing and continuing sporting events and creating the Kansas sports tourism committee to review and determine grant awards.**

The Chair opened the hearing on **HB2346**.

Chair Tarwater asked Charles Reimer, Revisor, to give a description of the bill and stood for questions. ([Attachment 1](#))

The following persons testified and stood for questions:

Beth Ansel, Visit Shawnee ([Attachment 2](#))

Warren R. Wilkinson, Visit Overland Park ([Attachment 3](#))([Attachment 4](#))

Jeremy McDowell, Top Gun Events ([Attachment 5](#))

Katrina Magaro, Triple Crown Sports ([Attachment 6](#))

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Alan Carr, Travel Industry Association([Attachment 7](#))

Written Only testimony submitted by:

Alan Carr, VisitKCK([Attachment 8](#))

Amanda Shank, Unrivaled Sports([Attachment 9](#))

Chase Hodges, UTR Sports([Attachment 10](#))

Fred L. Merrill, Jr., Merrill Companies([Attachment 11](#))

Mike & Ashley Wolf, Elite Tennis([Attachment 12](#))

Mike Hill, GH Group Housing([Attachment 13](#))

Terri Thompson, MAP([Attachment 14](#))

John David, Sports ETA([Attachment 15](#))

Jeff Wallace, Top Gun Events([Attachment 16](#))

Kelly Peetoom, Olatha Convention & Visitor([Attachment 17](#))

Erika Devore, KRPA([Attachment 18](#))

The Chair closed the hearing on **HB2346**.

Chair Tarwater adjourned the briefing at 3:00 P M.