

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anthony R. Brown, at 1:30 p.m. on February 7, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Renaë Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Joyce Bishop, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Karin Brownlee, Secretary, Kansas Department of Labor
Bob Tomlinson, Assistant Commissioner, Kansas Insurance Department
Larry Karns, Attorney, Glenn, Cornish, Hanson & Karns
John Ostrowski, Attorney, McCulough, Warehiem & LaBunker

Others attending:

See attached list.

Representative Ruiz moved, seconded by Representative Billinger, to accept the minutes from January 24, 25, 26 & 27, 2011 as received. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Chairperson Brown asked for introduction of bills.

Representative Billinger moved, seconded by Representative Kleeb, to introduce a bill regarding contractor licensing, pertaining to HVAC. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Representative Brown moved, seconded by Representative Mesa, to introduce a bill regarding contractor and subcontractor relationships. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Representative Slattery moved, seconded by Representative Finney, to introduce a bill regarding promoting efficiency and transparency in government. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Representative Slattery moved, seconded by Representative Garber, to introduce a bill regarding payday loans. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Representative Kleeb moved, seconded by Representative Schwab, to introduce a bill regarding Kansas employer e-verification responsibility. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Representative Kleeb moved, seconded by Representative Mesa, to introduce a bill regarding equal access to school employee information. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Representative Kleeb moved, seconded by Representative Scapa, to introduce a bill regarding a constitutional amendment concerning secret balloting in the work place. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Chairperson Brown opened the hearing on HB 2134, amending the workers compensation act.

Renaë Jefferies gave the Revisor's overview regarding the bill (Attachment 1).

Chairperson Brown requested testimony from proponents of the bill, and the following individuals made presentations:

Secretary of Labor, Karin Brownlee (Attachment 2)

Bob Tomlinson, Assistant Commissioner, Kansas Insurance Department (Attachment 3)

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Larry Karns, Attorney, Glenn, Cornish, Hanson & Karns (Attachment 4).

John M. Ostrowski, Attorney, McCulough, Warehiem & LaBunker, representing Kansas AFL-CIO (Attachment 5).

The following individuals provided written testimony only as proponents of the bill:

Eric Stafford, Senior Director Government Affairs, Kansas Business Coalition for Worker's Compensation Reform (Attachment 6).

Kevin McFarland, President, KAHSA Insurance Group (Attachment 7).

Bernie Koch, Executive Director, Kansas Economic Progress Council (Attachment 8).

Roy Artman, Legal Counsel, Kansas Building Industry Worker's Compensation Fund (Attachment 9).

Chairperson Brown requested testimony from opponents of the bill and there were none.

Chairperson Brown appointed a subcommittee regarding the bill. Members assigned to this subcommittee were Representatives Suellentrop (Chairperson), Schwab, Kleb, Bruchman, Hedke, Slattery, and Tietze.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.