

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anthony Brown at 1:35 p.m., on February 14, 2011, in Room 785 of Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Reed Holwenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Joyce Bishop, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Pamela Ann Ward, Bus Driver, Blue Valley School District
Lorianne Fisher-Koneczny, Bus Driver, First Student
Eric Stafford, Sr. Director Governmental Affairs, Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Luke Bell, Vice President Governmentalaffiars, Kansas Association of Realtors
Richard Cram, Director, Kansas Department of Revenue
Karl Hansen, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Labor
Bruce Tunnell, Executive Director/Vice President, Kansas AFL-CIO

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Brown opened the hearing on HB 2092, Employment security law; benefits for school bus drivers.

Ken Wilke gave the Revisor's overview of the bill.

Chairperson Brown asked for proponents.

Pamela Ann Ward, Bus Driver for Blue Valley School District, Overland Park, Kansas (Attachment 1).

Lorianne Fisher- Koneczny, Bus Driver for First Student (Attachment 2).

There were no opponents.

Chairperson Brown closed the hearing on HB 2092.

Chairperson Brown opened the hearing on HB 2135, Eliminating penalty for misclassification of employees as independent contractors to avoid tax withholding, contribution and reporting requirements.

Renaë Jefferies gave the Revisor's overview (Attachment 3).

Chairperson Brown called for proponents testimony.

Eric Stafford, Senior Director Governmental Affairs, Kansas Chamber of Commerce (Attachment 4).

Luke Bell, Vice President, of Governmental Affairs, Kansas Association of Realtors, provided written testimony (Attachment 5).

Katherine Karker-Jennings, P.A., provided written testimony (Attachment 6).

Chairperson Brown called for neutral testimony.

Richard Cram, Director, Kansas Department of Revenue. (Attachment 7).

Karl Hansen, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Labor (Attachment 8).

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of Commerce & Economic Development Committee at 10:30 a.m. on February 14, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

Chairperson Brown called for opponents testimony.

Bruce Tunnell, Executive Director, Vice President, Kansas AFL-CIO ([Attachment 9](#)).

Opponents submitting written testimony were:

Joan Wagnon, former Secretary of Kansas Department of Revenue ([Attachment 10](#)).

Joe Hudson, Business Agent/Organizer, Carpenter's District Council of Greater St. Louis & Vicinity ([Attachment 11](#)).

Chairperson Brown closed the hearing on the bill.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.