

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Anthony R. Brown, at 2:15 p.m. on February 21, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Frownfelter	Excused
Representative Kleeb	Excused
Representative Slattery	Excused
Representative Finney	Excused
Representative Tietze	Excused
Representative Tyson	Excused

Committee staff present:

Rena 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:

Askia, Adams, Citizen
Pam Clair, Client, Johnson County Developmental Supports
Michael Donnelly, on behalf of Robert Siedlecki, Acting Secretary, SRS
Rocky Nichols, Executive Director, Disability Rights Center of Kansas
Rick Cagan, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Health
Shannon Jones, Executive Director, Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas
Jane Rhys, Executive Director, Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities
Kathy Lobb, Legislative Liaison, Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas
Karie Bacon, Employment Liaison, Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Brown opened the hearing on HB 2336, Kansas employment first initiative act; persons with disabilities.

Rena Jefferies gave the Revisor's overview on the bill (Attachment 1).

Chairperson Brown requested the fiscal note be copied and distributed to all committee members (Attachment 2).

Chairperson Brown asked for testimony from proponents.

Askia Adams, Citizen (Attachment 3).

Pam Clair, Citizen, Johnson County Developmental Supports (Attachment 4).

Michael Donnelly, on behalf of Robert Siedlecki, Acting Secretary, SRS (Attachment 5).

Rocky Nichols, Executive Director, Disability Rights Center of Kansas (Attachment 6).

Rick Cagan, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Health (Attachment 7).

Shannon Jones, Executive Director, Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas (Attachment 8).

Jane Rhys, Executive Director, Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities (Attachment 9).

Kathy Lobb, Legislative Liaison, Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas (Attachment 10).

Karie Bacon, Employment Liaison, Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (Attachment 11).

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of Commerce & Economic Development Committee at 10:30 a.m. on February 21, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

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

Tom Lange, Executive Director, Interhab ([Attachment 12](#)).

Jim Yonally, Lobbyist, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mid America Chapter ([Attachment 13](#)).

Joe Steffy, Owner & Operator, Poppin Joe's Kettle Corn ([Attachment 14](#)).

Jane Adams, Executive Director, Keys for Networking, Inc. ([Attachment 15](#))

Wendy Parent-Johnson, PhD. D. D., Kansas University Center on Developmental Disabilities ([Attachment 16](#)).

Lynn Kohr, Citizen ([Attachment 17](#))

There were no opponents.

Chairperson Brown closed the hearing on the bill.

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.