

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Praeger at 10:00 a.m. on February 4, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
JoAnn Buntun, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Sandra Gasser, Chair, Kansas Board of Cosmetology
Joe Hancock, Superior School of Hairstyling, Olathe
Laurie Yocum, American Academy of Hair Design, Topeka
Helena Klassen, student, American Academy of Hair Design
Tahara Jackson, student, American Academy of Hair Design
Bob Peel, Beauty Inc., Hutchinson
Mary Lou Davis, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Cosmetology

Others attending: See attached list

Continued Hearing on SB 513–Cosmetology; braiding not considered cosmetology

Sandra Gasser, licensed cosmetologist, salon owner, and Chair of the Kansas Board of Cosmetology, spoke in opposition to **SB 513** and pointed out to the Committee why hair braiding should be regulated by the Board of Cosmetology in order to ensure the health and safety of the general public as noted in her written testimony. (Attachment 1)

Joe Hancock, owner of four cosmetology schools in Kansas, appeared before the Committee in opposition to the bill. He noted that there are real health risks possible such as scabies, lice, ringworm, dandruff or even more dangerous blood borne diseases in regard to braiding when using a comb that has not been properly sanitized. (Attachment 2)

Laurie Yocum, owner of American Academy of Hair Design, also spoke in opposition to the bill, pointing out the health hazards of braiding hair in unsanitary conditions. (Attachment 3). Ms. Yocum also read testimony from her husband, David Yocum, who also opposed the bill because he felt the general public would be put in a situation where their personal safety and health would be at risk. (Attachment 4)

Others addressing the Committee in opposition to **SB 513** were two students attending the American Academy of Hair Design, Helena Klassen (Attachment 5) and Tahara Jackson (Attachment 6), both stressing the importance of sanitary precautions in the field of cosmetology; and Bob Peel, Beauty Inc., who felt that passage of the bill would result in an economic impact in Kansas as noted in his written testimony. (Attachment 7) Written testimony in opposition to the bill was also submitted by Bill Hancock, Sedgwick County Commissioner (Attachment 8), Marjo Anderson, KC Area Technical School, (Attachment 9) and Sally Finney, Kansas Public Health Association, Inc. (Attachment 10). Mary Lou Davis addressed the Committee briefly expressing her opposition to the bill and stressed the public safety issue.

Written testimony in support of **SB 513** was received from State Representative Tom Sloan (Attachment 11) and a report from the Kansas Public Policy Institute entitled, “Splitting Hairs Over Cosmetology Laws” (Attachment 12).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2000.