

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Praeger at 1:00 p.m. on March 30, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes  
JoAnn Buntun, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Stephen Paige, Director, Bureau of Consumer Health, KDHE

Others attending: See attached list

**Continued Discussion on SB 661 - Inspection of certain retail food stores and food processing plants**

Stephen Paige, Director, Bureau of Consumer Health, KDHE, briefed the Committee on a chart showing a traditional supermarket of today, the portion of the supermarket KDHE is currently licensing, and the amount of revenue generated from that licensing. The chart also showed the number of prepared food areas in a supermarket and the number of food processing plants that would be effected by **SB 661**. Mr. Paige noted 4,000 establishments would be involved. (Attachment 1)

During Committee discussion Mr. Paige defined how certain retail food stores and markets would be assessed the fee, and the definition of food salvagers which was described as food being sold at reduced prices from truck wrecks, overstocked warehouses and post dated items. It was pointed out that \$400,000 had been taken out of the KDHE budget, and the Chair noted this could be restored by a proviso that would grant funding for one year when the Omnibus bill is worked. Senator Becker requested KDHE provide information on what surrounding states charge for inspection of retail food stores.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.