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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGING AND LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bethell at 9:00 a.m. on February 14, 2012, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Scott Schwab
Representative Broderick Henderson

Committee staff present:

Iraida Orr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Katherine McBride, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Norm Furse, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Shirley McCollum, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Cindy Luxem, Executive Director of Kansas Health Care Association
Mike Oxford, Executive Director, Topeka Independent Living Resource Center
Debra Zehr, Executive Director and CEO, LeadingAge Kansas
Phyllis Gilmore, Acting Secretary, SRS
Jim Kallinger, Deputy Secretary, SRS
Jean Krahn, Executive Director, Kansas Guardianship Program
Rocky Nichols, Executive Director for the Disability Rights Center of Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2656—Relating to the transfer of adult protective services from the department of social and rehabilitative services to the office of attorney general.

Chairman Bethell welcomed the Committee.

There were no proponents present.

Opponents:

Cindy Luxem, Kansas Health Care Association, gave testimony opposing **HB 2656**. (Attachment 1)
Rep. Otto and Rep. Wolf asked questions and made comments.

Neutral:

Mike Oxford, TILRC gave the first testimony. (Attachment 2)

Jean Krahn, KGP, gave her testimony. (Attachment 3)

Rep. LeDoux questioned as to if she was really a neutral or an opponent. She stated that if she had to make a decision she would be an opponent. Rep. Gonzalez also asked questions and made comments.

Debra Zehr, LeadingAge Kansas gave her testimony. (Attachment 4)

Questions were asked and comments made by Rep. LeDoux and Rep. Wolfe Moore.

Nick Wood, Disability Rights Center of Kansas, gave testimony in place of Rocky Nichols who was absent from the meeting. (Attachment 5)

Rep. Otto, Rep. Gonzalez, Rep. Worley, Rep. LeDoux, and Chairman Bethell all asked questions and made comments

Phyllis Gilmore, Acting secretary of SRS, gave a short testimony and then introduced Jim Kallinger, Deputy Secretary of SRS. He gave an outline of a Program Improvement Plan that they have established. (Attachment 6)

Many comments and questions were asked by Rep. Wolfe Moore, Rep. LeDoux, Rep. Otto, Rep. Flaharty, Rep. Phillips, Rep. Gonzalez, and Chairman Bethell. Rep. Otto encouraged them to keep moving forward even if the bill passes out of committee and to work with the District Attorneys' office if APS is moved to them.

Chairman Bethell closed the hearing on **HB 2656** and announced that the committee will be working it and other previous heard bills as well as having hearings on **HB 2697–Relating to collateral assignment of the proceeds of life insurance policies** and **HB 2738–Relating to fingerprinting and criminal history record check of nursing program applicants** at the next meeting which is February 16th at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.