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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 16, 2012, in Room 785 of Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Louis Ruiz Excused

Committee staff present:

Chuck Reimer, Revisor
Ken Wilke, Revisor
Reed Holwegner, Research
Joyce Bishop, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Brad Smoot, Attorney at Law
Scott Schneider, National Association of Professional Employer Organizations
John Thomas, Vice President Partner Development, Nextaff
Jerry Diddle, President/Owner, Axcet HR Solutions
Chuck Vogt, Jr., Part-Owner, Sales Manager, All Star Awards
Kevin Davis, Kansas Insurance Department
SueAnn Schultz, Government Affairs Member, Kansas Association of Insurance Agents
Phillip Hayes, SPHR, Director-Elect, Kansas Society for Human Resource Management
Eric Stafford, Senior Director of Government Affairs, the Kansas Chamber
Renea Dennison, Manager of Financial Services, Century Health Solutions
Natalie Bright, Kansas State Council, Society of Human Resource Management
Kathy Sparks, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Labor

Others attending:

See list

Chairperson Brown opened the meeting on **HB 2637–Workers compensation insurance; multiple coordinate policies.**

The following conferees appeared as proponents of **HB 2637**:

Brad Smoot, Attorney at Law (Attachment 1)

Scott Schneider, National Association of Professional Employer Organizations
(Attachment 2)

John Thomas, Vice President Partner Development, Nextaff (Attachment 3)

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Jerry Diddle, President/Owner, Axcet HR Solutions (Attachment 4)

The following conferee provided written only testimony as a proponent on **HB 2637**:

Chuck Vogt, Jr., Part-Owner, Sales Manager, All Star Awards (Attachment 5)

The following conferees appeared as opponents of **HB 2637**:

Kevin Davis, Kansas Insurance Department (Attachment 6)

SueAnn Schultz, Government Affairs Member, Kansas Association of Insurance Agents (Attachment 7)

Chairperson Brown closed the hearing on **HB 2637**.

Chairperson Brown opened the hearing on **HB 2638–Employment security law; eligibility for certain benefits, abolish Employment Security Advisory Council, notice requirements.**

The following conferees appeared as proponents of **HB 2638**:

Phillip Hayes, SPHR, Director-Elect, Kansas Society for Human Resource Management (Attachment 8)

Eric Stafford, Senior Director of Government Affairs, the Kansas Chamber (Attachment 9)

Renea Dennison, Manager of Financial Services, Century Health Solutions (Attachment 10)

The following conferee presented written testimony only as proponents of **HB 2638**:

Natalie Bright, Kansas State Council, Society of Human resource Management (Attachment 11)

The following conferee appeared as neutral on **HB 2638**:

Kathy Sparks, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Labor (Attachment 12)

Chairperson Brown closed the hearing on **HB 2638**.

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Chairperson Brown opened the hearing on **HB 2627–Certain deductions from wages authorized.**

Ken Wilke gave an overview on **HB 2627.**

*Representative Marvin Kleeb moved, seconded by Representative Rick Billinger, to pass **HB 2627** favorably from Committee.*

*Representative Kleeb moved, seconded by Representative Gene Suellentrop, a substitute motion to amend (Attachment 13) **HB 2627.** The motion passed.*

Chairperson Brown moved, seconded by Representative Gail Finney, to amend the previously approved amendment (Attachment 13) by inserting “personal safety equipment” after “tools of the trade or profession”. The motion passed.

Mr. Wilke said there should be a technical amendment in line 6, “except as provided in subsections (b) & (c)”.

*Representative Suellentrop moved, seconded by Representative Virgil Peck, to amend (Attachment 14) **HB 2627.** The motion failed.*

*Representative Reynaldo Mesa moved, seconded by Representative Finney, to amend **HB 2627** on page 1, line 25, by deleting “value” and inserting “cost or unpaid cost”. The motion passed.*

Representative Joseph Scapa moved, seconded by Representative Les Osterman, to amend the previously approved amendment (Attachment 13) at the start of new subsection (c), by deleting “An” and inserting “Upon providing written notice and explanation an”. The motion carried.

*Representative Kleeb moved, seconded by Representative Billinger, to pass **HB 2627** favorably as amended. The motion passed. Representative Slattery voted no.*

Chairperson Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:25 PM.