

Approved: March 14, 2012
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Shultz at 3:30 p.m. on March 12, 2012, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present:

Representative Hermanson - Excused
Ken Wilke - Excused

Committee staff present:

David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Sue Fowler, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Siegfried, District 15
Representative Kiegerl, District 43
Judith Ursitti, Autism Speaks
Mike Wasmer, Autism Speaks
Leesa Mosher, Parent
Stephanie Thorne, Community Living Opportunities
Paul Faber, Heartspring
Cindy Hermes, Kansas Insurance Department
Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2764 **Insurance; coverage for autism spectrum disorder**

Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research Department, gave a brief overview on **HB 2764**.

Representative Shultz opened the hearing on **HB 2764**.

Proponents:

Representative Siegfried, District 15, (Attachment 1), gave testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2764**.

Representative Kriegerl, District 43, (Attachment 2), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2764**.

Judith Ursitte, Autism Speaks, (Attachment 3), gave testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2764**.

Mike Wasmer, Autism Speaks, (Attachment 4), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2764**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the House Insurance Committee at 3:30 p.m. on March 12, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

Lessa Mosher, Parent, ([Attachment 5](#)), gave testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2764**.
Stephanie Thorne, Community Living Opportunities, ([Attachment 6](#)), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2764**.

Paul Faber, Heartspring, ([Attachment 7](#)), gave testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2764**.
Kirk Keller, Parent, ([Attachment 8](#)), presented written testimony to the committee in support of **HB 2764**.
Amy Juracek, Parent, ([Attachment 9](#)), presented written testimony to the committee in support of **HB 2764**.

Nikki Jacobs, Parent, ([Attachment 10](#)), presented written testimony to the committee in support of **HB 2764**.

Ann Hodgson, Grandparent, ([Attachment 11](#)), presented written testimony to the committee in support of **HB 2764**.

Neutral:

Cindy Hermes, Kansas Insurance Department, ([Attachment 12](#)), appeared before the committee as neutral on **HB 2764**.

Ron Hein, Mental Health Credentialing Coalition, ([Attachment 13](#)), presented written testimony to the committee as neutral.

Opponents:

Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber, ([Attachment 14](#)), gave testimony in opposition to **HB 2764**.

Dan Murray, National Federation of Independent Business, ([Attachment 15](#)), presented written testimony in opposition to **HB 2764**.

Marlee Carpenter, Kansas Association of Health Plans, ([Attachment 16](#)), presented written testimony in opposition to **HB 2764**.

Tim Witsman, Wichita Independent Business Association, ([Attachment 17](#)), presented written testimony in opposition to **HB 2764**.

Representative Shultz closed the hearing on **HB 2764**.

Discussion and action on:

HB 2373 **Combining life insurance with certain other riders such as for specific illness or disease coverage**

*Representative Fawcett made a motion to amend **HB 2373**. Seconded by Representative Grant. Motion passed. Representative Fawcett made a motion to pass **HB 2373** as amended. Seconded by Representative Grant. Motion passed.*

Representative Grant made a motion without objection to approve the March 7, 2012 minutes as written.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.