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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Wagle at 8:30 a.m. on March 16, 2012, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jay Emler - excused  
Senator Chris Steineger- excused

Committee staff present:

Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Assistant  
Mr. Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mr. Jason Long, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mr. Chuck Reimer, Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mrs. Natalie Bright, Coalition for Opportunities (state use law SUL vendor )

Others attending:

See attached list.

**Final action on HB 2673 – an act repealing K.S.A. 2011 Supp, 44-6611, 44-621, and 44-624 repealing of certain powers and duties of the Secretary of Labor**

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Susan Wagle announced the Committee will work two bills. The first is HB 2673 where the Secretary of Administration testified at that repealed three statutes and earlier in the year, the Committee worked SB 355 that had a number of statutes repealed. She went on to say we might want to turn this into a real repealer bill while we are fixing our statutes. A discussion ensued regarding clarification of what has been repealed and SB 355 has not yet run on the floor.

*A motion was made by Senator Masterson to insert the entire contents of SB 355 into HB 2673. It was seconded by Senator Longbine and the motion passed. A motion was made by Senator Masterson to pass out HB 2673 favorably as amended. It was seconded by Senator Lynn and the motion passed.*

**Final action on HB 2637 – an act concerning certain deductions from wages**

Chairperson Wagle said the next order of business was HB 2637. She wanted to tell the Committee that she had heard SB 413, the PEO bill, was going to get gutted. She asked for the will of the Committee on HB 2637? *Senator Masterson made a motion to place the contents of SB 413 into HB 2637 with a cleanup provision for the Revisor. It was seconded by Senator Lynn.*

Senator Holland asked what is currently in HB 2637? Chairperson Wagle called on Mr. Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes to explain the bill which he said is the amendment in the insurance

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statute regarding workers compensation master policies for employees that have more than one employer pursuant to a shared employment relationship.

It is making amendments to require that these master policies be filed with the Commissioner of Insurance at least 30-days prior to being used and that the Commissioner be satisfied that they track and report individual client experience in an acceptable fashion and allow the Commissioner to determine that and disapprove of the master policies if they find it is not acceptable tracking. The bill also changed the effective date to March 31, 2013. And finally, the PEO bill as amended by this Committee, would take effect January 1, 2014 and so if these two were put together, you would have 2 separate effective dates., but he could clean this up as part of the Committee report if they so wish to do that.

As there were no further questions, the *Chair stated they have a motion on the floor. a vote was taken and the motion passed. Senator Masterson made a motion to pass the bill out favorably as amended. It was seconded by Senator Longbine and the motion carried.*

### **Presentation of the 2009-2011 Kansas State Usage Law**

Next, the Chair said that Mrs. Natalie Bright, Coalition for Opportunities, is here to give a report which is required to be an annual report to the Legislature on the Kansas State Usage Law. A copy of the report is Attachment 1.

### **Adjournment**

As there were no further business, the Chair covered upcoming meetings before announcing the meeting was adjourned. The time was 9:10 a.m.

The next meeting is on call of the Chair.