

Approved: March 21, 2011

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MINUTES OF THE SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Reitz at 9:30 a.m. on March 8, 2011 in Room 159 S of the Capitol.

All committee members were present except:

Senator Garrett Love--excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Revisor

Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department

Noell Memmott, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mandy Hagan, Representing Consumer Healthcare Products Association

Brad Smoot, Attorney, Representing Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas

Ron Hein, Attorney, on behalf of Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores.

Doug Mays, Doug Mays and Associates

David Schoech, R.Ph., Kansas Board of Pharmacy

The hearing continued with opposition on **SB 131 Making methamphetamine precursors schedule III prescription drugs.**

Mandy Hagan, Representing Consumer Healthcare Products Association, spoke in opposition to **SB 131 (attachment 1)**. She urged policymakers to strike the right balance between preventing illegal PSE sales and protecting access to needed medications. She urged the committee to allow electronic tracking to go into effect. Brad Smoot, Attorney, Representing Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas, (**attachment 2**) spoke to the additional cost to government, private employers, and patients. Ron Hein, Attorney, on behalf of Kansas Association of Chain Drug Stores, also testified to the additional costs the bill would incur and suggested that electronic tracking go into effect before making **SB 131** into law (**attachment 3**). Doug Mays, Doug Mays and Associates, also thought the legislature should see how effective e-tracking is before taking further action (**attachment 4**). David Schoech, R.Ph., on behalf of Kansas Board of Pharmacy, answered questions raised by Doug Mays. He stressed the Board of Pharmacy had no agenda in delaying the electronic tracking contract other than making sure the citizens of Kansas were receiving the protections that should be afforded to them (**attachment 5**).

Discussion followed.

Written testimony in opposition was provided by: Lis Houchen, Regional Director of Chain Drug Stores (**attachment 6**) ; Marlee Carpenter, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Health Plans (**attachment 7**); and Eric Stafford, Senior Director of Government Affairs, The Kansas Chamber (**attachment 8**).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be March 14, 2011.