

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Al Lane at 9:10 a.m. on February 27, 2002 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Jerry Aday - excused
Rep. John Ballou - excused
Rep. Broderick Henderson - excused
Rep. Mary Kauffman - excused
Rep. Dale Swenson - excused

Committee staff present: Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research
Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes
Rena Jeffries, Revisor of Statutes
Bev Adams, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Bobbi Mariani, Department of Administration
George Vega, SRS
Judy Rickerson, Department of Corrections
Andy Sanchez, KAPE

Others attending: See attached list

Hearing on: HB 2933 - State employee drug screening program amendments.

Bobbi Mariani, Director of the Division of Personnel, Department of Administration, appeared as a proponent of the bill. **HB 2933** would expand the current drug screening program for the state of Kansas to allow for the testing of more employees in specified positions. Her attachment contained an outline of positions currently included in the drug screening program as well as the positions that would be added should this bill be adopted. (Attachment 1) She concluded her testimony by answering questions from the committee.

A balloon amendment from Revisor Bob Nugent was handed out to add all the state veterans' homes. The original bill only included one of the three homes. (Attachment 2)

George Vega, Executive Director of Human Resources, Social and Rehabilitation Services, appeared before the committee on behalf of Secretary Janet Schalansky in support of the bill. He read his testimony and answered questions from the committee. One question was whether foster parents and employees of group homes would be covered under the bill. He will find out and let the committee know. (Attachment 3)

Judy Rickerson, Director of Human Resources, Department of Corrections, appeared on behalf of Secretary Simmons in support of the bill. The bill would include state parole officers and all correctional facility staff within the definition of "safety sensitive positions" for the purposes of the state drug screening program. (Attachment 4) She concluded her testimony by answering questions.

Chairman Lane received a letter from Betty M. Vines, President of Kansas Association of Public Employees, (KAPE) stating that they are not opposed to the expansion of the group of employees **HB 2933** seeks to include for pre-employment and reasonable suspicion drug screening. A copy of the letter will be sent to all members of the committee. (Attachment 5)

Rep. Lane called on Andy Sanchez, Executive Director of KAPE, to see if he had any remarks for the committee. He said that KAPE has no real problems with the bill. It will affect many of their members, some who are already tested and others who are on the expanded list.

No others were present that wanted to testify for or against the bill and Chairman Lane closed the hearing on **HB 2933.**

Chairman Lane adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

The next committee meeting will be announced.