

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Shultz at 3:40 P.M. on February 14, 2007 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office
Sue Fowler, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Dillmore, District 92, Wichita, KS
Conrad Olson, Absolute Homes Health Care, Holton, KS
Ken Daniel, KSSmallBiz.com, Topeka, KS
Steve Kelly, KS Department of Commerce, Topeka, KS
Cheryl Dillard, Coventry Health Care, Kansas City, MO
Dr. Marcia Nielsen, Kansas Health Policy Authority, Topeka, KS

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearings on:

HB 2172 **Health Insurance; pilot project for inclusion of certain small business employees in state employee health plan**

Proponents:

Representative Dillmore, District 92, Wichita, KS, (Attachment #1), gave testimony before the committee in support of both **HB 2172** and **HB 2328**.

Conrad Olson, Absolute Homes Health Care, Holton, KS, (Attachment #2), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2172**.

Ken Daniel, KSSmallBiz.com, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #3), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2172**.

Opponents:

Larry McGill, Kansas Association of Insurance Agents, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #4), gave testimony before the committee in opposition to **HB 2172**.

Cheryl Dillard, Coventry Health Care, Kansas City, MO, (Attachment #5), appeared before the committee in opposition to **HB 2172**. During her verbal testimony, Cheryl Dillard changed to a neutral position on **HB 2172**.

Neutral:

Dr. Marcia Nielsen, Kansas Health Policy Authority, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #6), gave testimony before the committee from a neutral position on **HB 2172**.

Representative Landwehr requested information on State Insurance Plans and the amounts of deductibles. Dr. Marcia Nielsen will provide the State Employee Benefits book for committee members to review.

Hearing closed on **HB 2172**.

HB 2328 **Establishing the small business association assistance plan**

Proponents:

Ken Daniel, KSSmallBiz.com, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #7), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2328**.

Steve Kelly, Kansas Department of Commerce, Topeka, KS, (Attachment #8), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2328**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee at 3:30 P.M. on February 14, 2007 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

Opponent:

Cheryl Dillard, Coventry Health Care, Kansas City, MO, (Attachment #9), gave testimony before the committee in opposition to **HB 2328**.

Hearing closed on **HB 2328**,

Representative Grant moved with no objection to pass the committee minutes for February 13, 2007.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2007, at 3:30 P.M., in Room 241-N.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 P.M.