

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:30 P.M. on February 1, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Mark Gilstrap- excused

Committee staff present:
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Whitney Nordstrom, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Charles Hunt, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Larry Williamson, Kansas Dental Board
Kevin Robertson, Kansas Dental Association

Others attending:
See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Upon calling the meeting to order, the Chair asked for any bill introductions. Chairperson Barnett had three bills to introduce: an act relating to food and beverage available to students in Kansas school district, an act concerning federally active licenses under the Kansas healing arts act, Out of State Orders, and last Health Saving Accounts. The drafts of these bills were not available at the time of the meeting.

Senator Wagle motioned to accept the introduced bills. Senator Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Hearing on SB 86

SB 86--Cancer registry, follow-up projects on cancer cases for public health purposes.

The next order of business was a hearing on **SB 86**, an act concerning the cancer registry; follow-up projects on cancer cases; amending K.S.A. 65-1,172 and repealing the existing section. The Chair asked Mr. Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes, to give an overview of the bill. Mr. Furse stated that **SB 86** relates to follow-up projects concerning cancer cases. Language changes include lines 36-41, subsections A-F, adding subsection G. **SB 86** gives the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment the authority of initiate follow-up with cancer cases.

Chairperson Barnett thanked Mr. Furse for his overview, then asked the Committee for any questions or comments concerning **SB 86**. As there were none, the Chair called upon the only proponent conferee to testify, Charles Hunt, Senior Epidemiologist, KDHE, who support the bill. Mr. Hunt stated that if enacted, **SB 86** will provide the Secretary of Health and Environment the authority to conduct the follow-up studies necessary to successfully plan and implement programs aimed at improving health care, survivorship and quality of life among Kansans who are diagnosed with cancer. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no opponents, neutral conferees, or written testimonies, Chairperson Barnett asked for questions or comments from the Committee. Questions came from Senators Wagle, V. Schmidt, Palmer, and Barnett ranging from getting information from doctors who get their information from National Cancer Registry Banks, what happens if individuals do not offer information, will KDHE receive funding from this legislation, patients concerns, paperwork already in place, and will requested information provide any significant statistical data.

Chairperson Barnett then called upon Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society, to address the Committee. Mr. Slaughter stated that patients have difficulty conveying information concerning their illness to doctors, therefore they might have a harder time conveying this information to KDHE.

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Senator Wagle stated that she feels that private sectors are far more advanced than KDHE in this matter, and feels that this legislation would be a duplication of current studies.

Chairperson Barnett thanked Mr. Hunt for his testimony.

Hearing on SB 91

SB 91--Dental board fees

The next order of business was a hearing on **SB 91**, an act concerning fees, amending K.S.A. 65-1447 and repealing the existing section. The Chair asked Mr. Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes, to give an overview of the bill. Mr. Furse stated that **SB 91** dealt with the Kansas Dental Board and fees. His overview included:

- 1) Subsection B; Fees
- 2) Page 1, lines 34-39; New fees
- 3) Page 1, lines 36-40; Two registration fees

Mr. Furse added that the last time the Kansas Dental Board Fees were changed were in 2001. He also wanted to bring notice to the registration fees for mobile facilities.

Chairperson Barnett thanked Mr. Furse for his overview and asked the Committee if there were any questions or comments for Mr. Furse. As there were none, the Chair called upon the first proponent, Mr. Larry Williamson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Board. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced. Mr. Williamson stated:

- 1) KDB is funded principally by net revenues from fees
- 2) The Dental Board must raise the fees it imposes in order to support the ongoing operations of the Board and insure a longer term financial stability.
- 3) The bill before the Committee raises the cap on fees. It does not raise fees.
- 4) There are three new fees proposed in this bill: failure to provide a change of address, mobile dentistry in Kansas

The Chair asked the Committee if there were any questions or comments for Mr. Williamson. Questions for Mr. Williamson came from Senator Jordan, Haley, and V. Schmidt asking if the Governor reduced funding, when fees last increased, and general fund.

Chairperson Barnett then thanked Mr. Williamson. The Chair introduced the second proponent Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced. Mr. Robertson stated that the Kansas Dental Board has shared their concerns regarding the revenue stream of the agency with the leadership of KDA. The KDA is accepting of **SB 91** and the increased maximum fees contain within it.

As there were no opponents, neutral conferees, or written testimony, Chairperson Barnett asked for questions or comments from the Committee. Questions came from Senators Journey and Haley regarding mobile dental units, regulations for mobile units, if fees are necessary, and projection of renewal fees.

Senator Haley asked Mr. Williamson if instead of opening a high ceiling could it be gradually phased in. Mr. Williamson replied, the high ceiling is due to the large volume of Medicaid and HealthWave patients served. Senator Haley then requested that Mr. Williamson provide the Committee with actual revenue from mobile units.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Brungardt motioned that the minutes of January 12, 18, 24, and 25, 2005, distributed January 31, 2005 be approved. Senator Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Minutes stand approved as of February 1, 2005.

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Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2005.