

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lee Tafanelli at 1:30 P.M. on March 20, 2007 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative Josh Svaty- excused

Committee staff present:
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Gina Bowes, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:
See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Overview of **HB 2421**
- Attachment 2 Overview of **HB 2131**
- Attachment 3 Overview of **HB 2133**
- Attachment 4 Proposed Substitute for **HB 2133** submitted by Mary Sloan, Director of Government Affairs, Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (KAHSA)

Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department, explained **HB 2421** establishes \$250,000 death benefit for the Kansas army and air national guard (Attachment 1).

Chair Tafanelli reminded Committee members that their role is to act in an advisory capacity to the full Appropriations Committee and, as such, will make recommendations to the Appropriations Committee for action.

Representative Williams made a motion to move **HB 2421** to the Appropriations Committee with a favorable recommendation. The motion was seconded by Representative Whitham. The motion was carried on a voice vote.

The Chair noted, for the record, that additional financing options have been presented with regard to insurance coverage alternatives for the Kansas army and air national guard and that the Appropriations Committee may consider reviewing those options.

The hearing on HB 2421 was closed.

HB 2131 - Interpretive guidelines for rules and regulations of state fire marshal.

Staff explained **HB 2131** would allow the State Fire Marshal to develop public interpretive guidelines for the agency's rules and regulations to ensure uniform enforcement (Attachment 2).

The Chair stated that testimony from the March 8, 2007, Committee meeting indicated there was no requirement to put into statute the contents of **HB 2131** and **HB 2132**.

The hearing on HB 2131 was closed.

HB 2133 - Informal resolution of dispute of deficiencies cited by fire inspectors.

Staff explained sections of **HB 2133** which allows the owner or operator of an adult care home, hospital, assisted living facility, business or residence to make a written request to the State Fire Marshal's office for an informal independent dispute resolution (IDR) by an independent review panel regarding deficiencies found during an inspection (Attachment 3).

Proposed Substitute for **HB 2133** was distributed to the Committee (Attachment 4).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Committee discussion followed regarding the proposed substitute language for **HB 2133**. The following was noted as a result of the discussion:

- Fire Marshal Jack Alexander agreed to contact CMS for a definition of “Adult Care Facility” and distribute that information to the Appropriations Committee.

Representative Holmes made a motion to move Proposed Substitute for **HB 2133** favorably to the Appropriations Committee with recommendations to include definitions as provided by CMS. The motion was seconded by Representative Moxley. Motion withdrawn with permission from the Second.

There was consensus among the Committee to recommend Proposed Substitute for **HB 2133** with language amendments to the Appropriations Committee.

The hearing on HB 2133 was closed.

The Chair addressed **HB 2131**, **HB 2132**, and **HB 2148** and stated there was Committee consensus that no legislation was required. The Chair also noted that Fire Marshal Jack Alexander would report back to the Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee in 2008 regarding progress on the issues the fire marshal agreed upon with the Kansas Hospital Association members.

For clarification, the Chair stated the Committee would not take action on **HB 2150** at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.