

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 14, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Nobuko, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Christine Ross-Baze, Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
Candy Shively, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services  
Craig Barbee, Board of Emporia Christian School  
Ron Hein, on behalf of Kansas Society of Radiologic Technologists  
Lawrence Buening, Kansas Board of Healing Arts

Others attending:

See attached list.

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Barnett asked that the Committee review the Minutes for February 13, 2007 for approval at the end of the meeting.

Chairman Barnett called upon Emalene Correll to read and explain **SB 201** for the Committee.

Questions for Emalene came from Senators Palmer and Barnett regarding page 3 Section (g) on **SB 201**, child abuse or neglect, requirement of Secretary to provide written testimony.

Emalene then read and explained **SB 202** for the Committee.

Questions from Emalene came from Senator Schmidt regarding clarification and definition of wording in **SB 201**.

Chairman Barnett then called upon Terri Weber to read and explain **SB 284** for the Committee.

The Chair announced that the next order of business would be to open the hearing for **SB 201**.

**Hearing on SB 201 – An act concerning restrictions on persons maintaining or residing, working or volunteering at child care facilities or family day care homes.**

The fiscal note for **SB 201** was available for the Committee to view. A copy of the fiscal note is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair called upon the first proponent conferee, Christine Ross Ross-Baze, Kansas Department of Health and Environment who stated her support for the bill with the proposed changes that she included on her testimony. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett then called upon proponent conferee, Candy Shively, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services who stated her support with the proposed changes and appreciate the efforts of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to safeguard this federal funding stream for Kansas. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair called upon proponent conferee, Craig Barbee, Board of Emporia Christian School who stated that he supports the bill as an improvement to our current system of protecting those most vulnerable of Kansas citizens, yet must conclude additional measures must be taken to close the communication gap and that by passing the bill without ensuring the communication gap is closed, the Committee's time will be wasted and

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more importantly the children and elderly will still be at risk.. A copy of his testimony is ([Attachment 4](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Questions came from Senators Palmer and Barnett regarding child abuse/neglect registry, Barbee's requests for notification, time line of notification, and submission date process.

Written testimony was provided by Deanne Bacco, Executive Director of Kansas Advocates for Better Care. A copy of her testimony is ([Attachment 5](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Written testimony was also provided by Bruce Linhos, Executive Director, Children's Alliance. A copy of his testimony is ([Attachment 6](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett then closed the hearing on **SB 201**.

The Chair then opened the hearing on **SB 202**.

### **Hearing on SB 202 – An act concerning child care facilities; relating to definitions**

The fiscal note for **SB 202** was available for the Committee to view. A copy of the fiscal note is ([Attachment 7](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair called upon proponent conferee, Christine Ross-Baze, Kansas Department of Health and Environment who stated that with the amendment proposed for this bill would result in further streamlining the placement of children into permanent homes and thus gives her support for passage of the bill. A copy of her testimony is ([Attachment 8](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Written testimony was also provided by Bruce Linhos, Executive Director, Children's Alliance. A copy of his testimony is ([Attachment 9](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett then closed the hearing on **SB 202**.

The Chair then opened the hearing on **SB 284**.

### **Hearing on SB 284 – An act concerning the radiologic technologists practice act**

The fiscal note for **SB 284** was available for the Committee to view. A copy of the fiscal note is ([Attachment 10](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett called upon proponent conferee, Ron Hein, on behalf of Kansas Society of Radiologic Technologists who stated that the bill amends the scope of practice for radiologic technologists to permit rad techs to administer medications. A copy of his testimony is ([Attachment 11](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair then called upon proponent conferee, Lawrence Buening, Kansas Board of Healing Arts who stated that the amendments that are made by this bill have been recommended by the Radiologic Technology Council and were presented to and approved by the Board as a whole. A copy of his testimony is ([Attachment 12](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett then closed the hearing on **SB 284**.

The Chair announced that the final item on the agenda was for the Minutes to be approved for the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on February 14, 2007.

The motion was made by Senator Journey to approve the Minutes. It was seconded by Senator Schmidt and the motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

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As the Committee had run out of time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2007