

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Morrison at 1:30 P.M. on January 18, 2005 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Representative Brenda Landwehr- excused

Committee staff present:

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes Office

Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Hein, Kansas Society of Radiologic Technologists

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Committee approved the minutes for January 11 and January 12 if no changes are made by the morning of January 19.

The Chairman announced that, in order for members to get better acquainted with each other, an informal lunch would be held over the noon hour on Monday, January 24. He also announced that the Wednesday meeting would be to participate in the Legislator Health Policy orientation in 313-S, a presentation sponsored by the Kansas Health Institute and the Kansas Legislative Research Department; the orientation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Chair announced that the deadline for bill introductions by individuals occurs Monday, January 24.

Representative Jason Watkins requested a bill to provide healthy food choices in schools to combat obesity. A motion was properly made, seconded, and passed.

Ron Hein, representing the Kansas Society of Radiologic Technologists, said that radiologic technologists were granted licensure last year through **HB 2698**, noting that the bill needed some cleanup amendments, all but one of which are technical in nature. He requested the committee sponsor the bill. ([Attachment 1](#) and [Attachment 2](#)) A motion was made, seconded and passed to sponsor the bill

Representative Nancy Kirk requested that the committee sponsor a bill to create a medical panel to review and assess a complaint involving a long-term-care patient before a lawsuit could be filed. She stated that the bill was considered last year (**HB 2867**) but was not passed; she asked the committee to sponsor the bill. A motion was made, properly seconded, and passed unanimously to sponsor the bill.

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Representative Bob Bethell, noting that authorization for the Long-Term Task Force sunsetted this year, requested the committee sponsor a bill to re-authorize the task force and extend its existence to 2013. Members moved, seconded and passed a motion to sponsor such a bill

Representative Bethell, observing that Kansas law requires home-health organizations to be surveyed by Kansas Department of Health and Environment every 15 months, said that the law is at variance with federal law, which allows up to 36 months between surveys. He requested a bill bringing Kansas' law into compliance with federal statutes. By motion and second, the committee passed a motion to sponsor the bill.

The remainder of the time was, with the help of Legislative Computer Services, utilized by members to develop expertise in navigating the various aspects of a paperless committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, in Room 313-S.