

Approved: March 19, 2012

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE PENSIONS & BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman John Grange at 9:01 a.m. on February 13, 2012, in Room 142-S of the Capitol. Chairman Holmes had testimony in another committee and arrived later during the meeting.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Darla Conner, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Doug Wolff, Security Benefit Life Insurance Company
Gary Adkins, State Employees Association of Kansas
Sandy Jacquot, League of Kansas Municipalities
Ron Brown, Fraternal Order of Police
Ernie Claudel, Kansas Coalition of Public Retirees
Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs Association, & Kansas Peace Officers Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Vice Chairman Grange recognized Alan Conroy, the new executive director of KPERS.

Hearing on:

HB 2545--Enacting the Kansas public employees retirement system act of 2014

David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, gave a brief overview of **HB 2545**.

The Vice Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2545**.

Proponents:

Doug Wolff, Security Benefit, (Attachment 1), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2545**.
Kerri Spielman, Kansas Association of Insurance Agents, (Attachment 2), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2545**.

Opponents:

Gary Adkins, State Employees Association of Kansas, (Attachment 3), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2545**.
Sandy Jacquot, League of Kansas Municipalities, (Attachment 4), appeared before the committee in opposition to **HB 2545**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the House Pensions & Benefits Committee at 9:01 a.m. on February 13, 2012, in Room 142-S of the Capitol.

Ron Brown, Fraternal Order of Police, (Attachment 5), gave testimony before the committee in opposition to **HB 2545**.

Ernie Claudel, Kansas Coalition of Public Retirees, (Attachment 6 & 7), appeared before the committee in opposition to **HB 2545**.

Neutral:

Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs Association, & Kansas Peace Officers Association, (Attachment 8), appeared before the committee in a neutral position on **HB 2545**.

Hearing closed on **HB 2545**.

The committee requested information from KPERS comparing the benefits of the different groups in excess of \$50,000 to the average benefit in those same groups.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.