

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Rubin at 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 18, 2016, 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Robert Gallimore, Legislative Research Department
Linda Kentch, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Natalie Scott, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jenna Seematter, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Natalie Teemer-Washington, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Rubin acknowledged the lunch provided for the Committee from John Small and the Koch Industries. He also thanked Jennifer Roth for the Girl Scout cookies given for gratitude to the Committee.

Chairman Rubin received the written testimony from the Leavenworth District Attorney, Todd Thompson, therefore without objections closed the hearing on **HB2681**. (The testimony is available on February 17, 2016)

Chairman Rubin informed the Committee about the spreadsheets from Katie Whisman on behalf of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation on "Record Check Status" regarding **HB2677**. ([Attachment 1](#)) ([Attachment 2](#))

Chairman Rubin explained as announced in the Committee yesterday that he concluded we would not be working **HB2639**. He would prepare a letter asking that **HB2639** be referred over to Judicial Council. He asked for **HB2548** to be blessed and it is being referred to Appropriations. Chairman Rubin said he is requesting the bill **HB2677** be blessed.

Final action on: HB2688 — Applying battery and assault of a law enforcement officer to correctional officers employed by private prisons.

Natalie Scott gave a brief overview of **HB2688**.

*Representative Gonzalez moved that the Committee report **HB2688** for favorable passage, seconded by*

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Representative Anthimides.

Chairman Rubin and Representatives Kuether, Highberger, Moxley, Becker, and Gonzalez had comments and questions.

The motion passed. The recorded votes on this motion were as follows: Representatives Anthimides, Gonzalez and Rubin voted "Aye"; Representative Highberger voted "Nay".

Final action on: HB2684 — Creating a system of alternative incarceration.

Natalie Scott gave a brief overview of **HB2684**.

Representative Gonzalez moved that the Committee report **HB2684** for favorable passage, seconded by Representative Pauls.

Representatives Kuether, Gonzalez, Highberger, Rubin, and Moxley had comments and questions. Chairman Rubin asked Executive Director Scott Schultz from the Kansas Sentencing Commission to answer a question about bed space impact from the passage of this bill.

The motion failed. The recorded votes on this motion were as follows: Representatives Anthimides, Highberger, and Rubin voted "Nay"; Representative Gonzalez voted "Aye".

HB2684 will remain in Committee.

Final action on: HB2681 — Requiring an opportunity for diversion in certain circumstances.

Natalie Scott gave a brief overview of **HB2681**.

Representative Highberger moved that the Committee report **HB2681** for favorable passage, seconded by Representative Gonzalez.

Chairman Rubin and Representative Gonzalez commented on the proposed Rubin amendment. ([Attachment 3](#))

Representative Rubin moved to amend **HB2681** with the Rubin amendment, seconded by Representative Gonzalez.

The motion passed unanimously to amend **HB2681** with the Rubin amendment.

Chairman Rubin and Representatives Jennings, Finch, Becker, Alford, and Kuether had questions and comments.

Representative Highberger moved **HB2681** favorably for passage as amended by the Rubin balloon.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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amendment, seconded by Representative Gonzalez.

*The motion passed to report **HB2681** favorably for passage as amended by the Rubin amendment. The recorded votes on this motion were as follows: Representatives Anthimides, Gonzalez, Highberger, and Rubin voted "Aye".*

Chairman Rubin told the Committee they would not be taking final action on **HB2677** because he asked Speaker Merrick to bless the bill and every indication leads him to think the speaker will.

Chairman Rubin adjourned the meeting.