

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beverly Gossage at 8:30 am on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, in room 142-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Donola Fairbanks, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Eileen Ma, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Elizabeth Cohn, Legislative Research Department
Iraida Orr, Legislative Research Department
Jenna Moyer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Randy Bowman, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Local Health Departments
Jeanne Gawdun, Director of Government Relations with Kansans for Life
Brittany Jones, Esq., Director of Policy and Engagement for Kansas Family Voice
Dr. Selena Andoval, MC, MPH, Associate Medical Director, Comprehensive Health of
Planned Parenthood Great Plains
Sara Manns, MPP, Care Access Strategies
Jessica Wannemacher, Director of Clinic Operations, Community Care by Trust Women

Others in attendance:

No list available

Hearing on: HB2754 — Authorizing counties to use home rule powers to exempt from conducting school sanitary inspections.

Chairperson Gossage opened the hearing on **HB2754**.

Jenna Moyer, Staff Revisor gave an overview of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#)) There were no questions.

Randy Bowman testified as a proponent of **HB2754**. He stated that this bill would amend K.S.A. 19-101a to authorize counties to use home rule powers to exempt from conducting school sanitary inspections. ([Attachment 2](#)) This bill would restore the ability of Boards of County Commissioners to work with stakeholders in their community to determine whether such inspections are done by the local health officer or by others.

He took questions from committee members.

Written only, proponent testimony was submitted by:

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Charlie Hunt, Director, Johnson County Department of Health & Environment ([Attachment 3](#))

Denise James, Administrator, Grand County Health Department ([Attachment 4](#))

Jamie Downs, Administrator, Butler County Health Department ([Attachment 5](#))

Jay Hall, Deputy Director and General Counsel, Kansas Association of Counties ([Attachment 6](#))

Ryan Baty, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Sedgwick County ([Attachment 7](#))

Jennifer Stewart, Environmental Health Manager, Wyandotte County ([Attachment 8](#))

Vicki Lindsey, RN, Administrator-Nurse, Greenwood County Health Department ([Attachment 9](#))

Chairperson Gossage closed the hearing on **HB2754**

Hearing on: HB2749 — Requiring medical care facilities and providers to report the reasons for each abortion performed at such facility or by such provider to the secretary of health and environment.

Chairperson Gossage opened the hearing on **HB2749**.

Jenna Moyer, Staff Revisor gave an overview of the bill. ([Attachment 10](#)) She took questions from committee members.

Jeanne Gawdun spoke as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 11](#)) ([Attachment 12](#))

She took questions from committee members.

Brittany Jones gave proponent testimony for **HB2749**. ([Attachment 13](#))

She answered questions from committee members.

Proponent, written only testimony was submitted by:

Lucrecia Nold, Public Policy Specialist for the Kansas Catholic Conference ([Attachment 14](#))

Dr. Selina Sandoval gave opponent testimony on **HB2749**. ([Attachment 15](#))

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Sara Manns testified against **HB2749** ([Attachment 16](#))

Jessica Wannemacher spoke as an opponent of **HB2749** ([Attachment 17](#))

The answered questions from committee members.

Opponent, written only testimony was submitted by:

Melissa Stiehler, Loud Light Civid Action ([Attachment 18](#))

Laurel Burchfield, Advocacy Director, Mainstream ([Attachment 19](#))

Taylor Morton, Kansas Lobbyist and Policy Analyst, Planned Parenthood, Great Plains Votes ([Attachment 20](#))

Chairperson Gossage closed the hearing on **HB2749**.

Final action on bills previously heard

Final Action on HB2777.

Senator Pettey offered an amendment ([Attachment 21](#)) to Page 1, Sec 1(a), line 9 that changes verbiage from patient to "licensed" care facility and adds to Section 1, Line 13(2) "Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed to prohibit the state fire marshal from collecting evidentiary photographic images of any violations discovered by the state fire marshal or the state fire marshal's designee during an inspection of investigation". Discuss followed. *Senator Pettey moved her amendment, with a second from Senator O'Shea. On a voice vote of aye, the amendment was passed.* Senator Thompson offered an amendment ([Attachment 22](#)) carried on behalf of the Kansas Fire Marshall. Jenna Moyer, Staff Revisor explained the amendment. Discussion followed. *Senator Thompson moved his amendment, with a second from Senator Alley. On a voice vote of aye, the amendment failed.* *Senator Pettey moved to pass **HB2777, as amended, with a second from Senator Blasi. On a voice vote of aye, **HB2777** passed favorably, as amended.***

Final Action on HB2547

Senator Steffen offered an amendment to **HB2547** which struck the Waiver of Medical Liability. ([Attachment 23](#)) Discussion followed. *Senator Steffen moved his amendment, with a second from Senator Thompson. On a voice vote of aye, the amendment passed.* Senator Erickson offered an amendment which struck the language in Page 1, Section 1, Line 12-14. and on page 4, Line 39(4) inserted " by a school nurse, physician or mid-level practitioner". ([Attachment 24](#)) There was no discussion. *Senator Erickson moved her amendment, with a second by Senator Steffen. On a voice vote*

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of aye, the amendment passed. Senator Erickson moved to pass **HB2547** favorably, as amended, with a second by Senator Thompson. On a voice vote of, **HB2547** was passed favorably, as amended.

Final Action on **HB2579**

Senator Pettey moved to pass **HB2579** favorably, with a second by Senator Holscher. On a voice vote of aye, **HB2579** passed favorably.

Final Action on **HB2536**

Jenna Moyer, Staff Revisor gave a brief overview of the bill. Chair Gossage asked Tonya Keys to come forward and explain the revised fiscal note ([Attachment 25](#)) for **HB2536**. Discussion followed.

Senator O'Shea moved to pass **HB2536** favorably, with a second from Senator Holscher. On a voice vote of aye, **HB2536** passed favorably.

Chairperson Gossage adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is March 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.