

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven R. Brunk at 1:30 p.m. on January 26, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Huebert-Excused
Representative Loganbill-Excused
Representative Peterson-Excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Stephen Bainum, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative TerriLois Gregory
Patricia Stoneking, President, Kansas State Rifle Association, Inc.
Tyler Thompson, Kansas Students Association, Ft. Hays University
Mike Taylor, Unified Government-Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas
Melody Rayl, Johnson County Community College
Deborah Stern, Kansas Hospital Association
Richard Johnson, University of Kansas Medical Center

Others attending: See attached

The Chairman called for bill introductions. There were none.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2353–Personal and family protection act; amendments**

Representative TerriLois Gregory presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2343** (Attachment 1).

Representative Gatewood asked for the source of the statement about the Columbine shooters lobbying against concealed carry. Representative Gregory said that it was part of a story published by the New York Times.

Patricia Stoneking testified as a proponent of **HB 2353** (Attachment 2).

Representative Seiwert said that when you post those signs you don't think the criminals respect those signs. Patricia said, absolutely not.

Tyler Thompson testified as an opponent of **HB 2353** (Attachment 3). Tyler's concern was college campuses. He maintained that they were already safe and it would be burdensome to add security.

Representative Seiwert asked if he knew how many students at Ft. Hays University had concealed carry. Tyler said he did not know.

Representative Wolfe-Moore was concerned with having guns around some of the activities on campus, such as parties and binge drinking. What are your thoughts about concealed carry in those situations?

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Tyler said he would assume that concealed carry people are responsible enough not to carry when they are drinking. He was concerned about weapons being around other students.

Representative O'Hara quoted statistics from an American College Health Association study done in 2005 to the effect that students age 18 to 24 were victims of 429,000 crimes of violence annually. Shouldn't these students have the ability to protect themselves?

Representative Kiegerl said that going through security measures took very little time. How can we have safety without the ability to protect ourselves?

Representative Knox asked what the odds were of being killed by a concealed carry holder today. I think you will find that none have been. Were there any such killings on the Utah campus which allows concealed carry?

Representative Rubin asked regarding the Virginia Tech shooting if he thought that some of those deaths might not have occurred if the students had weapons and fired back. Tyler said it was possible.

Mike Taylor presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2353** ([Attachment 4](#)). He was concerned that the mandate in **HB 2353** took away local government control. The requirements were too burdensome for the local governments to afford.

Representative Knox asked if he believed that there were things that were beyond local control. Mike said that was probably true but they need to be chosen carefully.

Melody Rayl testified as an opponent of **HB 2353** ([Attachment 5](#)). She stressed how prepared the security personnel were at the Johnson County Community College.

Representative Seiwert asked if she had full confidence in the campus police to handle every situation. She indicated that she did.

Representative Knox asked how campus life would change if concealed carry was allowed on campus. She felt that she would be uncomfortable with it.

Representative Kiegerl asked if she was familiar with the requirements to get a concealed carry license. She said she was generally familiar and it might be safer with their protection but it was not that simple.

Representative Howell asked what the average age was of students on campus. Melody said the last number she had was 27.

Deborah Stern presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2353** ([Attachment 6](#)). She requested an amendment to **HB 2353** to exempt hospital associations.

Richard Johnson testified as an opponent of **HB 2353** ([Attachment 7](#)).

Representative O'Hara asked how do you reconcile that this does not increase campus security when statistics show that have passed concealed carry have lower crime rates. Richard said that you need to look at the historical information for each campus.

Representative Rubin asked if they were familiar with the training the person who gets a concealed carry license must have. Richard said that he was not familiar with the specifics of the 8 hour training.

Representative Knox asked if he would find out how many 21 year olds reside on regents campuses

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Representative Seiwert asked what is your fear if this should pass. Richard said it was knowing when to respond and when it would be better not to draw the weapon.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2353**.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

