

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Brunk at 9:05 a.m. on March 4, 2009, in Room 784 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Bethell- absent  
Representative Jo Ann Pottorff- excused

Committee staff present:

Renae Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jerry Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Renae Jefferies, Assistant Revisor  
George Barbee, Kansas State Board of Technical Professions  
Trudy Aron, American Institute of Architects  
Ron Gaches, Kansas Society of Professional Engineers  
Bob Totten, Kansas Contractors Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Brunk at 9:05 a.m. He opened the hearing on **SB 29**.

**SB 29 - Board of technical professions; relating to licensure.**

The Chairman asked Renae Jefferies, Assistant Revisor to give the Committee a walkthrough on the bill (Attachment 1). Her walkthrough listed all the changes in the bill and indicated that the bill would be effective upon publication in the statute book.

George Barbee, a public member of the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions testified as a proponent of **SB 29** (Attachment 2). He said that the major change in the bill was in the definition of a business entity. Currently the statutes require corporations to have a certificate of authorization to offer a technical profession to the public. Changes being proposed would include business entities such as limited liability companies and partnerships. The term "corporation" is replaced by "business entity" throughout the bill. He offered an amendment to begin the one year certificates with the last half of the alphabet. He also proposed amendment language to exempt contractors to allow them to continue to do the work they presently do.

Representative Quigley asked a question about public funding being removed from the bill. George said that they have had so much objection to public funding that they took it out.

Representative Brunk asked if the language was encompassing enough language to include all the entities that would be involved with this bill. George replied that it was because the exemption was not particular enough to exclude any interested entities. Representative Brunk also asked if there was a change in the fees. George said that there was not a change in the fees.

Trudy Aron, American Institute of Architects testified as a proponent of **SB 29** (Attachment 3).

Representative Worley asked if the architects licensing requirements were identical to the engineers. Trudy said that they are not identical but the requirements are supported in the statutes.

Ron Gaches, Kansas Society of Professional Engineers and the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors testified as a proponent of **SB 29** (Attachment 4).

Bob Totten, Kansas Contractors Association testified as a proponent of **SB 29** (Attachment 5). There was no testimony from those who were neutral or opposed to the bill. The Chairman therefor closed

CONTINUATION SHEET

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the hearing on **SB 29**. He reminded the Committee that they would be hearing **SB 160 - Kansas minimum wage law; minimum wage increase** tommorrow.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.