

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 2:00 P.M. on March 30, 2006 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Huy - excused
Representative Lane - excused
Representative Pilcher-Cook - excused
Representative Pottorff - excused
Representative Sawyer - excused
Representative Sharp - excused
Representative Yoder - excused

Committee staff present:

J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Assistant
Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Robert Waller, Administrator, Board of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
Carmen Alldritt, Department of Revenue

Others attending:

- Attachment 1 Testimony on **SB 546** by Robert Waller

Hearing on SB 546 - Emergency medical services data collection system.

Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department, explained that **SB 546** would direct the Board of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), within the limits of appropriations, to develop and maintain a statewide data collection system to collect and analyze emergency medical services information to assist the Board in improving the quality of emergency medical services. Operators and ambulance services would be required to collect and report specific information. The legislation authorizes the adoption of rules and regulations for the collection of the data. Several amendments were added by the Senate.

Chairman Neufeld recognized Robert Waller, Administrator, Board of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), who presented testimony in support of **SB 546** (Attachment 1). Mr. Waller stated that currently there is no uniform data collection system in the State. This legislation would provide for a data collection system to link the Department of Transportation (KDOT) travel records and the Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) trauma records. Mr. Waller noted that there are federal funds available to assist rural EMS departments with software for the collection of the data to connect to the system. Mr. Waller indicated that the cost to the counties would be minimal. Mr. Waller stated that all six EMS regions support the legislation; however, they do not support the amendment added by the Senate regarding the addition of a provision to require the Department of Revenue to collect additional data on driver licenses concerning certain health conditions of the driver. Mr. Waller indicated that funding is currently available for the complete system.

The Chair recognized Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicles, Department of Revenue, who stated that the Department of Revenue does not support the Senate amendment concerning the additional information required on driver licenses. Ms. Alldritt noted that the Driver Privacy Protection Act might not allow the collection of this specific data. The Department feels the collection of the data will be a tremendous undertaking and should be researched to determine if the collection of this specific data could cause significant problems in the future.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The hearing on SB 546 was closed.

Representative Henry moved to strike the language in **SB 546** pertaining to the floor amendment added by the Senate on Page 2, Section 5, Line 31 thru Page 3, Line 3 regarding the collection of additional information on driver licenses. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Henry moved to recommend **SB 546** favorable for passage as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn moved to approve the minutes as written of March 13, March 14, March 15, March 16, March 17, March 20, March 21, March 22 and March 23. The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting will be "on call of the Chair".

Melvin Neufeld, Chairman