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Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Morrison at 1:36 p.m. on February 25, 2003, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representatives Landwehr and Holland, both of whom were excused.

Committee staff present:

Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Renae Jefferies, Kansas Revisor of Statutes' Office
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Hein, Legislative Attorney, Kansas Society of Radiologic Technologists
Phyllis Gilmore, Executive Director, Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes for February 20 and February 24.

The Committee continued its discussion of **HB 2254**.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the balloon amendment received on February 24. (Attachment 1) After a brief discussion, the motion to amend passed unanimously.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to recommend **HB 2254** as amended favorable for passage.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend **HB 2234** as favorable for passage. Representative Kirk noted that the various interest groups had agreed to remove all references to social workers in the bill (primarily Section C) and send it to the Senate for further consideration. A motion to amend was made, seconded and passed to remove from the bill all reference to social workers.

The motion was passed to recommend **HB 2234** favorable for passage as amended.

A motion and second were made to recommend **HB 2116** favorable for passage. Members expressed concern about aspects of the bill: its duplication of services, its weighted preference for the Governor's appointments; its lack of specificity for appointments, the problem of funding sources. A motion was made and seconded to include a pharmacist in the list of appointees, making the total 23 and a quorum 12. The amendment passed.

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By motion and second an amendment recommended changing the language on Page 1, Line 14 from “oversee” to “review state laws and regulations in order to...,” and to eliminate the sentence embraced by lines 17-19. The motion to amend passed.

A motion to table **HB 2116** was made, seconded and passed.

The Chair announced his intention to hold **HB 2274** and **HB 2170** for further study. He recognized Ron Hein, Legislative Attorney, Kansas Society of Radiologic Technologists. Mr. Hein distributed Attachment 2 to illustrate ways in which the radiologic technologists had responded to opponents of their licensure bill, adapting language and accommodating various interests to make the bill more acceptable, noting that the intent of the bill is to improve health care in Kansas, not create hardships for medical offices and hospitals. He pointed out changes that allow present personnel taking x-rays to be included in temporary licensure. The balloon amendment also creates levels of expertise among radiologists: granting a conditional license for two years while a person gains education and training, a limited license for a radiographer, and full licensure for those with adequate training and an associate degree. The amendment also grants a special license for regional hardships or emergency situations.

Phyllis Gilmore, Executive Director, Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, speaking regarding **HB 2170**, said she was encouraged in her dialogues with social workers, trial lawyers, and the Office of Judicial Administration, expressing hope that the differences could be worked out

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. No further meeting was scheduled.