

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:35 P.M. on March 2, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Phil Journey- excused

Late Arrival:

Sen Haley	1:40
Sen Wagle	1:41
Sen Schmidt	1:41

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Diana Lee, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Robert Waller, Administrator - Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services

Tuck Duncun, Representative for American Medical Response

Christopher, MICT, BS - Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association

John Hultgren, Representing Region 4 Emergency Medical Response

Kerry McCue, Director - Ellis County Emergency Medical Response

Others attending:

See attached list.

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Barnett asked Emalene Correll to review and explain the new statutes of **SB 546**.

**Hearing on SB 546—An act concerning the board of emergency medical services; establishing a statewide data collection system**

Chairman Barnett called upon his first proponent conferee, Robert Waller, Administrator for the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services who stated that the purpose of **SB 546** is to collect and analyze emergency medical services response information from ambulance services on patients being transported in Kansas in a central repository and in an electronic format. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair then called upon the next proponent conferee, Tuck Duncun, American Medical Response, stated that the provisions of the bill would allow that the Board of Emergency Medical Services to develop and maintain a statewide data collection system to analyze emergency medical services information that will assist the board in improving the quality of emergency medical services. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Next the Chair called upon the first opponent conferee, Christopher Way, MICT, BS, Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association who stated that he believes accurate data collection can improve patient care and / or the level of service provided to the citizens of Kansas that he serves, and believes that implementing a system with mandates and fines is a purely bureaucratic approach that does not encourage good patient care nor enhance service delivery. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett then called upon the next opponent conferee, John Hultgren, Representing Region 4 Emergency Medical Services, stated that Region 4 does support data collection in the state and supports legislation helping services and the state to accomplish this, but the process at the local service level will take time in training personnel and acquiring resources to complete it. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 4)

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attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett then called upon opponent conferee, Kerry McCue, Director of the Ellis County Emergency Medical Services, who stated that the bill would allow the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services to establish a statewide data collection system, and is concerned that **SB 546** is not the establishment of a data collection system but rather the financial impact that the bill could place on ambulance services and local government across the State. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 5) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair then called the Committee's attention to the written testimony submitted by Kansas Department fo Transportation, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and Advisory Committee on Trauma in support of **SB 537**. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 6) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced

The Chair then called the Committee's attention to the written testimony submitted by Terry David, Emergency Medical Services Director for Rice County in opposition of **SB 537**. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 7) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett asked for question or comments from the Committee. Questions came from Senators Schmidt, Palmer, Wagle, Haley, and Barnett regarding the lack of notice in bringing this bill up for a hearing, concern with the HIPAA law, data software systems management, the holding of secure information, penalties, origin of request, and time length to fill out a patient report.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2006.