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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marc Rhoades at 9:15 AM on Thursday, March 15, 2012 in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Harold Lane - excused

Committee staff present:

J.G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department

Dylan Dear, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department

Michael Wales, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Nobuko Folmsbee, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Cindy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant

Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jane Rhys, Disability Advocate

Tim Wood, End of the Wait Campaign

Kerrie Bacon, Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Chairman Rhoades called the meeting to order and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Representative Landwehr requested a bill introduction creating a joint committee on KanCare oversight ([Attachment 1](#)).

Representative Crum made a motion to introduce legislation for the creation of a joint committee on KanCare oversight. The motion was seconded by Representative Denning. The motion carried.

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Chairman Rhoades opened the hearing on **HB 2644**.

Hearing on: **HB 2644 - Terminology change from mental retardation and similar terms to intellectual disability and similar terms.**

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided an overview of the bill (Attachment 2) and recommended amendments.

Jane Rhys, Disability Advocate, presented testimony as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 3). She noted recommended changes that have been referred to the Office of the Revisor of Statutes.

Tim Wood, End of the Wait Campaign, presented testimony as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 4).

Kerrie Bacon, Interim Director, Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities, presented testimony as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 5).

Written testimony was distributed to committee members from Kathy Lobb, Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 6), Kim Dietrich, Independent Living Advocate as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 7), and Rocky Nichols, Disability Rights Center for Kansas (Attachment 8).

Representative Crum made a motion to approve the bill as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Mast.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the bill in the Senate. Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed the Senate's recommendation for **Substitute for SB 397 - by Committee on Public Health and Welfare - terminology change from mental retardation to intellectual disability** which was a mirror bill to the House bill. The bill is above the line today for debate in the Senate. The changes recommended are the same as contained in the Senate bill, it was noted.

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Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, stated that this is a Senate bill and this bill has not been acted on in the House. This bill could be referred from the Speaker of the House to the floor or the bill could come back to the committee for a hearing and would not need for the reprinting of the bill. It was noted that the Senate would take final action tomorrow.

Representative Crum withdrew the motion, as was approved by the second to the motion.

Committee members continued discussion and it was noted that the committee will wait until the Senate bill is approved for passage before further discussion or action is taken.

Chairman Rhoades closed the hearing on the bill and reviewed the agenda for the next committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at: 9:29 a.m.