

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Patricia Barbieri-Lightner at 3:30 on February 18, 2003 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Excused: Broderick Henderson, and attending instead of Eber Phelps-RJ Wilson

Committee staff present: Bill Wolff, Legislative Research
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Rena Hansen, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: **Bob Williams**, Executive Director, Kansas Pharmacy Association
Bob Alderson, Kansas Pharmacists Association
Nancy Corkins, Regional Supervisor, Dillons Pharmacy
Representative Deena Horst, 69th District, Kansas House of Representatives

Others attending: 22 others, some of whom signed the attached register.

It was discussed as to what to do with the specific bills that were heard on February 13, 2003.

HB2184 -Did not have an impact statement with it so it could not presently be looked at.

HB2069-Could possibly have another hearing on it, because there was an impact study provided, or possibly put into an interim study.

HB2185-No impact study was provided, so until the time that one is produced a hearing cannot be done on the bill.

Comments and Questions were made by:

Representative David Huff questioned who was responsible for providing an impact statement. Researcher Bill Wolff stated that he and Revisor Ken Wilke were in agreement on the statute that the group who proposes the bill is responsible for providing the Legislature with the impact statement.

Representative Bonnie Sharp and Bob Grant questioned if a bill could be heard without having an impact study or could it be heard and then not worked until the impact study was provided. Researcher Bill Wolff commented that whether or not a bill gets heard or worked has always been left up to the complete discretion of the Committee Chair.

Representative David Huff asked whether the person having a mandate bill drafted were in fact usually told that an impact statement needed to be provided. Revisor Wilke stated that when he drafts those bills he generally does tell the individuals of a need for an impact statement.

Representative RJ Wilson questioned what the word consideration in the statute refers to: hearing the bill, considering the bill, working the bill. Researcher Bill Wolff says that varies from case to case.

Hearing on:

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HB 2233-Enacting the Uniform Prescription Drug Information Card Act.

Bob Williams, Executive Director, Kansas Pharmacy Association, (attachment #1), presented reasons why it is necessary to have a standard form by which patients give information on an insurance prescription card that the pharmacy uses to process the claim. Twenty four states have already passed similar legislation. The bill does not require insurance companies to have this standard information in any specific place only that it appear on the card in order to help expedite the processing time of the claim. Some amendments were presented and explained that help clarify the bill. (attachment #2)

Questions were posed by: Representative Scott Schwab.

Bob Alderson, Kansas Pharmacists Association, (attachment #3), presented testimony that supports the history of previous bills submitted and worked in the legislature of Kansas and other states, and the general favoring of a uniform prescription card.

Nancy Corkins, Regional Supervisor, Dillons Pharmacy, licensed pharmacist, (attachment #4), presented testimony that showed what the day to day effects of not having a uniform prescription card available are for the individual pharmacological providers. They believe a standardized card would help them process the prescriptions more efficiently.

Questions were posed by: Representatives Patricia Barbieri-Lightner, Bonnie Sharp, Nile Dillmore, Bob Grant, Cindy Neighbor, and Mario Goico.

There were no opponents.

The hearing on **HB2233** was closed.

Hearing on:

HB2268-Enacting the Uniform Prescription Drug Information Card Act.

Representative Deena Horst, 69th District, Kansas House of Representatives, (attachment #5) presented testimony from the independent pharmacists perspective on enacting a bill that would require a uniform prescription drug information card. Attached to her testimony is information provided to her by a brother in law that is a pharmacist. She noted that she supported HB2233 also with a few changes.

Questions were posed by: Representative Scott Schwab.

There were no opponents.

The hearing on **HB2268** was closed.

It was noted that there were fiscal notes passed out on **HB's 2233, 2268, 2069, 2185, and 2184.**

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Representative Scott Schwab moved to pass out of committee HB 2071, seconded by Representative Cindy Neighbor.

Discussion was presented by Representative Nancy Kirk about the fact that there was an amendment to the bill presented in a past meeting.

Ken Wilke confirmed that there were some amendments proposed by Mr. Bill Sneed, and Bill Wolffe noted that it was on February 11th.

Representative Bob Grant made a substitute motion to adopt the amendment that was presented, Representative Bonnie Sharp seconded, motion to amend passed unanimously.

Representative Bob Grant moved to pass the amended **HB 2071** out of committee, seconded by Representative Ray Cox, motion unanimously passed.

It was suggested that Representative Scott Schwab carry the bill on the floor.

HB 2337 : In light of the fact the issue discussed in this bill is currently before the court Representative Barbieri-Lightner assigned a committee to review this bill. Assigned to the committee are: Representatives Ray Cox, Chair, Bonnie Sharp, and David Huff.

We will have hearings on **HB 2232** and **HCR 5010** on February 20.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting February 20,2003.