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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Brunk at 9:03 A.M. on February 16, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Mike Kiegerl- excused
Terrie Huntington- excused

Committee staff present:
Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Stephen Bainum, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:
See attached list.

The Chairman asked the committee to look at the minutes for approval before turn around. The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2314 Board of accountancy approval of educational credit (Attachment 1)**.

Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes, explained the bill.

Representative Pauls asked if lines 39-40 apply to accounting credit. The answer was yes.

Representative Roth said that if we strike lines 27 and 39-40 the Board would still have plenty of discretion as to what credits they will accept. Jill answered yes.

Representative Grant asked if the board could still approve or disapprove individual credits. Jill said that they were doing two things. Approving the university and approving the concentration of courses in accounting. Representative Grant said it seems to him that we are taking away their discretion.

Representative Garcia asked if Jill was saying that in the rules and regulations they would have discretion. Jill said they would have their discretion through deciding what credits would be allowed in the accounting concentration.

Representative Goico said that the university decides valid credits and the Board has recognized the university so the credits are accepted.

Representative Humerickhouse made a motion to strike lines 27, 39 and 40, seconded by Representative Sharp.

Representative Roth asked if approval of the college gives the Board discretion to approve colleges and courses. The answer was yes.

The Chairman called for the question and the motion passed on voice vote. The committee was back on the bill.

Representative Pauls proposed an amendment to reduce from 150 to 100 hour on line 25 on page 1. Seconded by Representative Humerickhouse.

Representative Goico said that since the Board was responsible for approving CPA's then the Board should have the right to establish credit requirements. This is necessary to protect the public. Representative Roth agreed.
Representative Grant agreed.

Representative Sharp said that she was recently in college and had two bachelor degrees with 155 hours. The extra 50 hours is a full extra year. Why do we require 150 hours when it doesn't take

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that many credit hours to get an accounting major?

There being no more questions the question was called and the amendment passed by voice vote. The division was called for and there were 9 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Goico, Roth and Garcia asked to be recorded as no.

Representative Sharp moved that **HB 2314** be passed favorably as amended, seconded by Representative Kelley.

There were no question. The motion passed on voice vote.

The Chairman called for action on **HB 2268 - Qualifications of persons conducting certain insect inspections.**

Representative Pauls made a motion that the bill be passed favorably, seconded by Representative Ruff.

Seeing no discussion the question was called and the motion passed by voice vote.

The Chairman called the committee to consider **HB 2316 - Authorizing paperless payroll methods for employers.**

Jill Wolters explained the balloon for the bill (Attachment 2).

Representative Goico said that Federal laws apply to these cards. Jill said that Federal rules would also have to be followed by the banks.

Representative Grange commented on line 35 that it was the bank allowing access, not the employer.

The Chairman said that it was the employers intent to allow this by agreement with the bank.

Representative Pauls asked a question about the 90 days mentioned on line 38. Would an employer offering these cards for the first time have to delay issuing them for 90 days? If they are starting a new one, yes.

Representative Roth asked if the Kansas Society for Human Resource Management agreed. Phillip Hayes answered that they do agree with exception they want lines 9-12 on page 2 stricken.

Representative Pauls made a motion to reduce the 90 days to 30 days. Representative Metzger seconded the motion.

The question was called and the amendment passed by voice vote.

Representative Grant made a motion that we accept the lightly amended bill, seconded by Representative Landwehr. This passed by voice vote and the committee was back on the bill as amended.

Representative Goico explained the Federal law about liability for loss of a card and the difference between Federal law and Kansas law. If the loss was reported the limit was \$50.00. If it was not reported the liability was \$300.00 per Kansas law and \$500 per Federal law. He made a motion that Kansas law be made a part of the bill, seconded by Representative Grange.

The Chairman called the question and the amendment passed by voice vote.

Representative Humerickhouse made the motion to strike lines 9-12 on page 2. Seconded by Representative Garcia. Kathy Olsen explained the balloon.

Representative Landwehr asked Kathy if removing lines 9-12 allows a bank to collect a negative

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balance. Kathy answered yes.

Representative Pauls asked if the Federal rule controls who can be reported to a credit agency.

The motion passed on voice vote.

Representative Roth made a motion to pass the bill favorably as amended, seconded by Representative Metzker. It was passed by voice vote.

The Chairman called attention to **HB 2456 - Employment security law, reduction in contribution rates** and said that the amendments being considered were already approved on the Senate side.

Jill Wolters explained the balloon (Attachment 3).

Representative Grant made the motion to adopt the amendments, seconded by Representative Ruiz. It passed by voice vote.

Representative Pauls made a motion to report the bill favorably as amended, seconded by Representative Roth. The motion passed on voice vote.

Representative Grange gave a report on the reciprocity bill on continuing education and suggested that it be worked Monday.

The Chairman said that we still have the home inspectors bill to consider on Monday. We intend to finish the hearing and work it Monday morning.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:14 A.M.