

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brenda Landwehr at 1:30 P.M. on February 20, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Rep. Holland, excused

Rep. Mast, excused

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes Office

Dianne Rosell, Revisor of Statutes Office

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Chris Haug, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chad Austin, Kansas Hospital Association

Representative Mitch Holmes

Larry Asher, General Manager Commercial Laundry Sales & Services

Mary Lou Davis, Executive Director Kansas Board of Cosmetology

Willa DeCastro, American Adoptions

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

Chad Austin, representing the Kansas Hospital Association, gave a presentation on the Importance of the Health Care Sector to the State of Kansas. (Attachment 1) There are many trends and indicators which show health care's economic importance. Health Services is among the fastest growing sectors. Demographic trends suggest that growth will continue. Attracting and retaining businesses and retirees depends on adequate health care services. A sustainable health care system is essential for local health and economic opportunity.

Chairperson Landwehr opened the hearing on **HB2855 - Cleaning process used by certain laundries**

Proponents:

Representative Mitch Holmes gave a brief testimony in favor of **HB2855**. (Attachment 2) This bill is a measure that can save energy for state agencies as well as private businesses. The use of ozone is safer than the handling of bleach and other chemicals.

Larry Asher, General Manager Commercial Laundry Sales & Services, gave testimony in favor of using Ozone in the Laundry process in regulated facilities. (Attachment 3) He stated using Ozone can have a great economic and environmental impact in Kansas. Ozone works best in cold water. It can save 75-85% of an energy bill. It decreases the drying time and leaves no environmental pollution.

No one else wished to testify. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment was notified of the hearing but did not testify.

The hearing on **HB2855** and closed.

The hearing on **HB2721 - Board of cosmetology, relating to licensing requirements** was opened.

Proponents:

Mary Lou Davis, Executive Director Kansas Board of Cosmetology testified in support of this bill. (Attachment 4) Ms. Davis stated this proposed legislation contains revisions for regulatory responsibility for cosmetology professions, body art professions and tanning facilities. For Cosmetology, which is covered in pages 1-16, language in the bill is being revised to more adequately define the practices of cosmetology professions. The bill would add cosmetic tattooing to the list of regulated professions.

The board believes one instructor per 25 students is necessary in the theory classroom and one instructor to

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25 is necessary to adequately supervise the practice floor. The number of aestheticians has nearly doubled from 2004 to 2007 (From 337 licensees to 610). The board is seeking the ability to discipline tanning facility licensees in the same manner as the cosmetology and body art professions and facilities. Regarding body art, the training revision in the proposed legislation more clearly outlines the necessary training requirements. The language does eliminate the option where an individual may attain training in a licensed school.

Written testimony was supplied by the Academy of Aesthetics Arts. (Attachment 5) They support the request to amend the required hours for the esthetics branch of cosmetology.

Dianne Roselle, Revisor of Statutes provided the language changes for the bill.

Chairperson Landwehr closed the hearings on **HB2721**.

HB2570 - Persons authorized to make adoption assessments. Willa DeCastro, representing American Adoptions, stated the former two balloons were rolled into one balloon, which is balloon 3. In lines 17 and on, they added the various job titles and where in the statutes those titles were defined. This was recommended by the revisor. Balloon 3 was reviewed. Representative Rhoades made the motion to adopt balloon 3 and Representative Neighbor seconded. The motion carried. Representative Rhoades made the motion to pass the bill favorably, as amended, out of committee. Representative Storm seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Rhoades will carry the bill.

Chairperson Landwehr turned the committee's attention to **HB2695 - Athletic trainer licensure**. Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes gave the overview of the changes to the proposed amendment. Representative Storm moved we accept the balloon. Representative Neighbor seconded. The motion carried. Rep. Storm moved we pass HB2695 out of committee, favorably as amended. Representative Neighbor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The deadline to work bills in our committee is Tuesday, February 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m. The next meeting will be February 21, 2008.