

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE KANSAS FUTURES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carlos Mayans at 1:30 p.m. on March 12, 2002 in Room 526-S of the State Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Carl Krehbiel - excused
Representative Brenda Landwehr - excused
Representative Gene O'Brien - excused
Representative Mike O'Neal - excused
Representative Valdenia Winn - excused

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Sherman Parks, Jr., Revisor of Statutes' Office
Lois Hedrick, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

The minutes of the meeting held on February 21, 2002 were approved.

HB 2905: Kansas commission on health; creating; powers, duties and function

Chairman Mayans opened the meeting for consideration of proposed amendments to **HB 2905**. Representative Bethell explained that the recommended list of members for the Kansas Commission on Health set out on Attachment 1 was developed from testimony and suggestions gathered in the committee hearing held on February 21, 2002 on **HB 2905**. Representative McClure noted that the list does not include seniors. The Chairman indicated that question will be addressed as the committee proceeds.

Chairman Mayans stated other recommendations from conferees had been considered and reflected in the balloon amendment that is ready for consideration (see Attachment 2). Sherman Parks reviewed the proposed amendments. Representative Sloan asked if pharmacists were represented on the Commission; and Mr. Parks answered it was intended that those licensed to perform medical and surgical procedures would be included. Representative Lane noted a typographical change on page 1, line 18, and suggested adding a period after the word "Kansas". He asked if the bracketed words throughout were ones to be deleted (which they were).

Representative Horst stated legislators receive many reports each year and asked if clarification is needed as to who should receive annual reports and to indicate how copies could be procured. She noted the e-Government Committee is considering a recommendation that agency reports be placed on the internet and made available to anyone through electronic means. Perhaps an agency (such as SRS) should be designated as the source to obtain such reports.

Representative DiVita suggested the words "*and recommendations*" be added on page 3, line 5, after the word "activities". She also recommended a specific central agency be designated the depository for the report and the agency's address be posted on the Internet so the report will be available to the public. Representative DiVita so moved, Representative McClure seconded, and the motion was adopted..

Representative Ray questioned the funding for the commission, especially the production of the annual report. It was noted that expenses of the commission would be a policy question for the legislature's consideration. Representative McClure suggested deleting the word "shall" on page 3, line 4.

Representative Sloan moved the adoption of the balloon amendments shown on Attachment 1.
Representative Horst seconded the motion; and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman indicated other changes had been discussed and asked if there was further comment. Representative Toelkes stated he felt one of the commission members should be representative of the

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population aged 55 years and older. The members agreed to increase the number of commission members to 19, and the 19th member be a representative of AARP Kansas. Representative Toelkes so moved the changes; Representative Sloan seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Representative Sloan moved that **HB 2905**, as amended, be passed favorably. The motion passed unanimously. The Chairman asked the Vice-Chairman to carry the bill on the Floor.

Chairman Mayans related his conversation with the Speaker of the House about having specific Senate Bills referred to the committee and noted, until any bills or other projects are referred, the committee will stand at ease.

The meeting was adjourned.