



KHA's Capitol Comments
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Senate Committee Hears Bills and Works Dental Bill

Today, the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee met, chaired by Senator Beverly Gossage (R-Eudora). The committee held a hearing on the following bills:

[Senate Bill 434](#), exempting the practice of hair removal by sugaring from the definition of cosmetology.

Proponents included:

- Samuel MacRoberts, Litigation Director and General Counsel, Kansas Justice Institute

Speaking in opposition:

- Johnatha Lueth, Americans for Prosperity

[Senate Bill 461](#), creating the laser hair removal act to restrict the performance of laser hair removal to certain medical professionals.

Proponent testimony:

- Jared Widseth, Milan Laser
- William Wilk, Kansas Chamber
- Jonathan Lueth, Americans for Prosperity

Opponents appearing:

- Dr. Aron Fast, President of Kansas Medical Society
- Susan Gile, Kansas Board of Healing Arts

The committee also worked [Senate Bill 103](#), updating certain provisions of the Kansas dental practices act relating to dentist information requested by patients, in-person practice requirements in dental office using licensee's name. The chair broke the tie to pass the bill out of committee.

House Appropriations Committee Works Bill and Budgets

Today, the House Appropriations Committee, chaired by Representative Troy Waymaster (R-Bunker Hill) worked [Senate Bill 307](#), adding for-profit entities to the definition of "qualified applicant" in the Kansas fights addiction act. The committee amended the legislation to allow

for the oversight committee to be reimbursed for meeting expenses similar to other boards and commissions. The committee recommended the bill favorably as amended. It will now go to the House floor.

The committee also held discussion on budget subcommittee reports for the following:

- Kansas State Fire Marshal
- Kansas Bureau of Investigation
- Office of the Bank Commissioner
- Kansas Department of Credit Unions
- Office of the Revisor of Statutes
- Legislative Research Department
- Legislature
- Legislative Division of Post Audit
- Legislative Coordinating Council

Senate Local Government Committee Passes Out EMS Bill As Amended

Today, the Senate Local Government Committee met, chaired by Senator Carolyn McGinn (R-Sedgwick) to have a continued discussion on [Senate Bill 384](#). The committee discussed an amendment agreed to by the parties that would allow the Emergency Medical Services Board to grant certain permanent variances from rules and regulations to allow for less operators and adds EMS reporting requirements. The bill, as amended, was recommended favorably for passage. It will now go to the Senate floor.

House Health Committee Hears and Works Bills

Yesterday, the House Health and Human Services Committee, chaired by Representative Brenda Landwehr (R-Wichita) met to hold hearings and work the following bills:

[House Bill 2751](#), authorizing the Kansas department of aging and disability services to condition or restrict a disability service provider license, granting the secretary the authority to grant regulation waivers, unrelated to health and safety and authorizing correction orders and civil fines to be appealed to the secretary.

Proponents included:

- Lacey Hunter, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
- Chris Stanyer, Goodwill Industries of Kansas
- Matt Fletcher, Interhab.

There was no opponent or neutral testimony.

[House Bill 2750](#), permitting the use of expedited partner therapy to treat a sexually transmitted disease.

Proponents included:

- Dr. Derek Totten, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Kelly Fritz, Miami County Health Department
- Dr. Patrick Allen, the University of Kansas Medical School
- Kimberly Kern, Walgreens

Neutral testimony:

- Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

Appearing in opposition:

- Nicholas Reinecker

The Health committee also met today to hold a hearing on [House Bill 2746](#), updating requirements for receiving and renewing a license under the dietitians licensing act.

Proponent testimony:

- Lacey Hunter, KDADS

The committee took final action on the following bills this week:

- [House Bill 2484](#), enacting the social work licensure compact to provide interstate practice privileges for social workers. The committee made changes to the fingerprinting and changed fees and recommended favorably as amended.
- [House Bill 2746](#), updating requirements for receiving and renewing a license under the dietitians licensing act.
- [House Bill 2751](#), authorizing KDADS to condition or restrict disability service provider license, granting secretary authority to grant regulation waivers unrelated to health and safety and authorizing correction orders and civil fines to be appeals by the secretary. The committee amended the bill to ensure that it is only direct service providers in need of background checks and not executive staff.
- [House Bill 2750](#), permitting the use of expedited partner therapy to treat a sexually transmitted disease. The committee amended the bill to focus on chlamydia, gonorrhea and trichomoniasis. The committee also amended the bill to include documentation for partners name and age, and to apply to those over 18.

These bills will now go to the full House for further review.