

**KANSAS HEALTH POLICY AUTHORITY
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL STUDY #19
Need for a Statutory Legislative Committee on Health Futures**

Introduction

The 2008 edition of the Kansas Legislative Handbook says this about legislative standing committees: “Most standing committees are created to evaluate and report on bills assigned to them...Not all committees are of equal importance. Both the quality and quantity of bills assigned varies from committee to committee and from year to year.¹” During the 2008 legislative session, there were three standing committees which discussed health-related legislation—the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee and Health Care Strategies Committee and the House Health and Human Services Committee. This study will analyze the work of these committees in recent years, as well as the interim Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight, in order to determine whether or not an additional Health Futures Committee is necessary.

Methods

In the Kansas Legislature, there is no formal record of the jurisdiction or charges of standing committees. Therefore, in order to analyze the activities and subject matter heard by each of the health committees we used a historical approach. This study examines the bills heard in each of these committees during the 2005-2008 legislative sessions and the work of the Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight since its creation in 2005. Additionally, where available, we provide information on the charter and charge of each of the health committees and a summary of the topics covered.

Results

The Senate Health Care Strategies Committee

The Senate Health Care Strategies Committee was created and held its first meetings during the 2005 legislative session. According to the minutes of the committee’s first meeting on January 20, 2005, the committee was charged by the Senate President to “analyze health care costs, address concerns about the Medicaid system, look at long term strategies for addressing health care costs, and see what the Committee can do to make sure affordable health care is available to all Kansans.²”

The committee has been chaired by Senator Susan Wagle since its inception. Committee membership in the 2008 session included: Vice Chairperson Senator Pete Brungardt, Ranking Minority Member Senator Mark Gilstrap, Senator Nick Jordan, Senator Phil Journey, Senator Peggy Palmer, and Senator Vicki Schmidt. The committee was scheduled to meet two times per week on Mondays and Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

The workload of the Health Care Strategies Committee has varied from year to year. The following is a summary of the committee’s action from 2005 to 2008, compiled from the Committee Action Index for each year.

¹ 2008 Kansas Legislative Handbook. Page 5

² <http://www.kslegislature.org/committeeminutes/0506/senate/shealthstragtegies/shealthstrategies01202005.pdf>

- During the 2005 session, a total of five bills were introduced in the committee, but only two bills received hearings. Senate Bill 235, an act concerning hospitals, and instituting a moratorium on the establishment of certain hospitals prior to July 1, 2006 was heard on March 2 and 3, but later died in committee. Senate Bill 306, an act which established the Kansas Health Policy Authority and its powers, duties and functions, was heard on March 29, and the bill passed out of committee favorably on March 30.
- In 2006, four bills were introduced, but only HB 2608 was heard. The bill dealt with the Kansas Health Policy Authority and related to administrative hearings. A hearing was held on February 7, and HB 2608 passed out of the committee favorably the same day with the recommendation that it be placed on the Consent Calendar.
- The 2007 session saw only two bills, Senate Bill 309, concerning the Kansas Health Care Connector Act and Senate Bill 323, concerning the Kansas Health Policy Authority. Hearings were held on both bills. SB 309 was heard on February 20, March 13, and March 19. Final action was taken on the bill March 19, when substitute language for the bill passed out of committee favorably. Senate Bill 323 was heard on February 19, with continued discussion and final action on February 21. Substitute for Senate Bill 323 passed out of committee favorably on February 19.
- In 2008 the committee heard four bills. The Medical Marijuana Defense Act, Senate Bill 556, was heard on February 11 but never made it out of committee. Hearings were held for Senate Bill 541 on February 18 and 19, which dealt with the Kansas Health Policy Authority. On March 10 the bill passed out of committee with favorable status. Senate Concurrent Resolution 1608, a concurrent resolution memorializing Congress to allow states greater flexibility in the use of federal health care funding, was heard March 17 and passed out of committee on March 24 (QUESTION ON THE STATUS). An important bill to come out of committee in 2008 was House Bill 2620, a bill concerning the Kansas Board of Healing Arts. Hearings were held on March 18 and 24. The committee amended the bill and it passed out of committee favorably on March 25.

It was recently announced that the Senate Health Care Strategies Committee will not exist during the 2009 legislative session.

The Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

The Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee existed prior to the creation of the Health Care Strategies committee. Public Health and Welfare has traditionally heard most of the legislation in the Senate dealing with health-related matters. The following tables list the legislation considered by the Committee during each legislative session from 2005 to 2008.

Committee Action Index 2005

BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT	DATE OF HEARING/ DISCUSSION	DATE OF FINAL ACTION BY FULL COMMITTEE
SB 10	Schools; self-administration of medication	1/24/05	1/31/05 Passed as amended
SB 86	Cancer registry, follow-up projects on cancer cases for public health purposes.	1/31/05	No Action
SB 91	Dental board fees.	2/1/05	2/14/05 Passed favorably as amended
SB 92	Abuse of persons in adult care homes, duties of department on aging.	1/31/05	1/31/05 Passed and placed on Consent Calendar
SB 115	Investigation period involving reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of certain persons.	2/8/05	2/8/05 Passed favorably
SB 116	Injunctive authority to cease operations of unlicensed psychiatric hospitals, community mental health centers and facilities for the mentally ill, mentally retarded or other handicapped persons.	2/8/05	2/15/05 Passed favorably as amended
SB 154	Food service standards for public schools.	2/ 15/05	2/17/05 Passed favorably as amended
SB 155	Abortions may be performed only by physicians, and on fetuses aged 16 weeks or more only at ambulatory surgical centers or hospitals.	No Action	No Action
SB 183	Scope of practice of federally active licensees under the healing arts act.	2/14/05	2/17/05 Passed favorably as amended
SB 208	Concerning child care facilities and family day care homes; denial or revocation of license.	2/14/05	No Action
SB 216	Infectious or contagious diseases, quarantine and isolation of individuals.	2/17/05	2/17/05 Passed favorably
SB 217	Tuberculosis evaluations for faculty, staff and students who enter high school, college or university classrooms.	2/15/05	3/8/05 Passed favorably as amended
SB 222	Professional counseling license, qualifications, graduates of programs requiring less than 12 on-campus credit hours.	No Action	No Action
SB 254	Persons not engaged in practice of healing arts.	2/22/05	2/22/05 Passed favorably as amended
SCR 1604	School food programs.	2/7/05	2/7/05 Passed favorably
HB 2077	Establishing a cancer drug repository program.	3/7/05	3/14/05 Passed favorably as amended
HB 2086	Home health agencies surveys.	3/8/05	3/8/05 Passed favorably as amended
Sub HB 2088	Uniform vital statistics.	3/10/05	No Action
HB 2153	Secretary of aging, state long-term care ombudsman.	3/9/05	3/9/05 Passed favorably as amended
HB 2154	Repeal of K.S.A. 65-1627d, 65-1627e and 65-1627g.	3/9/05	3/9/05 Passed favorably and placed on consent calendar
HB 2155	Prescription refills.	3/10/05	3/16/05 Passed favorably as amended

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BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT	DATE OF HEARING/ DISCUSSION	DATE OF FINAL ACTION BY FULL COMMITTEE
SB 86	The cancer registry; follow-up projects on cancer cases	No Action	No Action
SB 92	Abuse, neglect or exploitation of persons relating to the department of aging; concerning duties thereof; concerning withholding or withdrawal of life-saving or life-sustaining care of certain persons	No Action	No Action
SB 155	Abortion	No Action	No Action
SB 208	Children and minors; relating to licensure of a child care facility or family day care home	No Action	No Action
SB 222	An act concerning professional counselors; relating to licensure by the behavioral sciences regulatory board	No Action	No Action
SB 290	Concerning promulgation of rules and regulations by the secretary of social and rehabilitation services; relating to the prior authorization program	No Action	No Action
SB 314	Office based surgeries; providing for regulation of physicians who perform office-based surgeries and special procedures	No Action	No Action
SB425	Hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers; relating to disclosure of prices	No Action	No Action
SB 426	Relating to minors; concerning the donation of blood	2/1/06	2/8/06
SB 469	The behavioral sciences regulatory board; relating to impaired licensees	2/9/06	2/22/06
SB 470	The behavioral sciences; relating to temporary licenses	2/9/06	2/9/06
SB 511	Health clubs; requiring the availability of an automated external defibrillator and the availability during business hours of a qualified person to operate such defibrillator	2/22/06	No Action
SB 528	Public health; relating to the reporting of statistical data regarding termination of pregnancies	2/15/06	2/22/06
SB 529	Abortion	2/15/06	2/22/06
SB 530	Death certificates	No Action	No Action
SB 537	Public health; relating to vaccinations	3/1/06	No Action
SB546	The board of emergency medical services; establishing a statewide data collection system	3/2/06	3/16/06
SB581	Office based surgeries; providing for inspection of offices at which office-based surgeries and special procedures are performed	No Action	No Action
HB2088	The uniform vital statistics act	No Action	No Action
Sub HB 2088	Abandonment of certain infants; making certain conduct unlawful, providing penalties	4/28/06	4/28/06
HB 2225	Pharmacists; relating to renal dialysis facility pharmacist consultants	No Action	No Action
HB 2284	Right to breastfeed; jury duty exception	2/2/06	2/8/06
HB 2285	Health care; relating to the board of examiners for hearing instruments, membership, powers and duties, relating to licensure, disciplinary actions; fees and penalties	3/15/06	3/15/06
HB 2342	Nurses and physician assistants; relating to the pronouncement of death	3/15/06	No Action
HB 2396	Colleges and universities; relating to students residing in student housing; requiring policies	No Action	No Action

	regarding vaccination for meningitis		
HB 2496	Licensure and licenses; relating to the occupational therapy practice act; continuing education requirements	No Action	No Action
HB 2497	Restrictions on persons maintaining or residing, working or volunteering at child care facilities or family day care homes	No Action	No Action
HB 2649	Health care; relating to a pain patient's bill of rights	3/16/06	3/22/06
HB2678	Renal dialysis facility pharmacies	3/8/06	3/8/06
HB2752	Health care; relating to trauma facilities	3/15/06	3/16/06
HB 2792	Abortions; concerning minors	No Action	No Action
HB2813	Concerning the practice of nursing	No Action	No Action
HB2825	The establishment of a voluntary data bank of available interpreters for certain purposes and development of qualifications for interpreters	3/16/06	3/22/06
HB2829	The secretary of health and environment; providing for regulation of clinics and facilities where office-based surgeries and special procedures are performed	No Action	No Action
HB2830	Concerning pharmacists and pharmacy; relating to registration of pharmacy technicians	3/9/06	3/9/06
HB2831	Concerning pharmacists and pharmacy; relating to the accreditation council for pharmacy	3/9/06	3/9/06
HCR5011	A concurrent resolution expressing the Legislature's recognition and appreciation for family caregivers throughout the state	3/16/06	3/16/06

Committee Action Index 2007

BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT	DATE OF HEARING/ DISCUSSION	DATE OF FINAL ACTION BY FULL COMMITTEE
SB 1	Public health, relating to vaccinations	3/22/07	No Action
SB 62	Restricting the prescribing, ordering, dispensing, administering, selling, supplying or giving certain amphetamine or sympathomimeticamine controlled substances	1/16/07	1/16/07
SB 63	Concerning filling prescriptions	1/16/07	1/16/07
SB 72	Mortuary arts; relating to funeral directors and licenses	1/16/07	1/16/07
SB 82	The healing arts act	1/25/07	1/25/07
SB 104	Concerning the board of nursing; membership thereon	1/31/07	2/1/07
SB 105	Concerning the board of nursing	1/31/07	2/1/07
SB 106	Concerning the practice of nursing	2/8/07	2/8/07
SB 107	The board of nursing; concerning fingerprinting and criminal history records checks; creating the criminal background and fingerprinting fund	1/23/07 2/13/07	2/13/07
SB 116	Schools; health programs	1/23/07	No Action
SB 117	Health insurance; relating to dependent coverage	No Action	No Action
SB 176	Dental hygienists; relating issuance of permits, authorized practice	2/7/07	2/7/07
SB 177	The department of health and environment; relating to education and screening for congenital hypothyroidism	No Action	No Action
SB 178	Cancer registry to confidential data	2/8/07, 2/13/07	2/13/07
SB 179	An act concerning mortuary arts; assistant funeral director's license	2/13/07	2/13/07
SB 181	An act concerning hospitals and ambulatory	No Action	No Action

	surgical centers; relating to disclosure of prices		
SB 201	Restrictions on persons maintaining or residing, working or volunteering at child care facilities or family day care homes	2/14/07	2/15/07
SB 202	Child care facilities; relating to definitions	2/14/07	2/15/07
SB 229	Prescription drugs; creating the prescription confidentiality act	2/15/07	No Action
SB 230	Alcohol or substance abuse; relating to the care and treatment act	No Action	No Action
SB 243	An act concerning health insurance; relating to dependent coverage	No Action	No Action
SB 250	Motor vehicles; prohibiting smoking when certain children are in motor vehicle	2/7/07	No Action
SB 284	An act concerning the radiologists practice act	2/14/07	2/15/07
SB 285	Concerning the healing arts act; prohibiting billing for anatomic pathology services in certain circumstances	2/15/07	2/15/07
SB 300	Department of corrections; providing for a mandatory HIV education program	No Action	No Action
SB 302	Creating a controlled substances monitoring task force; prescribing the duties thereof	2/21/07	2/21/07
SB 354	The department of social and rehabilitation services; relating to alcohol and drug addiction treatment	2/28/07	3/1/07
HB 2096	The state board of pharmacy; relating to meetings	3/1/07	3/1/07
HB 2097	Pharmacists; relating to the giving of vaccinations	No Action	No Action
HB 2133	Fire inspections; establishing a two-tier informal dispute resolution procedure for medical care facilities, adult care homes, assisted living facilities or special hospitals	No Action	No Action
HB 2181	Social workers; relating to hours of continuing education needed for license reinstatement	3/1/07	3/1/07
HB 2182	The behavioral sciences regulatory board; relating to temporary permits to practice for out-of-state licenses	3/1/07	3/1/07
HB 2214	The Kansas dental board; relating to sedation permits	3/7/07	3/14/07
HB 2216	Dentists and dental hygienists; relating to licensure	3/7/07	3/7/07
HB 2341	Enacting the disposition of fetal remains act	No Action	No Action
HB 2418	The definition of general hospital	3/15/07	No Action
HB 2483	Physical therapy	3/14/07	3/21/07

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BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT	DATE OF HEARING/ DISCUSSION	DATE OF FINAL ACTION BY FULL COMMITTEE
SB 1	Public health, relating to vaccinations.	No Action	No Action
SB 116	Schools; health programs, amending KSA 72-5214 and repealing the existing section.	No Action	No Action
SB 117	Health insurance relating to dependent coverage; amending KSA 40-2209d and 40-2218 and KSA 2006 Supp. 40-2118 and repealing the existing sections	No Action	No Action
SB 177	Department of health and environment; relating to education and screening for congenital hypothyroidism, galatosemia, phenylketonuria and other genetic diseases and disorders; assistance	No Action	No Action

	for certain expenses; amending KSA 2006 Supp. 65-180 and repealing existing sections.		
SB 181	Hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers; relating to disclosure of prices.	No Action	No Action
SB 229	Prescription drugs; creating the prescription confidentiality act.	No Action	No Action
SB 230	Alcohol or substance abuse; relating to the care and treatment act; definitions; amending KSA 59-29b46 and repealing the existing section.	No Action	No Action
SB 250	Motor vehicles; prohibiting smoking when certain children are in motor vehicle; amending KSA 8-2106 and repealing the existing section.	No Action	No Action
SB 300	Department of corrections; providing for a mandatory HIV education program; amending KSA 3006 Supp. 75-5210 and repealing the existing section.	No Action	No Action
SB 396	Nurse licensure compact; directing the governor to enter into a compact; approving and specifying terms of the compact; amending KSA 651114 and 651120 and KSA2007	No Action	No Action
SB 490	Food, drug and cosmetic act; concerning prohibited procedure of administering phosphatidylcholine and sodium deoxycholate by injection; amending KSA 65-656 and 65-657 and repealing the existing sections.	No Action	No Action
SB 491	Controlled substances; enacting the prescription monitoring program act; creating the prescription monitoring program advisory committee. (Substitute SB 491)	2/04/08, 2/07/08	Be Passed As Amended 02/13/08
SB 503	Controlled substances; enacting the methamphetamine precursor recording act.	No Action	No Action
SB 529	Educational awareness regarding meningococcal meningitis vaccine. (Be passed as amended on 2/13/08. Substitute HB 2097 amended to include SB 529 and SB 548 on 3/26/08)	2/13/08	Substitute HB 2097 amended to include SB 529 and SB 548 Be Passed 03/26/08
SB 548	School-based influenza vaccination pilot program. (Be passed as amended on 2/13/08. Substitute HB 2097 amended to include SB 529 and SB 548 on 3/26/08)	2/13/08	Substitute HB 2097 amended to include SB 529 and SB 548 Be Passed 03/26/08
SB 549	Board of pharmacy; nonresident pharmacy regulations and continuous quality improvement programs. (Substitute SB 549)	2/20/08, 2/21/08	Be Passed As Amended 02/21/08
SB 566	Attendant care workers act; study of wages and benefits for attendant care workers who provide services for individuals in need of long-term in home and community settings. (Substitute SB 566)	3/12/08	Be Passed As Amended 03/19/08
SB 568	Optometrist's and Kansas nonprofit low vision rehabilitation centers.	3/11/08	No Action
SB 572	The massage therapy practice act; establishing the board for licensure and regulation of the massage therapists.	No Action	No Action
SB 596	State board of healing arts; cosmetic or aesthetic purpose included in the practice. (Substitute SB 596)	2/20/08, 2/21/08	Be Passed As Amended 02/21/08
SB 643	Licensing requirements for food service establishments	3/06/05	No Action

SB 694	Internet pharmacies; registration of; board of pharmacy	No Action	No Action
SB 697	Funding recommended for primary care safety net clinics; appropriation recommended to KDHE and KHPA.	4/03/08	Be Passed As Amended 04/03/08
HB 2097	An act concerning pharmacists; relating to the giving of vaccinations; amending KSA 3006 Supp. 65-1635a and repealing the existing section.		Be Passed As Amended 03/26/08
HB 2207	Relating to the Kansas board of pharmacy, authorizing emergency proceedings under subsections (d), (e) and(f)ofK.S.A.65-1627.	3/06/08	Be passed As Amended 03/26/08
HB 2341	An act enacting the disposition of fetal remains act. (Senate Substitute HB 2341)	1/16/08, 1/30/08	Be Passed As Amended 01/30/08
HB2418	An act concerning the definition of general hospital; amending KSA 65-425 and repealing the existing section.	No Action	No Action
HB 2570	Persons authorized to make adoption assessments	3/12/08, 3/19/08	Be Passed 03/19/08
HB 2695	Athletic trainer licensure	03/13/08	Be Passed 03/13/08
HB 2672	An act concerning the Kansas health policy authority; amending KSA 38-2006, 39-968, and 65-435a and repealing the existing sections; also repealing KSA 46-2507	03/26/08	Be Passed As Amended 03/26/08
HB 2702	Excepted acts and reciprocity concerning the practice of dentistry	03/13/08	Be Passed 03/13/08
HB 2721	Board of cosmetology; licensing requirements	03/19/08 03/26/08	Be Passed As Amended 03/26/08
HB 2781	Dental offices; permitting an additional office in counties with low population densities	03/13/08	Be Passed 03/13/08

The House Health and Human Services Committee

The House Health and Human Services Committee is currently the only standing health committee in the Kansas House of Representatives. Health and Human Services hears nearly all of the legislation in the House dealing with health-related matters. The following tables list the legislation considered by the Committee during each legislative session from 2005 to 2008.

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BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT	DATE OF HEARING/ DISCUSSION	DATE OF FINAL ACTION BY FULL COMMITTEE
Sub for HB 2088	Giving birth without medical assistance	2/1/05	2/16/05, Passed favorably
HB 2086	Extending the time between surveys for home-health agencies	2/1/05	2/1/05, Passed favorably, placed on Consent Calendar
HB 2137	Health food choices in school vending machines	2/2/05 2/3/05	No Action
HB 2077	Establishing a cancer drug repository program by the State Board of Pharmacy	2/3/05	2/22/05, Passed favorably
HB 2204	Sales tax exemption for health and fitness organizations	2/7/05	2/14/05, Passed favorably
HB 2153	Long-term care ombudsman moved from KDHE to Department of Aging	2/8/05	2/8/05, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2154	Repealing certain statutes regarding pharmacy hearings	2/8/05	2/8/05, Passed favorably, placed on Consent Calendar
HB 2225	Concerning the Board of Pharmacy regarding renal dialysis	2/8/05	2/8/05, Passed favorably, placed on Consent Calendar
HB 2155	Pharmacy refills on an emergency basis	2/8/05	2/8/05, Passed favorably as

			amended
HB 2256	Relating to advanced registered nurse practitioners	2/9/05 2/10/05	No Action
HB 2156	Registration of pharmacy technicians under the Board of Pharmacy	2/14/05	2/14/05, Passed favorably, placed on Consent Calendar
HB 2336	Amending the regulation of optometrists	2/14/05	2/14/05, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2178	Amending the Senior Care Act to allow preventive health services	2/15/05	2/16/05, Passed favorably, placed on Consent Calendar
HB 2208	Establishing a task force on the prevention and treatment of obesity	2/15/05	No Action
HB 2330	Amending the radiologic technologists practices act	2/15/05	2/15/05, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2211	Ambulances carrying an explanation of legal documents	2/16/05	2/22/05, Tabled
HB 2158	Attendants' certificates for Emergency Medical Services	2/16/05	2/22/05, Passed favorably
HB 2284	Concerning children related to breastfeeding	2/17/05	2/17/05, Passed favorably
HB 2285	Relating to the Board of Examiners for Hearing Instruments	2/17/05	2/17/05, Passed favorably
HB 2417	Creating the council on obesity prevention and management	2/21/05	2/22/05, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2337	Creating the crime of illegal importation of prescription drugs	2/21/05	2/22/05, Passed favorably
HCR 5011	Joint Memorial recognizing family care-givers	3/14/05	3/14/05, Passed favorably
SB 115	Investigation period involving reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of certain persons	3/8/05	3/8/05, Passed favorably, Consent Calendar
SB 116	An act concerning SRS, providing injunctive authority against unlicensed facilities	3/8/05	3/14/05, Passed favorably as amended
SCR 1604	Concerning healthy eating and physical activity in public elementary and secondary schools	3/9/05	3/14/05, Passed favorably
SB 183	Scope of practice of federally active licensees under the healing arts act	3/9/05	3/10/05, Passed favorably
SB 91	Regarding the Kansas Dental Board concerning fees and regulation of mobile dental clinics	3/10/05	3/10/05, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2496	Occupational therapy practice act definitions	3/14/05	3/14/05, Passed favorably
HB 2503	Regulation, licensing and standards for operation of abortion clinics	3/15/05	3/16/05, Passed favorably
SB 216	Infectious diseases, quarantine and isolation of individuals	3/16/05	3/16/05, Passed favorably
HB 2396	Public post-secondary education institutions, on-campus housing, meningococcal disease vaccinations, affidavit procedure	3/16/05	No Action
SB 10	Schools, self-administration of medication	3/21/05	3/22/05, Passed favorably as amended
SB 254	Persons not engaged in practice of healing arts	3/21/05	3/22/05, Passed favorably
SB 92	Abuse of persons in adult care homes, duties of Department on Aging	3/22/05	3/22/05, Passed favorably
HCR 6021	Cervical cancer screening	3/16/05	3/16/05, Passed favorably
HCR 5013	Taiwan as observer for World Health Organization	3/21/05	3/21/05, Passed favorably as amended

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BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT	DATE OF HEARING/ DISCUSSION	DATE OF FINAL ACTION BY FULL COMMITTEE
HB 2256	Health care; advanced registered nurse practitioners	No Action	No Action
HB 2342	Determination and pronouncement of death by	2/9/06	2/13/06, Passed favorably as

	advanced registered nurse practitioners and registered professional nurses in adult care homes and licensed hospices		amended
HB 2396	All colleges and universities; requiring policies regarding vaccination for meningitis	3/6/06	3/9/06, Substitute bill passed favorably
HB 2397	Distribution of certain prescription drugs; enacting the wholesale licensure and prescription medication integrity act	2/7/06	3/21/06, Amended into SB 217, passed favorably as amended
HB 2452	Board of nursing; relating to a central registry of information concerning licensees	2/8/06	No Action
HB 2458	Department of Health and Environment; regulation of clinics and facilities where office-based surgeries and special procedures are performed	No Action	No Action
HB 2497	Restrictions on persons maintaining or residing, working or volunteering at child care facilities or family day care homes	2/8/06	2/14/06, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2649	Pain patient's bill of rights	2/1/06	2/20/06, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2650	Children in need of care; foster parents as interested parties; custody awarded to the Secretary; false reporting of abuse; temporary custody; immediate physical danger	No Action	No Action
HB 2660	The behavioral sciences regulatory board; relating to membership	1/31/06	No Action
HB 2678	Renal dialysis facility pharmacies	2/2/06	2/9/06, Passed favorably, placed on Consent Calendar
HB 2713	Practice of physical therapy	No Action	No Action
HB 2715	State radiation control, fees	2/13/06	No Action
HB 2734	State boards, commissions and authorities; online education and licensure	2/20/06	No Action
HB 2737	Creating the Board of Health Professions and its members, powers and duties	No Action	No Action
HB 2738	Schools; healthy food choices in vending machines	No Action	No Action
HB 2739	Crimes and punishments for tobacco use in medical care facility buildings and property	2/20/06	2/21/06, Passed favorably
HB 2752	Trauma facilities and policies regarding vaccination for meningitis	2/15/06	2/20/06, Passed favorably
HB 2785	Certain child care facilities; day care facilities	No Action	No Action
HB 2800	Abortion clinics; providing for regulation, licensing and standards for the operation thereof; providing penalties for violations and authorizing injunctive actions	No Action	No Action
HB 2803	Public health; emergency contraception; providing for education	No Action	No Action
HB 2813	Practice of nursing, licensure requirements	3/2/06	3/9/06, Passed favorably
HB 2820	Distribution of certain prescription drugs; enacting the wholesale licensure and prescription medication integrity act	3/1/06, 3/15/06	3/21/06, Amended into SB 217, passed favorably as amended
HB 2825	Data bank interpreters	2/21/06	2/21/06, Substitute bill passed favorably as amended
HB 2827	Pharmacists and pharmacy; home health agencies maintaining an emergency medication kit	No Action	No Action
HB 2829	Secretary of health and environment; regulation of clinics and facilities where office-based surgeries and special procedures are performed	2/14/06	2/15/06, Passed favorably
HB 2830	Registration of pharmacy technicians	2/21/06	2/21/06, Passed favorably
HB 2831	Pharmacists and pharmacy; the accreditation council for pharmacy	2/21/06	2/21/06, Passed favorably
HB 2852	Board of Nursing; licensure of mental health technicians concerning fingerprinting and criminal history records checks	3/2/06	No Action

HB 2853	Board of Nursing; licensure of mental health technicians concerning fingerprinting and criminal history records checks	3/2/06	No Action
HB 2855	Health care directives registry administered by the Secretary of Health and Environment	No Action	No Action
HB 2870	Nutritional food in schools	No Action	No Action
HB 2871	Board of Nursing; relating to a central registry of information concerning nurses	No Action	No Action
HB 2876	Public health; reporting of statistical data regarding termination of pregnancies	No Action	No Action
HB 2877	Abortion; written report thereon	No Action	No Action
HB 2920	The umbilical cord donation information act	No Action	No Action
HB 2933	Qualifications for the Director of the Division of Health	No Action	No Action
HB 2941	The Prescription Privacy Act	No Action	No Action
HB 2971	Department of Health and Environment; education and screening for certain genetic diseases and disorders; assistance for certain expenses	No Action	No Action
HB 2977	The state fire marshal; fire prevention and education opportunities for certain persons	3/13/06	3/15/06, Passed favorably
HB 3011	Health and health care; prescribing disclosure and availability of prices charged by certain health care providers for health or medical care services	3/21/06	No Action
HCR 5011	The Legislature's recognition and appreciation for family caregivers throughout the state.	2/16/06	2/16/06, Passed favorably as amended
HCR 5031	Urging providers of health insurance to encourage certain insured individuals to have an up-to-date living will and advance directives	2/16/06	No Action
SB 217	Tuberculosis evaluations for certain faculty, staff and students who enter high school, college or university classrooms	3/21/06	3/21/06, Passed favorably as amended
SB 263	Membership of the emergency medical services board	2/2/06	No Action
SB 469	The behavioral sciences regulatory board; impaired licensees	3/14/06	No Action
SB 470	The behavioral sciences regulatory board; temporary licenses	3/15/06	3/15/06, Passed favorably
SB 528	Public health; reporting of statistical data regarding termination of pregnancies	3/20/06	3/21/06, Passed favorably as amended

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BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT	DATE OF HEARING/ DISCUSSION	DATE OF FINAL ACTION BY FULL COMMITTEE
HB 2009	Vaccinations by pharmacists to persons of any age.	1/31/07	No Action
HB 2030	Practice privileges for institutional licensees under the Kansas healing arts act.	No Action	No Action
HB 2096	Board of pharmacy, concerning meetings.	2/15	2/15, Passed Favorably
HB 2097	Administering of vaccines by pharmacists, pharmacy students and interns to persons age five and older.	1/31/07	2/13, Passed Favorably as Amended
HB 2098	Defining certain terms relating to human cloning.	2/5/07	2/13, Passed Favorably
HB 2162	Use of cigarettes and tobacco products prohibited on school property, fine of \$25 to \$100.	No Action	No Action
HB 2174	Board of cosmetology; standards of practice.	2/12/07	No Action
HB 2180	Behavioral sciences regulatory board's rules and regulations authority concerning impaired licensees.	2/1/07	No Action

HB 2181	Hours of continuing education required for reinstatement of social work license.	2/1/07	2/1/07, Passed Favorably
HB 2182	Temporary permits to practice from the behavioral sciences regulatory board for out-of-state licensees.	2/1/07	2/1/07, Passed Favorably
HB 2205	Prostitution; severity level 10, person felony if offender knows he/she has an infectious disease.	No Action	No Action
HB 2213	Child care facilities regulation.	No Action	No Action
HB 2214	Regulation of sedation permits by Kansas dental board.	2/19/07	2/20/07, Passed Favorably as Amended
HB 2215	Kansas dental board, fee for permits.	No Action	No Action
HB 2216	License renewal of dentists and dental hygienists.	2/19/07	2/19/07, Passed Favorably as Amended
HB 2227	Requiring female students enrolling in grade six to be inoculated against the human papilloma virus.	2/7/07	No Action
HB 2235	Board of nursing fees.	No Action	No Action
HB 2239	Health care providers, risk management, definition of health care provider including mental health practitioners licensed by behavioral sciences regulatory board.	No Action	No Action
HB 2243	The use of tobacco in medical care facility or on medical care facility property.	No Action	No Action
HB 2247	Home plus beds, nursing facilities.	No Action	No Action
HB 2252	Human cloning, criminal and civil penalties.	No Action	No Action
HB 2254	Crimes concerning human embryos.	No Action	No Action
HB 2255	Human cloning, prohibiting certain expenditures of moneys appropriated from the state treasury by state agencies.	2/13/07	2/20/07, Passed Favorably As Amended
HB 2265	Nonmedical services of occupational therapists.	No Action	No Action
HB 2266	Umbilical cord donation information act.	3/8/05	No Action
HB 2271	Prescribing disclosure and availability of health care quality and performance indicators.	No Action	No Action
HB 2292	Abortion; performance on a minor; certain restrictions. Recommend interim study.	3/6/07, 3/14/07	No Action
HB 2312	When an autopsy is performed a test for levels of phenylalanine in the dead body is to be made.	No Action	No Action
HB 2327	Establishing the applied behavioral science training program with an emphasis on autism spectrum disorders.	No Action	No Action
HB 2342	Hospital infections disclosure act.	No Action	No Action
HB 2351	Kansas mental health parity act, coverage.	No Action	No Action
HB 2355	Department of health and environment, food service and lodging act, licensure and inspection of lodging establishments, fees, fee funds.	No Action	No Action
HB 2376	Treatment facilities and programs not to include behavioral sciences regulatory board licensees or board of healing arts licensees.	No Action	No Action
HB 2392	Registration requirements of pharmacy for wholesale distribution of drugs.	2/14/07	No Action
HB 2401	Healthy workplace act; abusive workplace environments.	No Action	No Action
HB 2414	Unlawful sale of liquid, capsule or gel capsule ephedrine to minors; placement behind store counters.	No Action	No Action
HB 2416	Prescription program model act.	No Action	No Action
HB 2417	Membership on the Kansas dental board.	No Action	No Action
HB 2418	General hospital defined.	2/15/07	2/20/07, Passed Favorably
HB 2444	Background checks on certain persons at child care facilities and family day care homes	No Action	No Action

HB 2454	Abortions; informed consent; performance of sonograms in certain cases.	No Action	No Action
HB 2472	Interpreters data bank.	No Action	No Action
HB 2481	Persons authorized to make adoption assessments.	No Action	No Action
HB 2482	Deaths which are ruled suicides; investigation reports and suicide notes, if any, available to the immediate family; family may view the scene.	No Action	No Action
HB 2483	Physical therapists evaluation and treatment of patients.	2/15/07	2/20/07, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2503	Child support enforcement; insurance and workers comp payments; perfection of liens; unlawful acts. Recommend for study in Interim Session	3/8/07, 3/21/07	No Action
HB 2531	Pharmacy act amendments concerning durable medical equipment and wholesale drug distribution regulation.	3/5/07, 3/21/07	3/12/07, 3/13/07, 3/21/07, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2570	Persons authorized to make adoption assessments.	No Action	No Action
HB 2578	Establishing the utilization of unused medications act.	No Action	No Action
HB 5011	Urging the United States Congress to reauthorize the State Children Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and urging Governor Sebelius to assist enrollment of children qualifying for Medicaid or HealthWave.	No Action	No Action
HB 6006	Resolution urging the governor and University of Kansas medical center to not enter any affiliation without legislative review.	2/7/07	No Action
SB 62	Restrictions on prescribing, ordering, dispensing, administering, selling, supplying or giving certain amphetamine or sympathomimetic amine controlled substances.	3/1/07	3/1/07, Passed favorably
SB 63	Limitations on filling prescriptions	3/1/07	3/1/07, Passed favorably
SB 72	Concerning mortuary arts, defining funeral director; grounds for revocation, denial, suspension or conditioning of licenses.	3/1/07	3/1/07, Passed favorably as amended
SB 81	Fingerprinting and criminal history background checks required by the board of healing arts.	3/1/07	No Action
SB 82	Sub for S 82 by Committee on Public Health and Welfare -- Healing arts school and general corporation; exceptions to the prohibited practice of healing arts.	3/7/07	3/13/07, Passed favorably, placed on Consent Calendar
SB 104	The board of nursing; membership thereon; amending K.S.A. 74-1106 and repealing the existing section.	3/7/07	3/21/07, Passed favorably as amended
SB 105	Renewal of authorizations to practice for persons regulated by the board of nursing.	3/7/07	3/21/07, Passed favorably
SB 106	Deletion of exemption from nurse practices act for graduates of nursing schools.	3/7/07	3/21/07, Passed favorably
SB 107	Fingerprinting and criminal history background checks for certain licensees of the board of nursing.	No Action	No Action
SB 138	Autism task force.	3/7/07	3/22/07, Passed favorably as amended
SB 176	Dental hygienists; issuance of permits, authorized practice.	3/12/07	3/21/07, Passed favorably
SB 178	Cancer registry; uses of confidential data.	3/14/07	3/14/07, Passed favorably
SB 179	Requiring high school graduation or equivalent for application for assistant funeral director.	3/14/07	3/21/07, Passed favorably
SB 201	Child placement agencies; secretary of health and environment; information on persons at child care facilities or family day care homes.	3/20/07 3/21/07	3/22/07, Passed favorably

SB 202	Definition of child care facility.	3/14/07	3/14/07, Passed favorably
SB 284	Radiologic technologist licensure requirements.	3/6/07	3/21/07, Passed favorably as amended
SB 285	Billing for anatomic pathology services as grounds for unprofessional conduct by the board of healing arts.	3/13/07	3/13/07, Passed favorably
SB 323	Kansas health policy authority; Medicaid reimbursement.	No Action	No Action
SB 328	Professional corporations, allowing licensed audiologists to form.	3/22/07	3/22/07, Passed favorably as amended

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BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT	DATE OF HEARING/ DISCUSSION	DATE OF FINAL ACTION BY FULL COMMITTEE
HB 2224	KDHE, certain genetic diseases and disorders, education and newborn screening program, assistance	No Action	No Action
HB 2235	Board of nursing fees.	2/25/08	2/25/08 Bill Failed
HB 2239	Health care providers, risk management, definition of health care provider including mental health practitioners licensed by behavioral sciences regulatory board.	No Action	No Action
HB 2243	The use of tobacco in medical care facility or on medical care facility property.	No Action	No Action
HB 2247	Home plus beds, nursing facilities.	No Action	No Action
HB 2252	Human cloning, criminal and civil penalties.	No Action	No Action
HB 2254	Crimes concerning human embryos.	No Action	No Action
HB 2265	Nonmedical services of occupational therapists.	No Action	No Action
HB 2266	Umbilical Cord donation information act.	2/28/07	No Action
HB 2271	Prescribing disclosure and availability of health care quality and performance indicators.	No Action	No Action
HB 2292	Abortion; performance on a minor; certain restrictions. Recommend interim study.	3/6/07, 3/14/07	No Action
HB 2312	When an autopsy is performed a test for levels of phenylalanine in the dead body is to be made.	No Action	No Action
HB 2327	Establishing the applied behavioral science training program with an emphasis on autism spectrum disorders.	No Action	No Action
HB 2342	Hospital infections disclosure act.	No Action	No Action
HB 2351	Kansas mental health parity act, coverage.	No Action	No Action
HB 2355	Department of health and environment, food service and lodging act, licensure and inspection of lodging establishments, fees, fee funds.	No Action	No Action
HB 2376	Treatment facilities and programs not to include behavioral sciences regulatory board licensees or board of healing arts licensees.	No Action	No Action
HB 2392	Registration requirements of pharmacy for wholesale distribution of drugs	2/14/07	No Action
HB 2401	Healthy workplace act; abusive workplace environments.	No Action	No Action
HB 2414	Unlawful sale of liquid, capsule or gel capsule ephedrine to minors; placement behind store counters.	No Action	No Action
HB 2416	Prescription program model act.	No Action	No Action
HB 2417	Membership on the Kansas dental board.	No Action	No Action
HB 2444	Background checks on certain persons at child care facilities and family day care homes	No Action	No Action
HB 2454	Abortions; informed consent; performance of sonograms in certain cases.	No Action	No Action

HB 2472	Interpreters' data bank.	No Action	No Action
HB 2481	Persons authorized to make adoption assessments.	No Action	Combined into H2570
HB 2482	Deaths which are ruled suicides; investigation reports and suicide notes, if any, available to the immediate family; family may view the scene.	No Action	No Action
HB 2503	Child support enforcement; insurance and workers comp payments; perfection of liens; unlawful acts. Recommend for study in Interim Session	3/8/07, 3/19/07	Recommend Interim study 3/21/07
HB 2570	Persons authorized to make adoption assessments.	2/7/08, 2/19/08	2/20/08, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2607	School districts; healthy weight programs; state grants	No Action	No Action
HB 2620	State board of healing arts, non-disciplinary resolutions	3/17/08	No Action
HB 2650	Controlled substances; salvia divinorum.	2/12/08	No Action
HB 2666	Liens for hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers	No Action	No Action
HB 2672	Long-term care units, inspection by Department On Aging	2/4/08	2/25/08, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2695	Athletic Trainer Licensure	2/12/08	2/20/08, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2702	Excepted acts and reciprocity concerning the practice of dentistry.	2/25/08, 2/27/08	2/25/08, Passed favorably as amended Consent Calendar
HB 2721	Board of cosmetology; licensing requirements	2/20/08	2/21/08, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2781	Dental offices; permitting additional offices in counties with low population densities	2/19/08	2/19/08, Passed favorably as amended
HB 2810	Optometrists dispensing optthalmic lenses	No Action	No Action
HB 2846	Medical facilities; patient safety	No Action	No Action
HB 2855	Cleaning Process used by certain launderies	2/20/08	No Action
HB 2906	Family and medical leave insurance, establishing task force	No Action	No Action
HB 2907	Prescription Drugs; epilepsy and seizures	No Action	No Action
HB 2914	Enacting the pharmaceutical manufacturing company disclosure act	3/17/08	No Action
HB 2934	Health care reform act of 2008	2/27/08, 3/13/08	Bill passed amended, 3/14/08 S sub 81 passed over and retain a place on calendar
HB 2975	An act concerning insurance; tax credits	No Action	No Action
HB 5011	Urging the United States Congress to reauthorize the State Children Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and urging Governor Sebelius to assist enrollment of children qualifying for Medicaid or HealthWave.	No Action	No Action
H Sub SB81	The Health Care Reform Act of 2008	3/14/08, 3/17/08	From H2934 Sub Bill Passed Amended, 3/14/08
SB 81	Fingerprinting and criminal history background checks required by the board of healing arts.	3/1/07	No Action
SB 107	Fingerprinting and criminal history background checks for certain licensees of the board of nursing.	3/17/08	No Action
SB 323	KHPA; Medicaid reimbursement.	No Action	No Action
SB 346	Creating the KS long-term care bill of rights	No Action	No Action
SB 481	Controlled substance, schedule I, salvia and gypsum weed.	2/12/08	No Action
S Sub 491	Sub for S 491 by Committee on Public Health and Welfare -Prescription monitoring program act.	3/24/08	3/25/08, Passed favorably as amended
SB 512	Emergency medical services, attendant's certificate requirements	3/17/08	3/25/08, Passed favorably as amended
SB 529	Educational awareness regarding meningococcal meningitis vaccine.	3/18/08	No Action

SB 540	Health insurance; Kansas small business health policy committee act health insurance clearinghouse, age of dependents, very small employers	3/13/08	No Action
SB 541	Powers and duties of the Kansas Health Policy Authority; relating to a medical home, premium assistance and small business wellness grant program; establishing a health reform fund	3/13/08	No Action
SB 548	School-based influenza vaccination pilot program.	3/18/08	No Action
S Sub 549	Sub for S 549 by Committee on Public Health and Welfare -- Board of pharmacy; continuous quality improvement programs and nonresident pharmacy.	3/24/08	3/25/08, Passed favorably as amended
S Sub 596	Sub for S 596 by Committee on Public Health and Welfare -- Board of healing arts; cosmetic or aesthetic purpose included in the practice	3/18/08	3/25/08, Passed favorably as amended

Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight

The Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight was established by the 2005 House Substitute for SB 272, the legislation which created the Kansas Health Policy Authority and the Joint Oversight Committee. As set forth in House Substitute for SB 272, the committee has the “exclusive responsibility to monitor and study the operations and decisions of the Kansas Health Policy Authority.” In addition, the committee is responsible for overseeing the implementation and operation of the children's health insurance plans, including the assessment of performance-based measurable outcomes as set out in statute. Committee members serve two year terms, while the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson serve one-year terms alternately appointed by the House Speaker and Senate President. Legislation allows the committee to meet at any time on call of the Chairperson and the committee is subject to the provisions applicable to special committees, such as the filing of an annual report and the ability to introduce legislation as it deems necessary.

The first meeting of the committee was held on September 9, 2005. The committee was chaired by Representative Melvin Neufeld with Vice Chairperson Senator James Barnett in 2005, 2006, and 2008. Ten other members, including five each from the House and Senate take part in the proceedings. In 2007, Senator Barnett chaired the committee and Representative Neufeld served as Vice Chairperson.

The Joint Committee meets mostly in the interim session to discuss matters relevant to the Health Policy Authority. The following is a timeline and summary of the committee's work, compiled from the annual reports of the Joint Committee to the full legislature.

2005

In 2005 the Joint Committee met three times. The meetings were mostly informational, discussing strategies that might be employed by the KHPA to comply with its charge. The Joint Committee heard testimony on the interim transfer of health-related programs from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to the newly-created Division of Health Policy and Finance within the Kansas Department of Administration. Additionally, representatives from the health community provided information on a range of topics, such as the availability of health data, community health projects, health care costs and the health insurance industry, and cost containment initiatives. The committee report stated the Joint Committee's commitment to

remaining focused on the overall goal of improving the health of Kansans. The Committee Report concluded the Joint Committee's oversight of the Authority in the future will focus on the following responsibilities:

- Developing and maintaining a coordinated health policy agenda that combines effective purchasing and administration of health care with health promotion oriented public health strategies;
- Submitting to the 2007 Legislature, and annually thereafter, a report to include recommendation for implementation of the health policy agenda. The annual report shall include health indicators developed by or adopted by the Health Policy Authority and baseline and trend data on the health costs and indicators;
- Assuming the function of the Health Care Data Governing Board and Kansas Business Health Partnership on January 1, 2006;
- Submitting a plan and recommendations for funding and any recommended legislation for the transfer of the powers, duties and functions of the Division of Health Policy and Finance on July 1, 2006;
- Assuming the operational and purchasing responsibilities from the Division of Health Policy and Finance from the regular medical portion of the State Medicaid program; MediKan program; the State Children's Health Insurance program; the Working Healthy program; the Medicaid Management Information System; the Drug Utilization Review program; the State Health Care Benefits program; and the State Workers Compensation program on July 1, 2006;
- Submitting to the 2007 Legislature recommendations and an implementation plan for the transfer of additional Medicaid-funded programs;
- Submitting to the 2008 Legislature recommendations and an implementation plan to assume responsibility for health care purchasing functions within additional state agencies³.

No legislation was proposed by the committee to the 2006 Legislature.

2006

During the 2006 calendar year, the Joint Committee focused on monitoring the Activities of the KHPA and ensuring that the Authority worked independently to meet its statutory responsibilities. Specifically, the committee paid close attention to the transfer of programs from the Department of Administration's Division of Health Policy and Finance to the Authority. The committee heard updates from the Authority on the organization of the Health Policy Authority Board, the Authority vision principles, staffing and personnel changes, and program updates and initiatives. Health policy issues such as the health status of Kansans, health disparities, health system reform, and price and quality of care transparency. Several public health experts gave testimony on these issues and provided recommendations for the KHPA as they move forward with health reform in Kansas. The Committee Report concluded with the following challenges for the Authority:

- Continue to focus its efforts on ensuring that all health programs in Kansas are working together to improve the health of Kansans and that the health model for Kansas shifts from health care to health wellness;
- Encourage prevention policies and programs that encompass all age groups; that include prenatal care; and that include all service providers who impact, directly and indirectly, the health of Kansans;

³ Report of the Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight to the 2006 Kansas Legislature.

- Continue to develop the coordinated statewide health policy agenda that combines the effective purchasing and administration of health care with health promotion oriented public health strategies;
- Identify new innovative ways to address health care policy;
- Consider cost containment issues and strategies when reviewing Kansas health policy;
- Encourage personal accountability regarding health insurance;
- Track the implementation of health care programs to ensure that expectations are being met;
- Encourage the implementation of “e-prescribe” as soon as the health care system can accommodate the technology;
- Make the provision of dental care a priority goal, particularly for Medicaid recipients, the uninsured, and underinsured;
- Work with the state’s federal delegation on important health policy issues; and
- Continue to submit requests for assistance to the Committee, including the introduction of legislations, as needed to meet its statutory responsibilities⁴.

No legislation was proposed by the committee to the 2007 Legislature.

2007

The Joint Committee met four times in the 2007 Interim. In addition to the traditional oversight of the Authority, the Legislative Coordinating Council also assigned the Joint Committee to study the presumptive disability process which was implemented in 2006. The Joint Committee reviewed the new process and its effects on vulnerable populations of Kansans. However, much of the Joint Committee’s focus centered on the implementation of 21 health reform measures recommended by the Authority. After updates on the Medicaid program the committee heard testimony on the recommendation development process, including the involvement of input received from the Authority Board, advisory councils, and statewide listening tour. The Authority considered three priorities in designing the 21 recommendations: Promote personal responsibility for health, offer initiatives related to prevention and medical homes, and provide and protect affordable health insurance. The Joint Committee discussed the costs associated with implementing the reforms.

The Joint Committee also received information on the health reform directives contained in SB 11 and other health-related topics. The directives in SB 11 included topics such as premium assistance, the impact of extending continuation benefits under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) and other policies designed to make insurance more affordable, the newly-created Office of the Inspector General, safety-net clinics and others. Additional topics included updates on health system reforms in other states, prescription drug diversion, and the Kansas Association of Health Underwriters.

The 2007 report concluded with the Joint Committee’s decision to support and adopt for consideration by the 2008 Legislature the 21 health reform recommendations offered by the KHPA. The Joint Committee directed that those health reform recommendations that require implementing legislation be drafted as bills⁵.

2008

⁴ Report of the Health Policy Oversight to the 2007 Kansas Legislature.

⁵ Report of the Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight to the 2008 Kansas Legislature.

To date, the 2008 report of the Joint Committee has not yet been completed. The Joint Committee held three, one-day meetings during the 2008 Interim and the following summary is compiled from the agendas and meeting minutes.

The Joint Committee began by looking at a number of health reform issues. The committee heard testimony on the wages and benefits for direct care workers from variety of interested organizations and reviewed the report of the Post Audit Committee on this topic. Required studies on bariatric surgery for the morbidly obese and the state high risk pool were presented to the Joint Committee as well as a report on the status of remaining studies to be completed by the Authority as directed by the Legislative Coordinating Council. The Joint Committee also spent some time looking at the issue of chronic care management. The Authority gave an overview of current state initiatives and the committee heard testimony from representatives from the Asheville Project.

Additionally, the KHPA presented testimony to the Joint Committee on a number of initiatives the agency is involved in. The Authority presented testimony on their 2009 health reform recommendations and discussed the Medicaid Transformation Plan Recommendations and how they will be implemented into the state Medicaid program. The Authority also updated the committee on the activities of the Data Consortium and its progress.

Subject Gap Analysis

Analysis of the subject of bills by title yielded fourteen subject categories and a number of bills with miscellaneous subjects. In an effort to give a clear picture of the topics covered by each committee, the following table shows the number of bills in each category introduced in the three standing health committees between 2005 and 2008. Bills leftover in committee in a subsequent year were counted only for the year they were first introduced.

SUBJECT	SENATE HEALTH CARE STRATEGIES	SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE	HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Abortion	0	3	5
Daycare and Child Care Workers	0	4	6
Federal Issues	1	0	2
Health Insurance	0	2	5
Health Reform	2	2	10
Hospitals	1	3	4
KHPA	3	1	1
Legal	0	0	6
Prescription Drugs and Pharmacies	1	12	21
Professional Boards and Licensing	1	37	61
Public Health	0	17	24
Schools	0	7	11
Social Services	0	10	14
Miscellaneous	0	9	8

Conclusions

Analysis of the issues discussed by the existing health committees suggests that an additional standing committee to deal with the future of health care and health reform does not appear to be necessary at this time. It is assumed that the proposed health futures committee would hear bills relating to health system reform, public health issues, Medicaid reform, health cost containment, access, and health care workforce issues. These are issues which the current standing health committees and the Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight are already examining in detail. Moreover because the KHPA has a Joint Oversight Committee which meets off-session, the KHPA staff and Board are able to work directly with legislators between legislative sessions.