

Kansas Hearing Society Legislative Issues.

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The legislative session ended in June, 2106 and while there was a lot of activity, there was not any legislation introduced that would affect our KHS members.

On December 6 and December 14, 2016 testimonies were heard by a Special Committee formed at the request of the governor to consider the efficiency of 141 independent licensing boards in the state of Kansas to possibly be consolidated under one governing board. The Kansas Board of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Aids was asked to prepare and present testimony on 12/06/2016. Zack Miller, Executive Director for KBHAE presented written testimony as to why KBHAE should remain an independent licensing board.

On December 14, 2016, the Kansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association gave four testimonies in favor of moving the KBHAE under KDADS (Kansas Department of Aging & Disability Services.)

A KHS Board of Directors meeting was held on 12/27/2017 reviewing the above actions.

Hein Governmental Consulting will again need to provide lobbying services throughout the 2017 legislative session. The International Hearing Society will also be involved in any lobbying efforts along with the KHS Board of Directors, and KBHAE.

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