

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for PUBLIC SAFETY

Date: *January 29, 2015*

Location: *RM 19*

Convened: *1:00 PM*

Adjourned: *2:00 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Baudler-CH, Holt-VC, Kressig-RM, Abdul-Samad, Anderson, Baxter, Brown-Powers, Fisher, Fry, Gaines, Heartsill, Klein, Kooiker, Landon, Olson, Salmon, Staed, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wolfe, Worthan

Absent: Representative Moore

Excused:

Chair Baudler called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

The roll was taken, and a quorum was present.

The minutes from the previous meeting were passed with no objections or corrections.

Chair Baudler introduced Representative Rizer who gave a brief testimony of K2 Spice on a resident in Cedar Rapids.

ODCP along with County Attorneys, AG, and the Crime Lab were present to discuss synthetic drugs.

ODCP presented first. Chair Baudler started off the questions asking if this will be a catch-all solution. Representative Anderson asked what the drugs are made with, if they are made by chemists, and how they get into the country. Representative Salmon asked if they are being marketed in our stores and what they are primarily marketed as. Representative Olson asked if there has been a decreased usage in states where these synthetics are legal. Representative Staed asked if there was a way to get ahead of these and other synthetics as they are being produced. Representative Wessel-Kroeschell asked Representative Olson's question a second time and asked who the target audience typically is, how it is labeled, and what a person would ask for if trying to buy the compound in a store. Representative Abdul-Samad asked what the next up-and-coming product will be. Representative Holt asked what physical side effects the compound may cause, if there are studies showing the prevalence in use of these compounds, and how much public education is being done on the subject. Representative Kooiker asked what the immediate effects of the drugs are and how a person could be prosecuted without a breathalyzer or field test. Representative Worthan asked about the toxicity of the compound. Representative Olson asked if our labs are being adequately funded and if there were cases being dismissed because of a backlog. Representative Fisher asked how long the compounds stay in the system and if they can be detected through blood, hair and urine.

Polk County Attorneys presented next. Time ran out and they will be back at a later date along with AG and the Crime Lab.

There was no further business.

Representative Fry Moved to adjourn at 2:00 PM.

Representative Clel Baudler

Anna Determann, Committee Secretary