



KHA's Capitol Comments
January 29, 2021

Senate Passes Value Them Both Amendment

The Kansas Senate voted 28-11 this week to approve a constitutional amendment amending the Bill of Rights of the State Constitution to reserve to the people the right to regulate abortion through the state Legislature. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot for the Aug. 2, 2022 primary election.

Next Week's Schedule

Monday, Feb. 1

Senate Utilities –1:30 p.m. – Room 548S

Presentation: Information on broadband expansion and broadband grant programs – Steven Duerst, Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association

House Children and Seniors –1:30 p.m. – Room 152S

Update: Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Lee Norman, MD – COVID-19 and vaccine roll out

House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development – 1:30 p.m. – Room 346S

Discussion and action: [House Bill 2066](#) – Expanding the military spouse and service member's expedited licensure law to all applicants who have established or intend to establish residency in Kansas, providing for the practice of telemedicine by out-of-state physicians, permitting the issuance of temporary licenses in emergencies and the use of electronic credentials.

House Social Services Budget – 3:30 p.m. – Room 152S

Budget Hearing: Health care stabilization, budget analysis, agency presentation, public testimony, possible recommendations

House Transportation and Public Safety Budget –3:30 p.m. – Room 118N

Staff and Agency Budget Review: Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services; Kansas State Fire Marshal

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Senate Judiciary –10:30 a.m. – Room 346S

Hearing: [Senate Bill 56](#) – Required posting of a human trafficking awareness notice approved by the attorney general in certain businesses and public places

House Federal and State Affairs – 9:00 a.m. – Room 346S

Hearing: [House Bill 2061](#) – Increasing the minimum age to purchase cigarettes and tobacco products from 18 to 21, and prohibiting cigarette vending machines and flavored vaping products

House Higher Education Budget – 1:30 p.m. – Room 281N

Budget Hearings: Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board; Kansas Board of Healing Arts

House Judiciary – 3:30 p.m. – Room 582N

Hearing: [House Bill 2095](#) – Allowing courts to prohibit possession of a firearm in a temporary custody order pursuant to the Care and Treatment Act for Mentally Ill Persons

House Social Services Budget – 3:30 p.m. – Room 152S

Budget Hearing: Health Care Stabilization Fund, the possible continuation of recommendations

House Taxation – 3:30 p.m. – Room 346S

Final Action: [Senate Bill 13](#) – Establishing notice and public hearing requirements prior to approval by a governing body to exceed its revenue-neutral rate for property tax purposes and discontinuing the city and county tax lid, prohibiting valuation increase of real property solely as the result of normal repair, replacement or maintenance of the existing structure and establishing a payment plan for the payment of delinquent or non-delinquent property taxes.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Senate Insurance – 9:30 a.m. – Room 546S

Hearing: [Senate Bill 48](#) – Requiring certain insurance coverage for diagnostic examinations for breast cancer

Senate Ways and Means – 10:30 a.m. – Room 548S

Presentation: Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly – Midland Care Connection Inc.; Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

House Financial Institutions and Rural Development – 9:00 a.m. – Room 218N

Presentation: A Look Into the Future of Rural Kansas – Chris Harris, senior program officer, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

House Children and Seniors – 1:30 p.m. – Room 152S

Presentation: Don Woodard, Silver Haired Legislature

Hearing: [House Bill 2151](#) – Creating Kansas elder and dependent adult multidisciplinary teams and a coordinator

House Judiciary – 3:30 p.m. – Room 582N

Hearing: [House Bill 2126](#) – Providing immunity from civil liability for COVID-19 claims for adult care facilities

House Transportation and Public Safety Budget – 3:30 p.m. – Room 118N

Budget Recommendations: Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services; Kansas State Fire Marshal

House Insurance and Pensions – 3:30 p.m. – Room 218N (M-W)

Overview: Kansas health insurance mandates, requirements in Kansas law and discussion of recent and proposed legislation – Melissa Renick, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Thursday, Feb. 4

Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee on Corrections and Public Safety – 10:30 a.m. – Room 548S

Hearing on Agency Budget: Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services; Kansas State Fire Marshal

House Higher Education Budget – 1:30 p.m. – Room 281N

Budget Hearings: Recommendations on budgets previously heard

Friday, Feb. 5

KHA Bill Tracker

The [Kansas Hospital Association Bill Tracker](#) is designed to keep you up-to-date on current legislation. KHA updates and shares this document on a weekly basis while the legislators are in session. It lists the bill number and sponsor; the subject of the proposed legislation; current status; and last action. If you have questions regarding legislation, please contact [Audrey Dunkel](#) or [Tara Mays](#) at (785) 233-7436.

Registration Now Open: Advocacy Briefing – Feb. 12

Program: [Advocacy Briefing](#)

Date: Feb. 12

Time: Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Speakers: [Representative Fred Patton, District 50](#)

Description: During this webinar, participants receive an update on the 2021 Legislature's progress on the extension of the COVID-19 response legislation. Hear key messages about issues facing Kansas hospitals you can use when interacting with your elected officials. KHA encourages Kansas hospital chief executive officers, senior staff and hospital trustees to participate.

Contact: Please contact the [KHA Education Department](#) (785) 233-7436 if you have any questions.

REGISTER NOW