



KHA's Capitol Comments
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News from the House of Representatives and Senate

Today, the Kansas House of Representatives voted to override the veto of [House Bill 2238](#), the Fairness in Women's Sports Act requiring female student athletic teams only to include members who are biologically female. The House voted to override on a vote of [84-40](#). The Senate also took up the vote to override and passed on a vote of [28-12](#).

Also today, the Senate debated and adopted [Senate Concurrent Resolution 1611](#), proposing to amend section one of article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas to limit property tax valuation increase for real property. The motion passed on a vote of [28-11](#).

Both chambers will continue to run conference committee reports throughout the evening.

Budget Conference Updates

Today, the budget-related conference committee held several rounds of discussions. Several health-related items have been agreed to including the following:

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

- Added language to exclude any hospital that is licensed as a rural emergency hospital from the Health Care Access Improvement Program assessment in fiscal years 2023 and 2024.
- Chose not to add language requiring KDHE to prioritize new determinations of Medicaid eligibility for admission to adult care homes before redetermination of continued eligibility.
- Added funding to increase the Medicaid physician fee schedule for a 3.0 percent increase.
- Added \$800,000 for local health departments to distribute using the statutory distribution formula.
- Added \$1.2 million for adult dental coverage to include dentures and partials in Medicaid.

- Deleted the language requiring local health departments to provide anyone who receives a COVID-19 vaccine or medicine to treat COVID-19 with the following information in writing: *the ingredients of the vaccine or medication, the known risks or side effects and the most recent information from the federal vaccine adverse event reporting system.*

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

- Added language directing the agency to reimburse providers the opioid use disorder services for all allowable purposes under federal guidelines.

Medicaid Inspector General

- \$340k but no additional for full-time employees for the Medicaid inspector general's office.

Others

- Added language requiring all state agencies and contractors with the State to enroll and actively participate in e-verify for verification of employment eligibility.

Budget negotiations will continue throughout the day as they make their way toward the end of the week.