



## ***KHA's Capitol Comments*** **March 22, 2024**

### **House Changes Expansion Bill Assignments**

Today, the House of Representatives saw the Medicaid expansion bill, from 2024, [House Bill 2556](#), moved from the House Health and Human Services Committee to the House Interstate Cooperation Committee, a committee that rarely meets.

The House also moved the 2023 Medicaid expansion bill, [House Bill 2415](#), from the Committee on Appropriations to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

These procedural moves signal an attempt to make it more difficult to pull any expansion bills out of committees. The House will meet again next week.

### **Governor Signs Bills**

Today, Governor Laura Kelly signed the following bills into law:

[Senate Bill 431](#) directs the Capitol Preservation Committee to create a memorial honoring Chaplain (Captain) Emil Joesph Kapaun, a Korean War Medal of Honor recipient and Pilsen, Kansas native.

[Senate Bill 336](#) removes the requirement for underground storage tank operating permits to be obtained annually.

[Senate Bill 307](#) adds for-profit private entity to the definition of "qualified applicant" in the Kansas Fights Addiction Act.

### **Next Week's Schedule**

Next week, the House and Senate will spend the week working on bills in their respective chambers as conference committees begin to work through differences between House and Senate positions on bills before them.

### **KHA Bill Tracker**

The [Kansas Hospital Association Bill Tracker](#) is designed to keep you up-to-date on current legislation. KHA will update and share this document weekly while the legislators are in session.