



KHA's Capitol Comments
January 19, 2024

With the first bill already hitting the governor's desk during the second week of session, 2024 is off to a historically fast pace. Next week, look for committee bill hearings to pick up and budget discussions for agencies and regulatory boards to begin.

Next Week's Schedule

Monday, Jan. 22

Senate Transparency and Ethics – 9:30 a.m. – Room 142S

Hearing and Deliberation – Agency budget: Kansas Board of Barbering; Kansas Board of Cosmetology

Senate Education – 1:30 p.m. – Room 144S

Briefing: Community Colleges By the Numbers

Briefing: Non-Profits Higher Ed By the Numbers

House Health and Human Services – 1:30 p.m. – 112N

Presentation: Mental Health Intervention Team Program

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

Hearing: Budgets for the Kansas State Board of Nursing, Kansas Board of Pharmacy and Kansas Board of Mortuary Arts

Hearing Continuation: Recommendations for the Kansas State Board of Nursing, Kansas Board of Pharmacy and the Kansas Board of Mortuary Arts

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Senate Public Health and Welfare – 8:30 a.m. – Room 142S

Hearing on Agency Budget: Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office

Senate Federal and State Affairs – 10:30 a.m. – Room 144S

Hearing: [House Bill 2446](#) – Prohibiting cities and counties from regulating plastic and other containers designed for the consumption, transportation or protection of merchandise, food or beverages

Senate Commerce – 10:30 a.m. – Room 546S

2023 Apprenticeship Annual Report – Office of Registered Apprenticeship

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

Presentation: Rural Broadband – Catherine Moyer, CEO, Pioneer Communications presentation: Broadband Office Update – Jade Piros de Carvalho, director of broadband development, Dept. of Commerce

Senate Education – 1:30 p.m. – Room 144S

Briefing: Higher Education By the Numbers

House Appropriations – 9:00 a.m. – Room 112N

Hearing: Senate Bill 155 – [Substitute for Senate Bill 155](#) by Committee on Ways and Means – Making and concerning appropriations for fiscal years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 for various state agencies

Budget report out by Chairperson Hoffman: General Government Budget – Kansas Board of Barbering, Kansas Board of Cosmetology Board of Tax Appeals

House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications – 9:00 a.m. – Room 582N

Presentation: Rural broadband companies – Catherine Moyer, Pioneer Communications

House Commerce Labor and Economic Development – 12:00 p.m. – 346S

Joint meeting, House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development and House Welfare Reform – Chairman Averkamp, Chair

Briefing: Welfare, Fraud and the Workforce Sam Adolphsen, policy director, Foundation for Government Accountability

House Health and Human Services – 1:30 p.m. – Room 112N

Hearing: [House Bill 2484](#) – Enacting the Social Work Licensure Compact to provide interstate practice privileges for social workers

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

Presentation: Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board budget – Dayton Lamunyon, fiscal analyst; Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board – David Fye, executive director; Kansas Board of Healing Arts – Megan Leopold, Fiscal Analyst

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

Informational briefing: Valley Hope Foundation

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Senate Public Health and Welfare – 8:30 a.m. – Room 142S

Hearing: Agency budget – Kansas Guardianship Program

Senate Transparency and Ethics – 9:30 a.m. – Room 142S

Hearing and deliberation on agency budget: Kansas State Board of Examiners in Optometry, Kansas Board of Hearing Aid Examiners, Kansas Dental Board

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

Briefing: Nurse staffing shortages, Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Briefing: Medicaid – Kansas Department of Health and Environment

House Appropriations – 9:00 a.m. – Room 112N

Budget report out by Chairperson Mason: Social Services budget, Kansas State Board of Mortuary Arts, Kansas State Board of Nursing, Kansas Board of Pharmacy

House Financial Institutions and Pensions – 9:00 a.m. – Room 582N

Presentation: Kansas Insurance Department Vicki Schmidt, commissioner

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

Informational briefing: Clubhouse Model Programs

Thursday, Jan. 25

Senate Public Health and Welfare – 8:30 a.m. – Room 142S

Presentation: Youth suicide prevention, 988 suicide hotline

Senate Assessment and Taxation – 9:30 a.m. – Room 548S

Hearing: [Senate Bill 299](#) – Providing a Kansas exemption for state income tax purposes for an unborn child with a detectable heartbeat

Senate Local Government – 9:30 a.m. – Room 142S

Learning about history and mechanics of local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund

Senate Commerce – 10:30 a.m. – Room 546S

Briefing on the results of the CEO poll on the top concerns for Kansas business owners – Alan Cobb, CEO/president, Kansas Chamber

House Appropriations – 9:00 a.m. – Room 112N

Hearing: [House Bill 2495](#) – Making and concerning appropriations for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, for state agencies; increasing expenditure limitations to the foregoing; funding of fiscal year 2024; salary increase for certain state employees

House Corrections and Juvenile Justice – 1:30 p.m. – Room 546S

Hearing: [House Bill 2487](#) – Providing immunity from prosecution for certain drug crimes when persons seek or provide medical assistance related to the use of a controlled substance

House Health and Human Services – 1:30 p.m. – Room 112N

Hearing: [House Bill 2453](#) – Enacting the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact to provide interstate practice privileges for dentists and dental hygienists

Friday, Jan. 26

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 on a weekly basis while the legislators are in session.

Introduction of Bills

[Senate Bill 351](#) – Establishing requirements for school safety and security plans and cardiac emergency response plans; creating the School Safety and Security Grant Fund and the School Cardiac Emergency Response Grant Fund – By Committee on Education

[Senate Bill 352](#) – Concerning health and health care; enacting the John D. Springer Patient's Bill of Rights; requiring hospitals to allow in-person visitation in certain circumstances; requiring hospitals to adopt visitation policies and procedures; creating a civil cause of action for violation of such rights – By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

[Senate Bill 353](#) – Concerning gender identity medical care; creating a civil cause of action against a physician who performs childhood gender reassignment service; requiring revocation of a physician's license if such physician performs childhood gender reassignment service – By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

[Senate Bill 354](#) – Concerning insurance; relating to the Healthcare Provider Insurance Availability Act; designating certain facilities where elective abortions are performed as being ineligible to purchase professional liability insurance from the Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund; requiring such facilities to maintain continuous professional liability coverage equivalent to that provided by the Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund as a condition of licensure – By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

[Senate Bill 355](#) – Concerning health and health care; relating to health insurance coverage; expanding medical assistance eligibility; enacting the Cutting Healthcare Costs for all Kansans Act; directing the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to study certain Medicaid expansion topics; adding meeting days to the Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based services and KanCare Oversight to monitor implementation of expanded medical assistance eligibility – By Committee on Ways and Means

[Senate Bill 371](#) – Concerning the Kansas Silver Alert plan; relating to public notice of certain missing persons; expanding such plan to include persons 18 years of age or older who have an intellectual disability – By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

[House Bill 2515](#) – Concerning health and health care; amending the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act; creating a civil cause of action against any health care provider who injures a child during an attempted abortion – By Committee on Federal and State Affairs, Requested by Representative Fairchild

[House Bill 2536](#) – Concerning children and minors; relating to the revised Kansas Code for Care of Children; establishing SOUL family legal permanency as a permanency option for children in need of care who are 16 years of age or older; allowing courts to establish SOUL family legal permanency; defining SOUL family legal permanency; reconciling definition of behavioral health crisis in the revised Kansas Code for Care of Children – By Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care, Requested by Rachel Marsh, Children's Alliance of Kansas

[House Bill 2539](#) – Concerning postsecondary education; relating to the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act; removing the Kansas residency requirement for eligibility for such scholarships; modifying the definition of part-time student – By Committee on Education, Requested by Representative Thomas

[House Bill 2547](#) – Concerning schools; relating to student health; authorizing the maintenance of emergency medication kits for certain life-threatening conditions; requiring a prescription for distribution of emergency medication to schools; providing requirements for the administration of emergency medication by school personnel, training; exempting certain persons from the practice of healing arts and civil liability if acting in good faith – By Committee on Health and Human Services, Requested by Representative Eplee on behalf of Kansas School Nurses Organization

[House Bill 2548](#) – Concerning health and health care; enacting the No Patient Left Alone Act; relating to hospitals, adult care homes and hospice facilities; requiring such facilities to allow in-person visitation in certain circumstances; authorizing such facilities to adopt visitation policies and procedures – By Committee on Health and Human Services, Requested by Representative Eplee

[House Bill 2555](#) – Concerning schools; relating to school districts and nonpublic schools; authorizing schools to maintain emergency albuterol kits and school personnel to administer such medication in emergency situations; establishing training requirements for administration of such medication; exempting certain persons from the practice of the healing arts and civil liability if prescribing or administering such medication in good faith – By Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care, Requested by Representative Carr

[House Bill 2556](#) – Concerning health and health care; relating to health insurance coverage; expanding medical assistance eligibility; enacting the Cutting Healthcare Costs for All Kansans Act; directing the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to study certain Medicaid expansion topics; adding meeting days to the Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community-Based Services and KanCare Oversight to monitor implementation of expanded medical assistance eligibility – By Committee on Appropriations, Requested by Representative V. Miller on behalf of the Office of the Governor