



***KHA's Capitol Comments***  
**February 2, 2024**

**Next Week's Schedule**

Next week, committees that are subject to legislative deadlines will hold the last of the bill introductions. Committee work will heat up as the legislature continues to review agency budgets and assemble legislative adjustments.

**Monday, Feb. 5**

*Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services – 10:30 a.m. – Room 548S*  
Deliberation: Agency budget – State institutions for mental health; State institutions for intellectual disabilities

*House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development/Senate Commerce – 12:00 p.m. – Room 346S*

Hearing: [House Bill 2570](#) – Defining benefit year, temporary unemployment and other terms in the employment security law, requiring electronic filing for certain employers, establishing qualifications for employment security board of review candidates, extending the deadline for new accounts following business acquisitions, making certain changes to the employer rate schedules, enabling employers to report claimant work search issues, confirming Legislative Coordinating Council oversight for the new unemployment insurance information technology system implementation, authorizing the secretary to grant temporary unemployment, requiring the secretary to annually publish certain data and abolishing the Employment Security Interest Assessment Fund

*House Insurance – 3:30 p.m. – Room 218N*

Discussion and action: [House Bill 2478](#) – Adding "maternity center" to the definition of "healthcare provider" for purposes of the Healthcare Provider Insurance Availability Act

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

Hearing continuation: Recommendations for the Office of Veterans Affairs

Hearing: Budget for the Kansas Department for Children and Families

**Tuesday, Feb. 6**

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 371](#) – Expanding the Kansas Silver Alert plan to provide public notice of missing persons 18 years of age or older who have an intellectual disability

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

Budget reports: Kansas State Board of Nursing, Kansas Board of Pharmacy, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts and Kansas State Board of Technical Professions

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

Discussion and action: [House Bill 2358](#) – Permitting mid-level practitioners to provide medical certification to attest to an individual's cause of death to file a death certificate

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

Hearing continuation: [House Bill 2570](#) – Defining benefit year, temporary unemployment and other terms in the employment security law, requiring electronic filing for certain employers, establishing qualifications for Employment Security Board of review candidates, extending the deadline for new accounts following business acquisitions, making certain changes to the employer rate schedules, enabling employers to report claimant work search issues, confirming Legislative Coordinating Council oversight for the new unemployment insurance information technology system implementation, authorizing the secretary to grant temporary unemployment requiring the secretary to annually publish certain data and abolishing the Employment Security Interest Assessment Fund

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2548](#) – Enacting the No Patient Left Alone Act to require facilities to allow in-person visitation to certain patients at hospitals, adult care homes and hospice facilities

Hearing: [House Bill 2637](#) – Expanding eligibility for rural emergency hospital licensure to facilities that meet the criteria at any point after 2015

Final action: [House Bill 2547](#) – Authorizing schools to maintain certain emergency medication kits and to administer such medication in emergencies

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

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

Hearing continuation: Public testimony for the Kansas Department for Children and Families

### **Wednesday, Feb. 7**

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 352](#) – Enacting the John D. Springer Patient's Bill of Rights to require hospitals to allow in-person visitation, adopting visitation policies and procedures, and creating a civil cause of action for violation of such rights

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

Budget reports: Kansas Insurance Department, state institutions for mental health and state institutions for intellectual disabilities

Hearing: [Senate Bill 382](#) – Making and concerning appropriations for fiscal years 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 for state agencies, increasing expenditure limitations, authorizing certain transfers, funding of the fiscal year 2024 salary increase for certain state employees, transferring funds from the Legislature Employment Security Fund of the Legislative Coordinating Council to the University of Kansas and Wichita State University Health Collaboration Fund of the University of Kansas, to the Wichita State University and University of Kansas Health Collaboration Fund of Wichita State University and to the State General Fund and authorizing certain expenditures from the build Kansas Matching Grant Fund

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

Budget report: Chairperson Anderson, Transportation and Public Safety budget; Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services, Office of the State Fire Marshal

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

Hearing continuation: Recommendations for the Kansas Department for Children and Families

### **Thursday, Feb. 8**

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 404](#) – Permitting the use of expedited partner therapy to treat a sexually transmitted disease

*House General Government Budget – 3:30 p.m. – Room 281N*

Budget recommendations: Kansas Insurance Department

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

Hearing: Budget for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

### **Friday, Feb. 9**

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

Budget report: Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board

### **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.

### **Introduction of Bills**

[Senate Bill 433](#) – Concerning health and health care; relating to institutional licenses; clarifying practice privileges – By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

[Senate Bill 434](#) – Concerning public health; relating to the practice of cosmetology; exempting the practice of hair removal by sugaring from the definition of cosmetology – By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

[House Bill 2669](#) – Concerning behavioral health; relating to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services; codifying the Mental Health Intervention Team Program in state statute; requiring KDADS to oversee implementation of the program; establishing structures for partnership between community mental health centers and school districts; providing for coordination of mental health services to students – By Committee on Health and Human Services, Requested by Representative Landwehr

[House Bill 2670](#) – Concerning health and healthcare; relating to nonopioid alternatives for the treatment of pain; requiring the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to develop and publish educational information regarding the use of nonopioids – By Committee on Health and Human Services, Requested by Representative Clifford on behalf of the American Chronic Pain Association