



KHA's Capitol Comments
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Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Holds Hearing

Today, the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, chaired by Sen. Beverly Gossage (R-Eudora), held a hearing on [Senate Bill 404](#). The legislation permits the use of expedited partner therapy to treat a sexually transmitted disease. Written and verbal proponent conferees included:

- Dan Bristow, MD, Overland Park Regional Medical Center
- Patrick Allen, MD FAAP, Ascension Via Christi
- Kelly Fritz, APRN, CNM
- Elizabeth Growenweghe, Kansas Public Health Department
- Anthony Jeter, Pharm D, Dillons
- Jessica Kieffer, MD
- Kimberly Swan, MD
- Jennifer Schrimsher, MD, Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health
- Dereck Totten, MD, MPH, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Teresa Fisher, RN, BSN, Shawnee County Health Department
- Taylor Morton, Planned Parenthood Great Plains Votes
- Sofia Khan, MD
- Shalei Shea, RN, McPherson County Health Department
- Randy Bowman, Kansas Association of Local Health Departments
- Rachelle Colombo, Kansas Medical Society
- Leslie Campbell, RN, Pottawatomie County Health Department
- Kelly Kreisler, MD, MPH, Olathe Medical
- Jared Holroyd, Kansas Pharmacists Association
- Jamie Harrington, CNP, APRN, Augusta Family Practice
- Heather Braum, Kansas Action for Children
- Erin Atteberry, Master of Public Health student
- Joseph LeMaster, MD, MPH, Johnson County Department of Health
- Jennifer Litwin, DO
- Donna Sweet, MD
- Dena Hubbard, MD
- Christy Evers, DNP, APRN, CNM, CNE, RNC-OB, C-EFM
- Charlie Hunt, MPH, director, Johnson County Department of Health

There was no opponent or neutral testimony. The committee meets again next week.

House Work Bills

Today, the House of Representatives held final votes on the following bills:

- [House Bill 2490](#) – Provides that each juvenile offender case length limit extension shall be for no longer than 90 days. 120-0.
- [House Bill 2522](#) – Requires the secretary of corrections to prepare inmates for release from custody and assist with gathering identification documentation. 120-0.
- [House Bill 2578](#) – Provides that programs and treatments provided by a certified community behavioral health clinic be granted a renewal certification if such programs and treatments have been previously certified or accredited. [108-12](#).
- [House Bill 2530](#) – Removes automobile club from the definition of person for purposes of enforcing penalties for violations of insurance law. [118-12](#).
- [House Bill 2531](#) – Updates the version of risk-based capital instructions in effect. [118-12](#).
- [House Bill 2532](#) – Changes certain reporting requirements of group-funded liability and workers' compensation pools. [112-8](#).

First Bill of 2024 Session Signed into Law

Today, Governor Laura Kelly signed the first bill of 2024 into law. [Senate Bill 15](#) relates to persons with disabilities; increases the maximum yearly amount of income tax credits available for purchases under the Disability Employment Act from qualified vendors and continues in existence such credits beyond tax year 2023, defines qualifying vendors and eligible employees; establishes a grant program administered by the secretary of labor to facilitate transitions from sub-minimum to at least minimum wage employment for persons with disabilities, creates the Kansas Sheltered Workshop Transition Fund.

Introduction of Bills

[Senate Bill 460](#) – Concerning public health; relating to anaphylaxis; requiring the secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to adopt anaphylaxis prevention and response policies for schools and daycare facilities; setting guidelines and procedures therefor – By the Committee on Public Health and Welfare