



KHA's Capitol Comments
February 9, 2024

Next Week's Schedule

Following introductory deadlines, committees will now hold many hearings on bills and agency budgets approaching the end of February Turnaround Deadline.

Monday, Feb. 12

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 373](#) – Prohibits the use of public money for lobbying activities

Senate Judiciary – 10:30 a.m. – Room 346S

Hearing: [Senate Bill 425](#) – Provides child support orders for unborn children from the date of conception

Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services – 10:30 a.m. – Room 548S

Hearing: Agency budget – Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors; Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

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

Final action: [House Bill 2353](#) – Increases the amount of time a person may be held for treatment and adds criteria for when continued treatment may be ordered under the Care and Treatment Act for mentally ill persons

House Education – 1:30 p.m. – Room 218N

Hearing: [House Bill 2645](#) – Amends the Nursing Service Scholarship Program to remove limits on the amount of awards and number of scholarships, removes the sponsorship requirement, modifies the interest rate terms for repayment obligations and abolishes the nursing service scholarship review

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

Hearing on [House Bill 2751](#)– Authorizes the Kansas Department for aging and disability Services to condition or restrict a disability service provider license, granting the secretary authority to grant regulation waivers unrelated to health and safety and authorizes correction orders and civil fines to be appealed to the secretary.

[House Bill 2750](#) – Permits the use of expedited partner therapy to treat a sexually transmitted disease.

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

House Child Welfare and Foster Care – 1:30 p.m. – Room 152S

Hearing: [House Bill 2629](#) – Requires the secretary for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to provide a death certificate of a child to the State Child Death Review Board, increases the number of board members, allows for compensation and provides for the disclosure of certain records to certain persons for securing grants

Hearing: [House Bill 2628](#) – Requires the secretary the Kansas Department for Children and Families to release certain information related to a child fatality when criminal charges are filed alleging that a person caused such fatality

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

Hearing continuation: Public testimony for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Tuesday, Feb. 13

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 434](#) – Exempts the practice of hair removal by sugaring from the definition of cosmetology

Hearing: [Senate Bill 461](#) – Creates the Laser Hair Removal Act to restrict the performance of laser hair removal to certain medical professionals

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

Hearing continuation: [Senate Bill 384](#) – Allows ambulances in rural communities to operate with only the minimum personnel required by state law

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

Final action on: [Senate Bill 307](#) – Adds for-profit private entity to the definition of "qualified applicant" in the Kansas Fights Addiction Act

Budget report out: Chairperson Hoffman, General Government Budget – Governmental Ethics Commission; Kansas Insurance Department

Budget report out: Chairperson Anderson, Transportation and Public Safety Budget - Kansas State Fire Marshal

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2667](#) – Concerns the lottery operating fund, increases transfers to the Community Crisis Stabilization Centers fund and the Clubhouse Model Program Fund of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

House Veterans and Military – 9:00 a.m. – Room 281N

Final action: [House Bill 2623](#) – Updates the Veterans Claims Assistance program to include references to Veterans Affairs medical centers and cross-accreditation requirements

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2648](#) – Requires the director of the budget to independently determine costs of compliance and implementation for all proposed rules and regulations and authorizes the director of the budget to disapprove proposed rules and regulations

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2746](#) – Updates requirements for receiving and renewing a license under the Dietitians Licensing Act

House Education – 1:30 p.m. – Room 218N

Hearing: [House Bill 2539](#) – Removes the Kansas residency requirement for eligibility for a Kansas Promise scholarship and modifies the definition of a part-time student under such program

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

Hearing continuation: Recommendations for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Senate Public Health and Welfare – 8:30 a.m. – Room 548S

Hearing: [Senate Bill 390](#) – Enacts the Conscientious Right to Refuse Act to prohibit discrimination against individuals to refuse medical care and creates a civil cause of action based on such discrimination; repeals the authority of the secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to quarantine individuals and imposes associated penalties

Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services – 12:00 p.m. – Room 548S

Deliberation on agency budget: Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors; Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

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

Budget report out: Chairperson Mason, Social Services budget – Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors; State Institutions for Mental Health

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

Final action: [House Bill 2570](#) – Defines benefit year, temporary unemployment and other terms in the Employment Security Law, requires electronic filing for certain employers, establishes qualifications for the Employment Security Board of Review candidates, extends the deadline for new accounts following business acquisitions, makes certain changes to the employer rate schedules, enables employers to report claimant work search issues, confirms legislative coordinating council oversight for the new unemployment insurance information technology system implementation, authorizes the secretary to grant temporary unemployment, requires the secretary to annually publish certain data and abolishes the Employment Security Interest Assessment Fund

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2749](#) – Requires medical care facilities and providers to report the reasons for each abortion performed at such facility or by such provider to the secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

House Child Welfare and Foster Care – 1:30 p.m. – Room 152S

Informational hearing: Proposed Office of Early Childhood Services

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

Presentation: Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine

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

Budget hearing: Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Thursday, Feb. 15

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 391](#) – Enacts the Constitutional Right to Health Freedom Act to regulate the activities of the secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment related to public health functions; repeals statutes relating to the secretary's authority to quarantine individuals and impose associated penalties

Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services – 10:30 a.m. – Room 548S

Hearing on agency budget: Kansas Department of Health and Environment; Kansas Department for Children and Families

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

Presentation: University of Kansas and University of Kansas Cancer Center - Dr. Douglas Girod, Chancellor

Budget report out: Chairperson Mason, Social Services Budget - Kansas Guardianship Program; State Institutions for Intellectual Disabilities

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2653](#) – Providing for child support orders for unborn children from the date of conception

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

Update: Apprenticeships

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

Hearing continuation: Public testimony for the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Friday, Feb. 16

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

Budget reports: Kansas Guardianship Program Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office

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 487](#) – Concerning emergency communication services; relating to the Kansas 911 Act; authorizing counties to contract with other counties to share services of 911 public safety answering points; authorizing distributions of 911 fee money to counties for such purposes – By the Committee on Federal and State Affairs

[Senate Bill 488](#) – Concerning the attorney general; relating to the office of the inspector general and the powers, duties and responsibilities thereof; expanding the power of the inspector general to investigate and audit all state cash, food and health assistance programs – By the Committee on Public Health and Welfare

[House Bill 2776](#) – Concerning workers' compensation; relating to coverage under the act, notice, benefits, liability limitations, definitions, evidentiary standards, hearings, admission of evidence, procedures, settlements and other matters; providing coverage for members of the Kansas National Guard under the Workers' Compensation Act – By the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development, Requested by Rep. Clayton

[House Bill 2777](#) – Concerning health and health care; relating to patient care facilities; prohibiting the state fire marshal and the marshal's representatives from wearing or operating a body camera during an onsite inspection at a patient care facility – By the Committee on Health and Human Services, Requested by Rep. Bergquist on behalf of Rep. Landwehr

[House Bill 2778](#) – Concerning health and health care; relating to dietitians; enacting the Dietician Compact to provide interstate practice privileges – By the Committee on Health and Human Services, Requested by Rep. S. Ruiz on behalf of the Board of Dietitians

[House Bill 2779](#) – Concerning health professions and practices; related to optometry; modifying certain provisions of the optometry law related to scope of practice, definitions and credentialing requirements – By the Committee on Health and Human Services, Requested by Rep. Buehler on behalf of the Kansas Optometric Association

[House Bill 2784](#) – Concerning adult care homes; relating to continuing care retirement communities; transferring authority for certification of such facilities from the Kansas Insurance Department to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services; lowering the nursing facility provider assessment for such facilities – By the Committee on Health and Human Services, Requested by Rep. Landwehr