



KHA's Capitol Comments
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Senate Passes Tax Bills

Late last night, the Senate took votes on several tax bills before them, including the following:

[House Bill 2465](#) clarifies the determination of taxable income and provides for the passing through of tax credits to electing pass-through entity owners for purposes of the Salt Parity Act. The bill passed the Senate on a vote of [38-2](#).

[Substitute for Senate Bill 60](#) by Committee on Assessment and Taxation – provides sales tax exemptions for custom meat processing services, purchases for the construction or repair of buildings used for human habitation by the Kansas State School for the Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf, certain purchases and sales by the Johnson County Christmas Bureau Association and certain purchases by Doorstep, Inc.

[Substitute for House Bill 2036](#), provides a sales tax exemption for certain purchases by disabled veterans. Passed on a vote of [38-2](#).

[Senate Bill 484](#) provides property tax exemptions for certain personal property including watercraft, marine equipment, off-road vehicles, motorized bicycles and certain trailers. Passed on a vote of [29-11](#).

[Senate Bill 480](#) authorizes teleconference or video conference hearings in the small claims and expedited hearings division of the state board of tax appeals. Passed on a vote of [39-1](#).

[Senate Bill 311](#) excludes Internal Revenue Code section 1031 exchange transactions as indicators of fair market value for property tax valuation purposes. Passed on a vote of [21-19](#).

[Senate Bill 498](#) establishes a tax credit for contributions to eligible charitable organizations operating pregnancy centers or residential maternity facilities and establishes a child tax credit, increases the tax credit amount for adoption expenses and makes the credit refundable, and provides a sales tax exemption for pregnancy resource centers and residential maternity facilities. Passed on a vote of [28-12](#).

[Senate Bill 482](#) provides that county clerks are not required to send revenue-neutral rate notices to property owners of exempt property. Passed on a vote of [32-8](#).

[Senate Bill 539](#) simplifies income tax rates for individuals, increases the standard deduction and the Kansas personal exemption, increases the income limit for an income tax subtraction modification for social security income, increases the extent of property tax exemption for residential property from the statewide school levy, decreases the privilege tax normal tax rate and establishes a 0 percent state rate for sales and use taxes for sales of food and food ingredients on July 1, 2024. Passed on a vote of [29-11](#) with two Senators suggesting they may not vote to sustain a veto override should that occur.

Joint Rules and Regulations Committee Meets

Today, the Joint Rules and Regulations Committee, chaired by Sen. Kellie Warren (R-Leawood), heard changes to administrative rules and regulations from several agencies including the Kansas Department of Labor. The department gave an overview of KAR 51-9-7, fees for medical and hospital services, and increases the peer group by \$200 for primary charges and renews every two years based on data from the Council of National Compensation of Insurance similar to what is provided for Medicare. The department estimated a small impact. The committee requested information on who provided testimony. The department pointed to testimony provided by the Kansas Hospital Association, Kansas Medical Society, Osteopathic Medicine, Chiropractor Association, Physical Therapy Association and Kansas Occupational Therapy Association.

The committee heard other rules and regulations from the State Board of Mortuary Arts, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment – Environment Division, the Kansas Department of Water, the Kansas State Board of Education, the Secretary of State's Election Office and the Department of Revenue Alcoholic Beverage Control.

The committee will meet Apr. 29.

Next Week's Schedule

Committees will spend the early part of next week working through final bills having come from the alternate chamber, with more floor action scheduled as bills make their way to the deadlines of first adjournment.

Monday, Mar. 20

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

Hearing: [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

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

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

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

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

Hearing: [Substitute for House Bill 2494](#) by Committee on Education – Establishes policy requirements for cardiac emergency response plans for school districts and provides a grant program for the implementation of such policy

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2825](#) – Enacts consumer protection related to the Hospital Price Transparency Act

[House Bill 2834](#) – Transfers officers, employees, powers, duties and functions relating to the Kansas Health Care Benefits Program from the division of the Kansas State Employee Health Benefits Plan of the Department of Administration to the Insurance Department, establishes the commissioner of insurance as the chairperson of the Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission, provides all management functions of such commission be administered by the commissioner of insurance and eliminates a pilot program regarding employer contributions for certain children

Tuesday, Mar. 19

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

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

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 527](#) – Creates the crime of coercion to obtain an abortion and provides enhanced criminal penalties for offenses committed with the intent to coerce a woman to obtain an abortion

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

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

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2669](#) – Codifies the Mental Health Intervention Team Program, administered by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, in state statute

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

Discussion and action: [House Bill 2813](#) – Creates the crime of coercion to obtain an abortion and provides enhanced criminal penalties for offenses committed with the intent to coerce a woman to obtain an abortion

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

Wednesday, Mar. 20

Senate Public Health and Welfare and Senate Ways and Means – 10:30 a.m. – Room 346S
Informational hearing on Medicaid expansion

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 536](#) – Requires political subdivisions to adopt a budget remaining at or below revenue neutral and use funds to reduce property tax in order to receive Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund distributions

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

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

House Health and Human Services – 1:00 p.m. – Room 112N

Hearing: [House Bill 2556](#) – Expands medical assistance eligibility and enacts the Cutting Health Care Costs for All Kansans Act

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Hearing: [House Bill 2824](#) – Mandates insurance coverage for pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections

Thursday, Mar. 21**Friday, Mar. 22****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 553](#) – Concerns insurance; relates to health insurance; permits a plan sponsor to authorize electronic delivery of plan documents and identification cards for certain insured individuals covered by a health benefit plan

–By Committee on Federal and State Affairs