



***KHA's Capitol Comments***  
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**Legislative Post Audit Recommends Lay-Giver Legislation**

The Legislative Post Audit Committee, chaired by Sen. Caryn Tyson (R-Parker), met yesterday. The committee, which had previously sought an audit on behalf of Rep. Jason Probst (D-Hutchinson) to ensure compliance of hospitals to the state Lay Caregiver Act, has now decided rather than a post audit to seek the introduction of legislation on the topic. The proposed legislation would amend the Lay Caregiver Act in [KSA 65-431 A](#) to require the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to verify each hospital complies with the Lay Caregiver Act, conduct an annual compliance audit, compile results, and report to the health committees annually. The legislation will be introduced during the 2025 state legislative session slated to begin on Jan. 13.

**Legislative Committees Begin Taking Shape**

As the Kansas Legislature approaches a Jan. 13 start, Republican leadership in the House and Senate have been busy making committee appointments. Democratic committee assignments will be assigned in the days ahead.

The following is the make-up of the House Committees as of today. There were no new committees in the House.

**Appropriations:** Chair: Troy Waymaster; Vice-Chair: Kristey Williams; Avery Anderson; David Buehler; Will Carpenter; Susan Estes; Shannon Francis; Jason Goetz; Kyle Hoffman; Steven Howe; Lisa Moser; Ken Rahjes; Bill Sutton; Sean Tarwater; Adam Turk; Barb Wasinger

**Health and Human Services:** Chair: Will Carpenter; Vice-Chair: Ron Bryce; Emil Bergquist; Doug Blex; Dave Buehler; Ron Ellis; Fred Gardner; Carl Turner; Leah Howell; Duane Droge; Angela Steins; Allen Reavis

**Insurance:** Chair: Bill Sutton; Vice-Chair: Brian Bergkamp; Emil Bergquist; Ken Collins; Pat Proctor; Sean Tarwater; Shawn Chauncey; Rick James; Patrick Penn; Paul Waggoner; Kristey Williams

**Judiciary:** Chair Susan Humphries; Vice-Chair: Laura Williams; Jesse Borjon; Dan Goddard; Bob Lewis; Carrie Barth; Brad Barrett; Charlotte Esau; Lauren Bohi; Mark Schreiber; Kyler Sweely; Jill Ward

**Taxation:** Chair: Adam Smith; Vice-Chair: Carl Turner; Francis Averkamp; Ron Bryce; Nate Butler; Ken Corbet; Shannon Francis; Nick Hoheisel; Cyndi Howerton; Tom Kessler; Clarke Sanders; Chuck Smith; Mike Thompson; Robyn Essex; Marty Long; Dawn Wolf

**Social Services Budget:** Chair: David Buehler; Vice-Chair: Will Carpenter; Mike King; Allen Reavis; Angela Stiens; Sean Wilcott

**Federal and State Affairs:** Chair: Tom Kessler; Vice-Chair: Rebecca Schmoe; Brian Bergkamp; Ron Bryce; Ken Corbet; Leah Howell; Steve Huebert; Rick James; Bob Lewis; Kyle McNorton; John Resman; Clarke Sanders; Kevin Schwertfeger; Paul Waggoner; Jill Ward; Sean Wilcott

**Local Government:** Chair: Emil Bergquist; Vice-Chair: Doug Blex; Carrie Barth; Ken Collins; Robyn Essex; Fred Gardner; Lon Pishny, Chip VanHouden; Dawn Wolf

**Legislative Modernization:** Chair: Patrick Penn; Vice-Chair: Jesse Borjon; Cyndi Howerton; Bill Rhiley; Mark Schreiber; Carl Turner; Adam Smith; Duane Droge; Brad Barrett, Sherri Brantley; Charlotte Esau; Dale Helwig

**Financial Institutions and Pensions:** Chair: Nick Hoheisel; Vice-Chair: Angela Steins; Lance Neelly; Chuck Smith; Mike Thompson; Gary White; Laura Williams; Lauren Bohi; Mike King; Allen Reavis; Angel Roeser; Kyler Sweely

**Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications:** Chair: Leo Delperdang; Vice-Chair: Rick Wilborn; Francis Averkamp; Emil Bergquist; Jesse Borjon; Patrick Penn; Nick Hoheisel; Webster Roth; Mark Schreiber; Chuck Smith; Lauren Bohi; Chip VanHouden

**Water:** Chair: Jim Minnix; Vice-Chair: Gary White; Doug Blex; Robyn Essex; Brett Fairchild; Fred Gardner; Sandy Pickert; Adam Smith; Joe Seiwert; Duane Droge; Dale Helwig; Lon Pishny

**Veterans and Military:** Chair: Mike Thompson; Vice-Chair: Nate Butler; Ken Collins; Dan Goddard; Scott Hill; Tim Johnson; Bill Bloom; Shawn Chauncey; Megan Steele

**Corrections and Juvenile Justice:** Chair: Bob Lewis; Vice-Chair: John Resman; Nate Butler; Lance Neelly; Chuck Smith; Joe Seiwert; Brad Barrett; Rick James; Kevin Schwertfeger

**Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development:** Chair: Sean Tarwater; Vice-Chair: Adam Turk; Ken Corbet; Tom Kessler; Patrick Penn; Bill Sutton; Kristey Williams; Barb Wasinger; Laura Williams; Jill Ward; Sean Willcott; Mike King

**Education:** Chair: Susan Estes; Vice-Chair: Kyle McNorton; Jason Goetz; Scott Hill; Rebecca Schmoe; Mark Schreiber; Sherri Brantley; Shawn Chauncey; Dawn Wolf; Steve Huebert; Lon Pishny; Megan Steele

**Transportation:** Chair: Shannon Francis; Vice-Chair: Robyn Essex; Avery Anderson; Ken Collins; Leo Delperdang; Dan Goddard; Nick Hoheisel; Jim Minnix; Pat Proctor; Rick Wilborn; Lauren Bohi; Chip VanHouden

**Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget:** Chair: Lisa Moser; Vice-Chair: Marty Long; Bill Bloom; Ken Rahjes; Webster Roth; Gary White

**Higher Education Budget:** Chair: Steven Howe; Vice-Chair: Clarke Sanders; Brett Fairchild; Samantha Poetter-Parshall; Kyler Sweely; Paul Waggoner

**Child Welfare and Foster Care:** Chair: Cyndi Howerton; Vice-Chair: Tim Johnson; Susan Humphries; Sandy Pickert; Carrie Barth; Brian Bergkamp; Charlotte Esau; Bill Rhiley; Angel Roeser

**Welfare Reform:** Chair: Francis Awerkamp; Vice-Chair: Bill Rhiley; Susan Humphries; Sandy Pickert; Carrie Barth; Brian Bergkamp; Charlotte Esau; Dale Helwig; Angel Roeser

**General Government Budget:** Chair: Barb Wasinger; Vice-Chair: Sandy Pickert; Steve Huebert; Bill Rhiley; Adam Turk; Chip VanHouden

**Agriculture and Natural Resources:** Chair: Ken Rahjes; Vice-Chair: Lance Neelly; Doug Blex; Brett Fairchild; Fred Gardner; Jim Minnix; Webster Roth; Joe Seiwert; Gary White; Duane Droge; Lisa Moser; Angel Roeser

**Transportation and Public Safety Budget:** Chair: Avery Anderson; Vice-Chair: Leah Howell; Bill Bloom; Leo Delperdang; Ron Ellis; John Resman

**K-12 Education Budget:** Chair: Jason Goetz; Vice-Chair: Scott Hill; Susan Estes; Tim Johnson; Rebecca Schmoe; Sherri Brantley; Kyle McNorton; Kevin Schwertfeger; Megan Steele  
**Elections:** Chair: Pat Proctor; Vice-Chair: Paul Waggoner; Emil Bergquist; Brian Bergkamp; Patrick Penn; Shawn Chauncey; Dale Helwig; Rick James; Bill Sutton; Sean Tarwater; Kristey Williams

**The Senate created a new committee on government efficiency. The following is the make-up of the Senate Committees as they are known today.**

**Ways and Means:** Chair: Rick Billinger, Vice-Chair: JR Claeys, Larry Alley, Renee Erickson, Michael Fagg, Rick Kloos, Stephen Owens, Virgil Peck, Michael Petersen

**Public Health and Welfare:** Chair: Beverly Gossage, Vice-Chair: Bill Clifford, Chase Blasi, Renee Erickson, Michael Murphy, Stephen Owens, TJ Rose, Adam Thomas, Mike Thompson

**Financial Institutions and Insurance:** Chair: Brenda Dietrich, Vice-Chair: Michael Fagg, Mike Argabright, Beverly Gossage, Rick Kloos, TJ Rose, Kellie Warren

**Judiciary:** Chair: Kellie Warren, Vice-Chair: Kenny Titus, Mike Argabright, Elaine Bowers, Craig Bowser, Joseph Claeys, Jeff Klemp, TJ Rose, Ron Ryckman, Sr., Doug Shane

**Assessment and Taxation:** Chair: Caryn Tyson, Vice-Chair: Virgil Peck, Jeff Klemp, Stephen Owens, Michael Petersen, Tim Shallenburger, Brad Starnes

**Agriculture and Natural Resources:** Chair: Virgil Peck, Vice-Chair: Larry Alley, Tory Marie Blew, Craig Bowser, Michael Fagg, Ron Ryckman, Sr., Doug Shane, Brad Starnes, Kenny Titus  
**Transportation:** Chair: Michael Petersen, Vice-Chair: Rick Kloos, Mike Argabright, Elaine Bowers, Joseph Claeys, Brenda Dietrich, Jeff Klemp, Caryn Tyson, Kellie Warren

**Local Government, Transparency and Ethics:** Chair: Elaine Bowers, Vice-Chair: Ron Ryckman, Sr., Tory Marie Blew, Craig Bowser, Joseph Claeys, Bill Clifford, Kenny Titus

**Government Efficiency:** Chair: Renee Erickson, Vice-Chair: Michael Murphy, Larry Alley, Rick Billinger, Doug Shane, Adam Thomas, Mike Thompson

**Federal and State Affairs:** Chair: Mike Thompson, Vice-Chair: Tory Marie Blew, Bill Clifford, Brenda Dietrich, Beverly Gossage, Michael Murphy, Brad Starnes, Adam Thomas, Caryn Tyson

**Commerce:** Chair: Larry Alley, Vice-Chair: Stephen Owens, Tory Marie Blew, Brenda Dietrich, Jeff Klemp, Rick Kloos, Ron Ryckman, Sr., Kenny Titus, Caryn Tyson

**Utilities:** Chair: Michael Fagg, Vice-Chair: Michael Petersen, Elaine Bowers, Craig Bowser, Joseph Claeys, Bill Clifford, MD, Virgil Peck, Mike Thompson, Kellie Warren

**Education:** Chair: Renee Erickson, Vice-Chair: Adam Thomas, Mike Argabright, Chase Blasi, Beverly Gossage, Michael Murphy, TJ Rose, Doug Shane, Brad Starnes

### **Legislative Deadlines and Calendar Set**

The legislative session, scheduled to begin on Jan. 13, looks to be a quick session based on the legislative schedule released by leadership. The schedule includes the following deadlines:

Jan. 13: First Day of 2025 Session

Jan. 27: Last Day for individuals to request member-sponsored bill drafts

Feb. 3: Last day for non-exempt committees to request bill drafts

Feb. 5: Last day for individual bill introductions in the chamber

Feb. 7: Last day for non-exempt committee bill introductions in the chamber

Feb. 17: Last day for non-exempt committees to meet before Turnaround

Feb. 18-20: Floor Work All Day

Feb. 20: Turnaround Day

Feb. 21-24: No Session

March 18: Last day non-exempt committees to meet to consider bills

March 19-21: Floor Work All Day

March 21: Last day for non-exempt bills in either Chamber  
March 29-April 9: Legislatures Not In Session for April Break  
April 10-April 12: Veto Session