



***KHA's Capitol Comments***  
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**Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Holds First Meeting**

Today, the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, chaired by Senator Beverly Gossage (R-Eudora) had their first meeting of the 2025 session. The committee members and staff themselves and committee rules were adopted. Next, they heard from Kansas Legislative Research staff on the report of the Special Committee on Targeted Case Management to the 2025 Legislature, including the following recommendations:

- The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services distributed a survey for individuals on the waivers, waitlist and other stakeholders.
- KDADS developed a Kansas-specific response to meet requirements by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to prevent conflicts of interest in provider-targeted case managers.
- The House and Senate health standing committees reviewed the TCM provider capacity and TCM reimbursement rates.

**House Public Health Committee Meets**

Today, the members and staff of the [House Health and Human Services Committee](#), chaired by Representative Will Carpenter (R-El Dorado), introduced themselves and reported the House leadership is trying to standardize rules for the House committees. The committee will meet again on Thursday for agency overviews.

**Joint House and Senate Commerce Committee Reviews Interim Reports**

Today, the Joint House and Senate Commerce Committee, chaired by Representative Sean Tarwater (R-Stilwell), heard recommendations from the Foreign Trade Regulatory Sandbox interim committee and the Affordable Housing interim committee. Recommendations heard by the Commerce Committee on Housing include:

- Workforce Incentives
- Small business incentives for the purchase and remodeling of affordable housing
- Review possible reform of how incentives and tax credits can be used concurrently
- Study fast-tracking permits
- Pass legislation to allow the transferability of housing investor tax credits

The joint committee will meet again on Thursday for the Network Kansas and K-State 105 presentations.

### **Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee Meets**

Today, the Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, chaired by Senator Brenda Dietrich (R-Topeka), heard bill introductions from the Kansas Department of Insurance on the following topics:

- Discretion for the commissioner to lower fees and the elimination of the employment renewal fee
- Reduction of the time for insurance companies to respond to the Department of Insurance when it concerns a complaint
- Concerns the decrease of appointed members to regulatory boards under the jurisdiction of the commissioner
- Concerns the definition of persons within the department enforcement statute and repealing reports submitted to the governor
- Concerns the producer and public adjusters' statutes and bringing parity to those statutes
- Concerns title insurance and the title insurance agents' annual audits, requiring their reports to be made available upon request and requiring a uniform surety bond for those agents across the state
- Concerns third-party administrators creating separate fiduciary accounts for each of those payers and requiring that admin notify the department in cases of bankruptcy filings

The committee will meet again next week.

### **2025 KHA Advocacy Day: Agenda Is Set!**

Join the Kansas Hospital Association staff, state legislators and Kansas hospital executives at our 2025 Advocacy Day on Jan. 23 at The Beacon in Topeka.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The program will start promptly at 9 a.m. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. This is your opportunity to learn about our advocacy focus and visit with your elected officials about the critical issues facing Kansas hospitals. We encourage all hospital representatives to invite their state legislators to the luncheon or arrange one-on-one meetings at their convenience. To find your state legislators, visit <https://www.kslegislature.gov>, click "Find Your Legislator" on the left-hand side and enter your hospital address. We encourage CEOs, senior staff and hospital trustees to attend.



## **Introduction of Bills**

[House Bill 2001](#) by Representatives Fairchild, Rhiley and Xu – Concerning the taxpayer notification costs fund; continuing the reimbursement from such fund for printing and postage costs of county clerks through calendar year 2029.

[House Bill 2002](#) by the Legislative Post Audit Committee – concerning health and health care; relating to the Lay Caregiver Act; requiring the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to audit hospital compliance with such act and report such audit results to the legislature.

[House Bill 2005](#) by Representatives Proctor, Barrett, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Buehler, Butler,

Chauncey, Collins, Delperdang, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Goddard, Howerton, Kessler, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Steele, Sweely, Thompson, Turk and Waymaster – Concerning income taxation; establishing the Veterans' Valor Property Tax Relief Act; providing an income tax credit or refund for eligible individuals.

[House Bill 2007](#) by Representative Waymaster – Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements, procedures and acts incidental to the foregoing.

[Senate Bill 3](#) by the Legislative Post Audit Committee – Concerning health and health care; relating to the Lay Caregiver Act; requiring the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to audit hospital compliance with such act and report such audit results to the legislature.