



KHA's Capitol Comments
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Next Week's Schedule

Legislative bill hearings will pick up next week, as does the pace for agency budgets before the House budget committees. With the House tackling the budget and the Senate taking the lead on tax issues, the legislative leadership remains committed to a quick session pace for the 2025 session.

Monday, Jan. 27

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

Budget report: Chairperson David Buehler, Social Services Budget – Kansas State Board of Nursing

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

Budget hearing: Kansas Board of Regents, Washburn University, The University of Kansas, The University of Kansas Medical Center

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

Hearing continuation: Recommendations – Kansas Department for Children and Families
Budget hearing: Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Tuesday, Jan. 28

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 63](#) – Enacting the Help Not Harm Act, restricting the use of state funds to promote gender transitioning, prohibiting health care providers from providing gender transition care to children whose gender identity is inconsistent with the child's sex, authorizing a civil cause of action against health care providers for providing such treatments, requiring professional discipline against a health care provider who performs such treatment, prohibiting professional liability insurance from covering damages for health care providers that provide gender transition treatment to children and adding violation of the act to the definition of unprofessional conduct for physicians.

Senate Government Efficiency – 9:30 a.m. – Room 144S

Presentation: Office of Medicaid Inspector General

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

Budget report: Chairperson David Buehler, Social Services budget – Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund, Larned State Hospital, Osawatomie State Hospital

House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications – 9:00 a.m. – Room 582N

Presentation: Update on Rural Broadband; Cat Moyer, Pioneer Communications

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2071](#) – Enacting the Help Not Harm Act to restrict the use of state funds to promote gender transitioning, prohibit health care providers from providing gender transition whose gender identity is inconsistent with the child's sex, authorize a civil cause of action against health care providers for providing such treatments, require professional discipline against a health care provider who performs such treatment and prohibit professional liability insurance from covering damages for health care providers that provide gender transition treatment to children and adding violation of the act to the definition of unprofessional conduct for physicians.

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

Hearing continuation on: Public testimony for the Kansas Department of Health and Human Services

Wednesday, Jan. 29

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

Final Action: [Senate Bill 63](#) – Enacting the Help Not Harm Act, restricting the use of state funds to promote gender transitioning, prohibiting health care providers from providing gender transition care to children whose gender identity is inconsistent with the child's sex, authorizing a civil cause of action against health care providers for providing such treatments, requiring professional discipline against a health care provider who performs such treatment, prohibiting professional liability insurance from covering damages for health care providers that provide gender transition treatment to children and adding violation of the act to the definition of unprofessional conduct for physicians.

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 25](#) – Enacting the Insurance Savings Account Act, allowing individuals and corporations to establish insurance savings accounts with certain financial institutions, providing eligible expenses, requirements, and restrictions for such accounts, and establishing addition and subtraction modifications under the Kansas Income Tax Act.

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

Briefing: Staff – ongoing reporting requirements contained in past budget bills

Senate Utilities – 1:30 p.m. – Room 548S

Update: Broadband in Kansas Department of Commerce, Office of Broadband

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

Budget report: Chairperson Steven Howe, Higher Education Budget – Kansas Board of Regents, The University of Kansas, The University of Kansas Medical Center

House Financial Institutions and Pensions – 9:00 a.m. – Room 582N

Presentation: KPERS overview and update, Alan Conroy, executive director

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

Hearing continuation: Recommendations for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Budget Hearing: Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Thursday, Jan. 30

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 31](#) – Updating certain provisions of the Kansas Dental Practices Act relating to dentist information requested by patients, in-person practice requirements in dental offices using the licensee's name, unprofessional conduct and patient complaints.

Senate Government Efficiency – 9:30 a.m. – Room 144S

Presentation: Agency operations – Kansas Insurance Commissioner

Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance – 9:30 a.m. – Room 546S

Presentation: Paid family and medical leave – Tracy Russell, executive director, Nurture KC; Jan Marrs, Mize CPAs

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

Budget report: Chairperson Barb Wasinger, General Government budget – Kansas Insurance Department Kansas Public Employees Retirement System

Budget report: Chairperson Avery Anderson, Transportation and Public Safety budget – Kansas 911 Coordinating Council; Kansas Bureau of Investigation; State Fire Marshal

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

Presentation: Kansas Association of Family Physicians, Oral Health Kansas, Kansas Dental Association

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

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

Friday, Jan. 31

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

Hearing continuation: Recommendations for Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

KHA Bill Tracker

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