



KHA's Capitol Comments
January 31, 2025

Next Week's Schedule

Next week, the legislature will see a focus in the House on the budget and more focus in the Senate on taxes. As legislative deadlines are nearing, committees will continue to work through agency updates, report outs and legislation. Next week also is the deadline for non-exempt committees to have bill introductions. Hearings will begin picking up the pace ahead of the Feb. 20 turnaround deadline, where non-exempt bills must be passed by their chamber of origin.

Monday, Feb. 3

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

Budget report: Chairperson David Buehler, Social Services Budget – Kansas Guardianship Program, Kansas Neurological Institute, Office of the Child Advocate, Parsons State Hospital and Training Center

House Judiciary – 3:30 p.m. – Room 582N

Hearing: [House Concurrent Resolution 5008](#) – Proposing a constitutional amendment to provide for legislative oversight of rules and regulations adopted by executive branch agencies and officials

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

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

Tuesday, Feb. 4

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 3](#) – Requiring the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to audit hospital compliance with the Lay Caregiver Act and report the results of such audit to the legislature

Final action: [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 Ways and Means – 10:30 a.m. – Room 548S

Briefing: Contract nursing at state hospitals

Briefing by staff: House Appropriations Committee budget action

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 50](#) – Establishing uniform interest rate provisions for service scholarship programs administered by the Kansas Board of Regents that have repayment obligations as a part of the terms and conditions of such programs and authorizing the Kansas Board of Regents to recover the costs of collecting such repayment obligations and charge fees for the costs of administering such programs and requiring eligible students to enter into agreements with the Kansas Board of Regents instead of a postsecondary educational institution as a condition to receiving a grant under the Adult Learner Grant Act

Hearing: [Senate Bill 44](#) – Expanding the postsecondary educational institutions eligible to participate in the Kansas Promise Scholarship Program

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2007](#) – Making and concerning supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2025 and appropriations for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for various state agencies

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

Presentation: Children's health

Wednesday, Feb. 5

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 19](#) – Enacting the Conscientious Right to Refuse Act to prohibit discrimination against individuals who refuse medical care and creating a civil cause of action based on such discrimination and revoking the authority of the secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to quarantine individuals and impose associated penalties

Final action: [Senate Bill 3](#) – Requiring the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to audit hospital compliance with the Lay Caregiver Act and report the results of such audit to the legislature

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 85](#) – Directing the secretary for the Kansas Department for Children and Families to review and compare data for Public Assistance Program eligibility.

Hearing: [Senate Bill 77](#) – Requiring state agencies to provide notice of revocation of administrative rules and regulations to the public and removing abolished and inactive state agencies from the agency review requirement

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

Presentation: Kansas Pharmacist Association

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

Briefing: Home and Community-Based Services Waivers and waitlists

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2068](#) – Enacting the Cosmetology Compact to provide interstate practice privileges

Hearing: [House Bill 2069](#) – Enacting the School Psychologist Licensure Compact to provide interstate practice privileges for school psychologists

Hearing: [House Bill 2070](#) – Enacting the Dietitian Licensure Compact to provide interstate practice privileges for dietitians

House Judiciary – 3:30 p.m. – Room 582N

Informal Hearing: Judicial Council Update of the Guardianship and Conservatorship Statutes

Thursday, Feb. 6

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 41](#) – Adding advanced practice registered nurses to the definition of health care provider for purposes of the Healthcare Provider Insurance Availability Act

Final action: [Senate Bill 19](#) – Enacting the Conscientious Right to Refuse Act to prohibit discrimination against individuals who refuse medical care and creating a civil cause of action based on such discrimination and revoking the authority of the secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to quarantine individuals and impose associated penalties

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 69](#) – Extending by five years the Loan Repayment Program and income tax credit for rural opportunity zones

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

Budget report: Chairperson David Buehler, Social Services budget – Kansas Department for Children and Families, Kansas Department of Health and Environment – Health and Kansas Office of Veterans Services

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2110](#) – Eliminating the requirement that the state 911 board shall contract with a local collection point administrator for services, rescheduling the date on which the state 911 operations fund, state 911 grant fund and state 911 fund shall be established, requiring certain transfers to be made to the state 911 operations fund and rescheduling the date for transferring all 911 fee money currently held outside the state treasury to the state treasury

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

Presentation: Office of the Medicaid Inspector General, Community Mental Health System, Kansas Behavioral Health Center of Excellence

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

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

Friday, Feb. 7

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

Budget report: Chairperson David Buehler, Social Services budget – Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

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 126](#) by the Committee on Public Health and Welfare – Concerning the healing arts; relating to physician assistants; enacting the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact to provide interstate practice privileges

[Senate Bill 127](#) by the Committee on Judiciary – Concerning the rules of evidence; relating to hearsay; expanding the exception to the hearsay rule for statements made to a physician to other health care providers

[Senate Bill 132](#) by the Committee on Federal and State Affairs – Concerning childcare; relating to licensure of daycare facilities, childcare homes and childcare centers; reducing license fees and training requirements; creating a process for daycare facility licensees to apply for a temporary waiver of certain statutory requirements; authorizing the secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to develop and operate pilot programs to increase childcare facility availability and capacity; establishing the Kansas Office of Early Childhood; transferring administration of daycare licensing, parent education programs and the Childcare Subsidy Program to the Kansas Office of Early Childhood; creating the Daycare Facilities and Childcare Resource and Referral Agencies licensing fee fund and the daycare criminal background and fingerprinting fund; defining youth development programs

[Senate Bill 2151](#) by Representatives Woodard, Alcalá, Amyx, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Featherston, Haskins, Hoyer, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Miller, Neighbor, Sawyer Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Simmons, Stogsdill, Weigel, Winkle and Xu – Concerning labor and employment; increasing the Kansas minimum wage to \$15 an hour

[House Bill 2157](#) by the Committee on Health and Human Services, requested by Heather Sprague on behalf of the Kansas Association of Chain Drugstores – Concerning pharmacists and pharmacy; relating to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy; expanding the pharmacist's scope of practice to include point-of-care testing for and treatment of COVID-19

[House Bill 2163](#) by the Committee on Taxation, requested by Representative Howerton on behalf of LeadingAge Kansas – Concerning income taxation; relating to credits; providing for the Preceptor Income Tax Incentive Act; establishing a credit for nursing home administrators,

registered nurses and registered dietitians that serve as community-based faculty preceptor in adult care homes and medical care facilities by providing personalized instruction, training and supervision for students

[House Bill 2165](#) by Representative Rhiley – Enacting the Returning to Nonaccountability of the Executive Branch Agencies that Report to the Governor Act; eliminating the budget process requirements of a program service inventory, integrated budget fiscal process and performance-based budgeting system

[HouseB 2170](#) by the Committee on Health and Human Services, requested by Representative Essex – Concerning days of commemoration; designating the first week of February as Kansas Burn Awareness Week

[House Bill 2171](#) by Representatives Poetter Parshall, Fairchild and Schwertfeger – Concerning abortion; creating the Abolish Abortion Kansas Act; making all abortions subject to criminal prosecution for violation of Alexa's law; removing certain exceptions to wrongful death cause of action for the death of an unborn child when such death is caused by an abortion