



KHA's Capitol Comments

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Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Meets for Bill Introductions

Today, the Senate Public Health Committee held bill introductions on the following topics:

- Annual Newborn Screening
- Abolish Abortion Act
- Refill of eye drops
- Kansas Athletic Trainers Society definition update bill
- Kansas Sheriff's Association regarding naloxone removal of law enforcement from some existing statutes related to naloxone
- Massage Therapy Association related to licensure of massage therapists
- Senator Kellie Warren fetal alcohol spectrum disorders
- Chair Beverly Gossage introduced a Right to Try bill

These will be committee bills and language for the above bills will be available in the coming days. The committee will meet again Tuesday, Feb. 4, to hold a hearing on [Senate Bill 3](#), auditing hospital compliance with the Lay Caregiver Act.

Banking Bill Hearing Brings in a Lot of Interest

Today, the House Financial Institutions and Pensions Committee, chaired by Representative Nick Hoheisel (R-Wichita), held a hearing on [House Bill 2152](#). The legislation would authorize financial institutions to secure governmental unit deposits in excess of the amount insured or guaranteed by the DIC by utilizing a public money pool. The legislation would create public funds investment requirements for local banking entities.

The committee heard from the following informational conferees:

- Dr. Emily Breit, Docking Institute of Public Affairs, Fort Hays State University
- Kansas State Treasurer, Steven Johnson

Proponents appearing before the committee included:

- Doug Wareham, President, Kansas Bankers Association
- Shawn Mitchell, President and CEO, Community Bankers Association of Kansas
- Alex Orel, Kansas Bankers Association
- Tom Pruitt, President and CEO Peoples Bank and Trust Company, McPherson
- March Schifferdecker, Chairman, President and CEO Bank, GNBANK, Girard

Opponent Testimony included:

- Nathan Eberline, Executive Director, The League of Kansas Municipalities
- Jamie Robichaud, Economic Director, City of Olathe
- Jeff White, Columbia Capital Management, Merriam
- Michael Ashcraft, County Commissioner Johnson County
- Amanda Stanley, City of Topeka
- Jason Hannaman, Finance Director, City of Prairie Village
- Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
- Don Cawby, Finance Director, City of Leawood

Chairman Hoheisel indicated additional questions for conferees will be held at a future date.

House Health and Human Services Hears Bill Introductions

Today, the House Health and Human Services Committee, chaired by Representative Will Carpenter (R-El Dorado), held bill hearings ahead of legislative deadlines and saw bill introductions on the following topics:

- Kansas Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- Behavioral and Mental Health
- Changing lead-based paints and matching federal amounts
- Kansas State Board of Healing Arts to grant provisional licensure requirements
- Civil monetary reinvestment funds
- Establishing South Central Kansas Regional Health Hospital
- Requiring reporting of abortion complications to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Physicians Assistants Licensure and Practice Act
- Pain Parody Act
- Naturopathic doctors' scope of practice
- Corporate practice of medicine for naturopathic doctors

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