



KHA's Capitol Comments
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House Committee on Legislative Modernization

Today, the House Committee on Legislative Modernization, chaired by Representative Patrick Penn (R-Wichita), held a hearing on [Senate Bill 77](#). The legislation would require state agencies to provide notice of revocation of administrative rules and regulations to the public and remove abolished and inactive state agencies from the agency review requirement. One conferee appeared in support and answered committee questions, Clay Barker with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office. The committee will meet again throughout the week.

Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee Hears Bills

Today, the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee, chaired by Senator Caryn Tyson (R-Parker), held hearings on the following:

[Senate Bill 277](#) exempts certain qualified tips from state income tax.

Opponents: Nathan Kessler, Kansas Action for Children

The committee chair suggested they will hold the hearing over to hear from proponents.

[Senate Bill 195](#) establishes the Property Tax Task Force that shall study the Kansas property tax system, develop recommendations and suggest improvements to the law.

Written proponent testimony documents were provided, but no in-person testimony was given.

[Senate Bill 179](#) establishes a child income tax credit.

Proponent: Nathan Kessler, Kansas Action for Children

The committee passed out documentation providing an overview of what has been done in this area. The committee also held a hearing on [Senate Bill 269](#), prohibiting a board of tax appeals filing fee when a previous appeal remains pending before the board.

The committee will continue meetings throughout the week.

House Health and Human Services Hears Senate Bills

Today, the House Health and Human Services Committee, chaired by Representative Will Carpenter (R-El Dorado), held hearings on the following Senate Bills:

[Senate Bill 82](#) requires the secretary for the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services to grant physical environment waivers for certain rural emergency hospitals to provide skilled nursing facility care

[Senate Bill 88](#) requires the state long-term care ombudsman and regional ombudsman to receive training in memory care

[Senate Bill 193](#) exempts law enforcement agencies that do not provide emergency opioid antagonists pursuant to the statewide protocol from the requirement to procure a physician medical director

The committee took up working [House Bill 2159](#) and saw an amendment that would strike section 1 grant funding and mirror [Senate Bill 193](#). The committee recommended the bill as amended.

The committee will continue meeting throughout the week.

Senate Federal and State Affairs Hears Elections Bill

Today, the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee held a hearing on [House Bill 2022](#). The legislation clarifies that a special election shall not be held within 45 days before or after a general or primary election.

Proponents:

- Clay Barker, Secretary of State's Office
- Laura Rainwater, Sedgwick County Elections Office

Neutral testimony:

- Leah Filter, Kansas Association of School Boards

The committee will meet again tomorrow.

KHA Bill Tracker

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