



***KHA's Capitol Comments***  
**March 10, 2025**

**Senate Ways and Means Committee Continues Budget Work**

Today, the Senate Ways and Means Committee continued budget hearings. Today's review included the following agencies:

- Kansas Department of Transportation
- Kansas Department of Agriculture
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment – Environment
- Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
- Kansas State Fair
- Kansas Water Office

The committee will continue discussions on agency budgets on Tuesday, March 11.

**House Passes Tax and Gives Initial Approval to Budget and Appointment Reform**

Late last week, the House of Representatives passed tax bills as two separate pieces of legislation.

[House Bill 2396](#) – Authorizes the use of a protest petition to limit funding of a taxing jurisdiction by property tax revenues exceeding a certain amount, establishes the Acknowledging Stewardship of Tax Revenue and Appropriations Fund; authorizes certain transfers from the State General Fund to qualifying cities and counties and eliminates the revenue neutral rate requirements by taxing subdivisions and the taxpayer notification costs fund. Passed on a vote of [115-6](#).

[House Concurrent Resolution 5011](#) – Proposes to amend Section 1 of Article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas to provide that valuations of residential property shall be determined based on the lesser of the fair market value or the average fair market value of the residential portion. Passed on a vote of [117-4](#).

The House also debated and gave initial approval to [Senate Bill 14](#) related to the state budget process. Senate Bill 14 provides for continuous state budgets until amended, lapsed or eliminated by the legislature, temporary reallocations and establishes conditions and limitations.

Also before the House Committee of the whole was [Senate Bill 105](#). Senate Bill 105 requires the governor to appoint a person to fill vacancies in the offices of United States senator, state treasurer and commissioner of insurance from a list of names approved by the legislature.

These bills will receive final votes tomorrow.

### **House Health and Human Services Committee Works Bills**

Today, the House Health and Human Services Committee worked [Senate Bill 250](#). The legislation would enact the Right to Try for Individualized Treatments Act to permit a manufacturer to make an individualized investigative treatment available to a requesting patient.

The committee held a lengthy conversation on clinical trials and those conditions without trials available in America.

The committee amended the legislation in the following ways:

- Changes to attestation/consent forms
- Not requiring patient to have expertise on their prognosis or condition
- Witness to consent must not be related to physician or business marketing the treatment
- A patient's estate may be held liable for the patient's treatment

The committee passed the bill as amended. The bill will now go to the House floor for a final vote.

### **House Select Investigation Committee Completes Work**

Today, the House Select Investigation Committee responded to a complaint filed following a dust-up on the House floor earlier this session. The committee reviewed the rules and those with violations in question. Following committee discussion, a motion to dismiss received a tie vote of 3-3. The committee adjourned without intention to meet further.

### **KHA Bill Tracker**

The [KHA Bill Tracker](#) keeps you up-to-date on current legislation. KHA will update and share this document daily while the legislators are in session.