



***KHA's Capitol Comments***  
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**Senate FI&I Hold Hearing on 340B Bill**

Today, the Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee held a hearing on [Senate Bill 284](#), the legislation would ensure that drug manufacturers cannot limit contract pharmacies or ask for additional data from 340B entities than other contracted locations.

Proponents:

- Aaron Dunkel, Community Care Network of Kansas
- Carrie Lutz, Holton Community Hospital
- Derek Pihl, Salina Family Healthcare Center
- Isaac Boone, Eureka Pharmacy
- Bryant Anderson, Prairie Star Health Center

Opposition appearing before the committee included:

- Kaitlyn Lucarello, State Policy for PhRma
- Bryan Hannon, Healthcare Distribution Alliance
- Kevin Mills, BioKansas
- William Wilk, Kansas Chamber

**Senate Ways and Means Committee Hears Bills**

Today, the Senate Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Senator Rick Billinger (R-Goodland), held hearings on the following bills:

- [House Bill 2195](#), establishing the Kansas technical college operating grant fund administered by the state board of regents.
- [House Bill 2221](#) abolishes the Kansas Department of Corrections Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Fund, creates the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Fund and transferring the moneys and liabilities from such abolished fund to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Fund.

- [Senate Bill 290](#) provides funding for the Kansas Historical Society to issue a scope statement, plans the work to be accomplished and issues a request for proposals for a master plan for the Quindaro Ruins Archaeological Park in Wyandotte County, Kansas, and implement such master plan
- [Senate Concurrent Resolution 1612](#) proposes to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas by allowing the legislature to contract public debt and pledges to the payment thereof the full faith, credit and taxing power of the state and giving the legislature authority over all matters concerning the contracting of public debt

The committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 18.

### House Works and Debates Bills

Today, the full House took final votes on the following bills:

- [Senate Bill 194](#) provides that covenants, conditions or restrictions established between Jan. 1, 1948, and Dec. 31, 1958, that restrict the use of real property owned by state educational institutions for only single-family residence purposes and contain discriminatory provisions to restrict ownership or tenancy by race are against public policy and therefore void. Passed on a vote of 122-0.
- [Senate Bill 27](#) eliminates the requirement that the commissioner submit certain reports to the governor and removes certain specific entities from the definition of a person for the purpose of enforcing insurance law. Passed on a vote of [100-22](#).
- [Senate Bill 28](#) updates public adjuster and insurance agent statutes pertaining to suspension, revocation, denial of licensure and licensure renewal. Passed on a vote of [101-21](#).
- [Senate Bill 32](#) reduces insurance company premium tax rates and discontinues remittance and crediting of a portion of the premium tax to the Insurance Department Service Regulation Fund. Passed [104-18](#).
- [Senate Bill 42](#) provides for the establishment of an online insurance verification system for the verification of evidence of motor vehicle liability insurance. Passed on a vote of [102-20](#).
- [Senate Bill 139](#) updates certain definitions, terms and conditions relating to the state banking code. Passed as amended on a vote of 122-0.
- [Senate Bill 166](#) enacts the Fostering Competitive Career Opportunities Act to remove postsecondary degree requirements from state employment considerations. Passed on a vote [90-32](#).

The House also debated the following bills, which will go up for a final vote tomorrow:

- [Senate Bill 50](#) establishes 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 authorizes 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 requires 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.
- [Senate Bill 78](#) requires postsecondary educational institutions to regularly review and update accreditation policies, prohibits accrediting agencies from compelling such institutions to violate state law and provides a cause of action for violations thereof.
- [House Bill 2402](#) creates the Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education to study and set long-term goals for higher education in the state of Kansas and requires the submission of reports to the legislature.
- [Senate Bill 114](#) authorizes nonpublic and virtual school students to participate in ancillary public school activities and makes it unlawful for the Kansas State High School Activities Association and school districts to discriminate against such students based on enrollment status.
- [Sub for House Bill 2012](#) establishes the Ethanol Grant Program Fund and transfers an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund to the Ethanol Grant Program Fund each July 1 beginning in 2026.

### **Senate Federal and State Affairs**

Today, the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee narrowly voted down a bill related to e-verify. [Senate Bill 196](#) requires business entities and public employers to register and use the e-verify program for employment purposes and prohibits income tax deductions for wages and remuneration paid to unauthorized aliens.

### **Senate Slated to Debate Bills**

Today, the Senate is slated to debate the following bills:

- [House Bill 2333](#) renames the Kansas Insurance Department as the Kansas Department of Insurance, the office of the Securities Commissioner of Kansas as the Department of Insurance, Securities Division, the Securities Commissioner as the Department of Insurance Assistant Commissioner, Securities Division and eliminates the requirement that the Senate confirm the Department of Insurance Assistant Commissioner, Securities Division appointees

- [House Bill 2044](#) requires that third-party administrators maintain separate fiduciary accounts for individual payors and not contain funds collected or held on behalf of multiple payors and discloses to the Commissioner of Insurance any bankruptcy petition filed by or on behalf of such administrator
- [House Bill 2049](#) updates public adjuster and insurance agent statutes that pertain to suspension, revocation, denial of licensure and licensure renewal
- [House Bill 2201](#) provides for the Future Farmer of America distinctive license plate
- [Senate Bill 119](#) increases the amount of fees retained by the county treasurer, the division of vehicles or a contractor for processing motor vehicle license applications and certificates of titles
- [House Bill 2061](#) includes aboveground and belowground lines, cables and wires in the definition of a critical infrastructure facility used for telecommunications or video services for the crimes of trespassing on a critical infrastructure facility and criminal damage to a critical infrastructure facility
- [House Bill 2371](#) amends the Kansas Revised Limited Liability Company Act, the Business Entity Transactions Act and the Business Entity Standard Treatment Act
- [House Bill 2075](#) requires that a permanency hearing for a child in custody of the secretary be held within nine months from such child's removal from the home
- [House Bill 2168](#) provides for the blackout distinctive license plate and creates the License Plate Replacement Fund to deposit the royalty fees from such license plates for purposes of replacing exhausted license plates
- [House Bill 2030](#) excludes dealers and manufacturers of trailers from certain provisions of the Vehicle Dealers and Manufacturers Licensing Act

The Senate is expected to debate the Senate Budget on the floor on Tuesday, March 18.

### **This Week's Schedule**

This week, committees will finalize work before them on Monday and Tuesday. The House and Senate will be working on bills on the respective chamber floors all day starting Wednesday. Additionally, conference committees will be meeting to begin to package bills together and come up with final agreements.

### **Monday, March 17**

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

Hearing: [Senate Bill 284](#) – Enacts the Defense of Drug Delivery Act to prohibit manufacturer interference relating to 340B drug distribution

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2195](#) – Establishes the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund administered by the Kansas Board of Regents

Hearing: [House Bill 2221](#) – Abolishes the Kansas Department of Corrections Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Fund, creates the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Fund, and transfers the moneys and liabilities from such abolished fund to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Fund

*House Child Welfare and Foster Care – 1:30 p.m. – Room 152S*

Presentation: Police Protective Custody in Kansas by Ed Klumpp, legislative liaison, Kansas Sheriffs Association, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association

## **Tuesday, March 18**

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

Hearing: [House Bill 2217](#) – Expands the scope of the inspector general to audit and investigate all state cash, food or health assistance programs and grants the inspector general the power to subpoena, administer oaths and execute search warrants thereto

Final action: [House Bill 2039](#) – Amends the definitions in the Kansas Credentialing Act to provide that certain entities providing physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology are not home health agencies

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Final Action: [House Bill 2311](#) – Prohibits the secretary from adopting and enforcing policies for placement, custody and appointment of a custodian that may conflict with sincerely held religious or moral beliefs regarding sexual orientation or gender identity and creating a right of action for violations

Final Action: [House Bill 2335](#) – Adds maternity center to the definition of health care provider for purposes of the Healthcare Provider Insurance Availability Act

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

Tour of the 988 Call Center, 2121 SW Chelsea Dr.

*House Taxation – 3:30 p.m. – Room 346S*

Hearing: [House Bill 2081](#) – Provides a sales tax exemption for community pharmacies serving medically underserved individuals and families.

## **Wednesday, March 19**

## **Thursday, March 20**

## **Friday, March 21**

## **Introduction of Bills**

[Senate Bill 291](#) by Committee on Assessment and Taxation – Concerns health professions and practices; relates to optometry; modifies certain provisions of the optometry law related to scope of practice, definitions and credentialing requirements

[Senate Bill 294](#) by Committee on Federal and State Affairs – Concerns health and health care; relates to medical cannabis; enacts the Kansas Medical Cannabis Act; provides for the licensure and regulation of the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, distribution, sale and use of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products; establishes the Medical Cannabis Registration Fund and the Medical Cannabis Regulation Fund; making exceptions to the crimes of unlawful manufacture and possession of controlled substances

[Senate Bill 295](#) by Committee on Federal and State Affairs – Concerns marijuana; removes the criminal penalties for possession of a personal-use quantity of marijuana; creates a marijuana infraction

[House Bill 2405](#) by Committee on Federal and State Affairs, requested by Representative Miller – Concerns cannabis; creates the Adult Use Cannabis Regulation Act; provides for the licensure and regulation of cannabis, including the cultivation, manufacturing, transportation, possession and sale of cannabis; provides certain fines and penalties for violations of the act; provides exemptions from crimes involving controlled substances; imposes a tax on the sale of cannabis and provides for the disposition of the revenues collected thereon; creates the Cannabis Business Regulation Fund

[House Concurrent Resolution 5013](#) by Representatives Sutton, Neighbor, Bryce, W. Carpenter, Francis, Hoheisel, Howe, Hoyer, Humphries, Long, Minnix, Resman, C. Smith, Wasinger and White – Urges Congress to give state insurance regulators authority over Medicare Advantage plans

## **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.