



***KHA's Capitol Comments***  
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**House and Senate Run Conference Committee Reports Ahead of First Adjournment**

Today, the House and Senate are expected to reach final agreements on Conference Committee Reports on bills that have passed both chambers. Conference Committee Reports seeing movement include the following:

**Health-Related Conference Committee Reports:**

- [CCR on Senate Bill 126](#) allows the provider assessment flexibility of going up to 6 percent, allows certain hospitals to participate in the program as determined by the Health Care Access and Improvement Panel, adds the Universal Newborn Screening Program in permanent statute, making transfers to local health departments statutory rather than in budget. The legislation passed the House [123-1](#) and the Senate 40-0. The legislation now goes to Governor Laura Kelly.
- [CCR on House Bill 2039](#) health care providers; relates to Healthcare Provider Insurance Availability Act; adds maternity center to the definition of health care provider; relates to the Kansas Credentialing Act; amends definitions to provide that certain entities providing physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology are not home health agencies; relates to emergency medical service providers; establishes that the authorized activities of paramedics, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technicians and emergency medical responders may be authorized upon the order of a health care professional; permits non-emergency ambulance services to offer service for less than 24 hours per day, every day of the year; permits certain emergency medical services in rural counties to operate with one emergency medical services provider; requires entities placing automated external defibrillators for use within the state to register with the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services. The conference committee report passed the Senate 40-0 and the House 120-0. The legislation now goes to Governor Laura Kelly.

- [CCR on Sub for House Bill 2240](#) public assistance; requires approval by an act of the legislature prior to any state agency seeking or implementing any public assistance program waiver or other authorization from the federal government that expands eligibility for any public assistance program, increases cost to the state or makes certain changes in services for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities; authorizes approval of such waivers, other authorizations or changes by the Legislative Coordinating Council when the legislature is not in session. The legislation passed the Senate on a vote of [31-9](#), and the House on a vote of [90-35](#). The bill now goes to Governor Laura Kelly.
- [CCR on House Bill 2249](#) relates to nursing facility physical environment regulatory requirements for rural emergency hospitals; requires the secretary for the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services to grant waivers to certain rural emergency hospitals to provide skilled nursing facility care; relates to state hospitals; establishes the South Central Regional Mental Health Hospital. The legislation passed the Senate on a vote of 40-0. The House vote is pending; then, the legislation goes to Governor Laura Kelly.
- [CCR on Senate Bill 250](#) enacts the Right to Try for Individualized Treatments Act to permit a manufacturer to make an individualized investigative treatment available to a requesting patient. The legislation passed the Senate on a vote of 40-0, the House on a vote of [119-3](#). The legislation now goes to Governor Laura Kelly.
- The House also saw a motion to concur on [Senate Sub for House Bill 2313](#). The legislation prohibits the use of the artificial intelligence platform DeepSeek and other artificial intelligence platforms controlled by a country of concern on state-owned devices and on any state network and the use of genetic sequencers or operational software used for genetic analysis that is produced in a foreign adversary. The motion passed on a vote of [87-38](#).

#### **Other items:**

- [CCR Senate Bill 50](#) postsecondary education; relates to the financing thereof; establishes uniform interest rate provisions for scholarship programs that include repayment obligations as a condition of receiving a scholarship; authorizes the board to recover the costs of collecting such repayment obligations and to charge fees for the costs of administering scholarship, grant and other financial assistance programs; 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; reduces the number of grants available and audits required under the Low-Income Family Postsecondary Savings Accounts Incentive Program; provides the audit process for certain withdrawals made under such program. The legislation passed on a vote of 122-0 in the House and 40-0 in the Senate. The legislation now goes to Governor Laura Kelly.

- [CCR on House Bill 2134](#) open records and open meetings; relates to the Open Records Act; limits certain charges for furnishing records and employee time required to make records available; exempts records compiled in the process of formally closed investigations with no found violations and records that contain material that is obscene from disclosure; requires county or district attorneys to file reports of violations of the Open Records and Open Meetings Act with the attorney general in October instead of January; relates to the Open Meetings Act; determines the membership calculation of subordinate groups; requires public bodies or agencies that live stream meetings to ensure that the public is able to observe. The legislation passed the Senate on a vote of 40-0. The House vote is pending; then, the legislation will go to Governor Laura Kelly.
- [CCR on Senate Sub for House Bill 2382](#) requires school districts to include a human fetal development presentation as part of the curriculum for any course that addresses human growth, human development or human sexuality; authorizes the Kansas Board of Education to establish the rate of compensation for members of the state board. The legislation passed the Senate on a vote of [31-9](#). The House vote is pending; then, the legislation goes to Governor Laura Kelly.
- The House also saw a motion to concur on [Senate Sub for House Bill 2228](#). The legislation requires that a political subdivision hold an open meeting to discuss a contingency fee contract for legal services before approving such a contract and requires the attorney general to approve such contracts. The House voted to pass this legislation, and it now goes to Governor Laura Kelly.

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The House and Senate are slated to go into the morning hours of Friday, March 28.

### **Property Tax Constitutional Amendment Reconsidered and Passed by Senate, Fails in the House**

Today, the Senate saw a motion to reconsider the [Senate Concurrent Resolution 5011](#), a constitutional amendment to section 1 article 11 of the Constitution of the state of Kansas; relates to property taxation; limits valuation increases for real property. The bill received 26 votes, failing to meet the two-thirds majority needed to pass. The reconsideration was successful on a vote of [27-13](#). This reconsideration means the constitutional amendment has now received the two-thirds majority in the Senate. However, this afternoon, the concurrent resolution was taken up by the House and failed on a vote of [37-88](#).

### **State Budget Complete and Slated to Run through Chambers**

The State Budget contained in CCR on Senate Bill 125, was brought up for a vote in the House and Senate chambers today. The budget contains the following:

- \$5 million for behavioral health patient observation and transportation reimbursement
- \$10 million add-on for adult behavioral health beds
- Rural Opportunity Zones was funded at \$1 million State General Funds with language allowing funds only for those counties of 15,000 population or less
- Nurse Accelerator Grant Program \$1 million
- Nurse Educator Grant \$1 million
- \$1 million for health care upskilling and training grants
- Added \$1.2 million to direct the agency to increase Medicaid rates for substance use treatment for adolescents from \$206 to \$375 per day for fiscal year 2026
- Added language that would no longer allow continuous eligibility in Medicaid for a parent and caregiver but would require monthly eligibility review
- Added language to create an interim study to examine KanCare 3.0 including, but not limited to, the requirements, action and rules of the agencies administering the program, the execution of the program, and any actuarial and financial concerns and practices
- Added funds for a Childcare Accelerator Grant for a 24-hour facility in Dodge City
- Added language to adopt spring human services caseload estimates upon certification of the State Finance Council for FY 2025
- Agency across-the-board cuts of 1.5 percent in FY 2026 and 1.5 percent in FY 2027 – exceptions include judicial, legislative agencies, Kansas Bureau of Investigations, corrections, Sentencing Commission, veterans homes, agriculture, Kansas Department of Transportation, universities and state hospitals

If the CCR for Senate Bill 125 passes the House and Senate, the legislation will then go to Governor Laura Kelly for review and will allow for any additional line-item vetoes.

### **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.