



KANSAS STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties

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Re: Weekly Update - Week of January 17, 2022

Please see our Weekly Update on Kansas Legislative activities:

A SPECIAL NOTE ON FINDING BILL LANGUAGE & BILL TRACKERS

If you need to find specific language of a bill, type the number in the box under “Bill number:” on the right-hand side of [this](#) webpage. Once you find the bill listed, click that specific bill. You will find the PDF logo under the “Documents” label - click the logo...this will lead you to the text of the bill.

If there are bills that you would like *removed* from or *added* to your bill tracker, please contact Stephen Duerst (Stephen@FedericoDuerst.com).

As always, our office is more than happy to send you specific language as well.

KANSAS REDISTRICTING PROCESS QUICKLY PROGRESSES; SENATE PASSES CONGRESSIONAL MAP

This week, both the [House](#) and [Senate](#) Redistricting Committees met as they formally began the process of drawing new Congressional, Legislative and State School Board district maps. In Kansas, redistricting maps are passed just like any other bill: a draft is introduced in committee and members hear and amend particular proposals. And, just like any other piece of proposed legislation, the Governor must approve a plan that has been approved by both Chambers before it can be implemented.

In particular, the House met and specifically discussed proposals for redrawing Congressional maps. In Kansas, three Republicans ([Rep. Ron Estes](#) (CD-4), [Rep. Tracey Mann](#) (CD-1), [Rep. Jake LaTurner](#) (CD-2)) and one Democrat ([Rep. Sharice Davids](#) (CD-3)) currently makeup the Kansas delegation. Specifically at issue will be the [Third Congressional District](#), which covers the growing Kansas City metropolitan area and has been seen as a competitive seat the last few election cycles.

The [Senate committee](#) introduced their much-anticipated Congressional map, referred to as the [Ad Astra 2 Map](#), on Thursday. The map maintains all four members of Congress within their districts and all four members of Congress would have still won in 2020. **Of significance, the Senate passed its map by a vote of [26-9](#).**

The [House committee](#) also deliberated this map this week, including the [Sunflower Map](#), [Ad Astra Map](#), [Bluestem Map](#), and [Buffalo 2 Map](#) and is expected to advance a plan early next week.

INTERIM KDHE SECRETARY APPEARS BEFORE COMMITTEE

[Janet Stanek](#), the interim Secretary for the [Kansas Department of Health & Environment](#), appeared before the [House Health & Human Services Committee](#) as well as the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on Tuesday. Stanek, who was [appointed on November 29](#), joins the agency at a time when it continues to grapple with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. During her presentation, the Acting Secretary laid out four priorities to guide actions in her new role, including:

- Work closely with the Legislature to achieve joint health goals.
- Support the KDHE practices and critical infrastructure of the KDHE.
- Identify Legislative stakeholders.
- Identify any silos among programs and to intertwine varying departments to align initiatives.

Stanek also highlighted KDHE’s legislative priorities including support for public health practices, support and funding for existing programs including budget enhancements for maternal and child home health visits, and for extending Medicaid coverage for women postpartum.

The Interim Secretary previously served as the Director of the State Employee Health Benefits program and 35 years in various healthcare leadership roles, including at Stormont Vail Health in Topeka. Stanek replaces Dr. Lee Norman who had served as Secretary since Governor Laura Kelly took office three years ago. Her appointment is still subject to approval by the Senate – no date for this has been scheduled.

SENIOR CARE TASK FORCE, JOINT COMMITTEE ON I/DD WAIVER, REPORT PROGRESS TO COMMITTEES

Legislative Research staff reported to several standing committees this week on the progress of two interim studies that occupied discussions over the summer and fall. Committee members heard about progress made in the [Senior Care Task Force](#), which was designed to “study topics on the provision of care for Kansas seniors who suffer from Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, or other age-related mental health conditions; administration of antipsychotic medication to adult care home residents; safeguards to prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation of seniors in the state; adult care home surveys and fines; funding and implementation of the Kansas Senior Care Act; senior day care resources in the state; and rebalancing of home and community-based services.” A preliminary report, which is statutorily required to be issued to the legislature, can be found [here](#). A final report will be delivered on or before the 2023 Legislative Session.

The [Special Committee on HCBS I/DD Waiver](#) also met over the interim. The committee was “directed to review and study issues, including but not limited to, the Home and Community Based Services Intellectual and Developmental Disability waiver waitlist, adequate provider networks, and waiver reimbursement rates.” An official summary of the Committee’s findings can be found [here](#).

COMMERCE SEEKS NEW INCENTIVE FOR \$4 BILLION PROJECT

The Kelly administration is pursuing a \$4 billion manufacturing project said to create an estimated 4,000 jobs. In an effort to continue recruiting this project to Kansas, the administration is pushing [SB347](#) and sent Deputy Commerce Secretary [Paul Hughes](#) to testify before the [Senate Commerce Committee](#). Among other things, the bill would create a special tax incentive for economic development projects with at least a \$1B investment. Mr. Hughes was met by pushback from Republican committee members, largely due

to the lack of details he provided about the project, such as the company's name and where in Kansas it is planned to be located. Senators remarked it is difficult to consider the request without knowing more about the project, with much of those details being tied up in a non-disclosure agreement between the undisclosed company and the State.

Kansas is one of two finalists out of 69 sites considered for the 3-million-square-foot manufacturing plant with a decision expected by March.

In addition to applying to the proposed major economic development project, the incentive would also apply to suppliers that sell more than \$10M worth of products to the primary company. This, noted the Department, was done in an effort to mitigate loss of suppliers to other states. Importantly, the bill also includes a claw back provision if a company doesn't live up to its agreement with the state.

No word yet on whether additional hearings will take place, either in the Senate or in the House. The Department emphasized a relatively quick timeline if they wish to continue to remain competitive in the site selection process.

SPARK POLICY PANELS MAY BEGIN MEETING SOON

The panel tasked with distributing over a billion dollars in federal stimulus money met this week and announced plans to move forward. The Strengthening People and Revisiting Kansas or SPARK Executive Committee met Thursday and heard a report from consultants who said they hope to have Advisory Panels begin meeting in February and allocate funds by June. The next step for the four [panels](#), which focus on areas where funding could possibly be allocated - including economic revitalization, health and education, connectivity, and efficiency and modernization – are as follows:

- Set upcoming meeting dates.
- Distribute background information to Advisory Panels to begin discussion on key topics.
- Hold a kick-off meeting with Advisory Panel members and the Executive Committee to lay out goals and expectations.
- Publicize investment idea submission form, sharing a publicly accessible URL. The goal is to have the form available online by next week.

Additional information about the SPARK Committee, ARPA or the Governor's Office of Recovery can be found at www.covid.ks.gov.

EV PRESENTATIONS HELD IN VARIOUS COMMITTEES NEXT WEEK

The Kansas Department of Transportation will hold a number of informational presentations on electric vehicles next week. These include presentations on the following topics, all which relate to EV:

- Impact of Electric and Hydrogen Powered Vehicles have on Highway Funding (Thursday, [House Energy Utilities & Telecom Committee](#) at 9:00 AM)
- Road Usage Pilot Study at KDOT (Tuesday, [House Transportation & Public Safety Budget Committee](#) at 3:30 PM)
- EV Usage Projections (Tuesday, House Transportation & Public Safety Budget Committee at 3:30 PM)
- Impact of EV usage Among States (Tuesday, House Transportation & Public Safety Budget Committee at 3:30 PM)
- National Trends Regarding EV (Tuesday, House Transportation & Public Safety Budget Committee at 3:30 PM)

LEGISALTURE PASSES HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME STAFFING RELIEF BILL; GOVERNOR SIGNS NEXT DAY

The [House](#) and [Senate](#) passed a [bill](#) late Thursday that would extend a recent [Executive Order](#) promulgated by the Governor, just before the order was set to expire. Major changes made by the Legislature to the Governor’s Executive Order (issued on January 6, 2021), which provided more flexibility as it pertains to staffing requirements so that more healthcare professionals can help during the current COVID surge, included the following:

- Clarify that the subsection does not authorize a health care professional to practice a profession that is not authorized by Kansas law
- Specify that such practice must be for the purposes of preparing for, responding to, or mitigating any effect of COVID-19
- Require health care professionals practicing under the subsection to notify the appropriate Kansas regulatory body of such practice, within seven calendar days of initiating practice in Kansas, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the regulatory body
- State that such health care professionals shall be subject to all rules and regulations applicable to the practice of the licensed profession in Kansas and considered a licensee for the purposes of the applicable practice act administered by the regulatory body.

The bill also extends all provisions from May 15, 2022, to January 20, 2023. The Governor signed the bill on Friday and will go into effect immediately.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: JANUARY 24 - 28

Schedule subject to change. Daily Session calendars may be found [here](#).

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

Time	Committee	Room	Notes
8:30 PM	S Agriculture	144-S	N/A
8:30 AM	S Public Health & Welfare	142-S	N/A
8:30 AM	S Transportation	546-S	N/A
9:00 AM	H Appropriations	112-N	N/A
9:00 AM	H Fed & State	346-S	Bill Intros
9:00 AM	H Water	152-S	Bill Intros; Update on Conservation Mission
9:00 AM	H Financial Inst. & Rural	218-N	Bill Intros; Presentation on Kansas Small Business Development
9:00 AM	H Local Government	281-N	N/A
9:30 AM	S Tax	548-S	N/A
9:30 AM	S Financial Inst.	546-S	N/A
9:30 AM	S Transparency & Ethics	142-S	N/A
10:30 AM	S Commerce	546-S	N/A
10:30 AM	S Fed & State	144-S	N/A
10:30 AM	S Judiciary	346-S	N/A
10:30 AM	S Ways & Means	548-S	N/A

11:00 AM	HOUSE FLOOR		
11:30 AM	JCIT	218-N	TBA
12:00 PM	<i>State Building Construction</i>	281-N	Committee Leadership & lease Agreements
1:30 PM	S Education	144-S	Bill Intros; Action: SB340- Amending the Kansas promise scholarship act
1:30 PM	S Utilities	548-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: Overview of Independent Telecomm Companies in KS
1:30 PM	H Ag. Budget	118-N	N/A
1:30 PM	H Children & Seniors	152-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: HB2490- Regulations of ABLE Savings Accounts
1:30 PM	H Commerce	346-S	N/A
1:30 PM	H Corrections & JJ	546-S	Bill Intros; Hearing HB2133- Forbidding no-knock warrant searches
1:30 PM	H Education	218-N	N/A
1:30 PM	H Health & Human Ser.	112-N	Bill Intros
1:30 PM	H Higher Ed. Budget	281-N	Presentation: Performance Based Budget: Board of Healing Arts & Historical Society
1:30 PM	H Transportation	582-N	N/A
2:30 PM	SENATE FLOOR		
3:30 PM	H Agriculture	112-N	N/A
3:30 PM	H Judiciary	582-N	N/A
3:30 PM	H K-12 Budget	546-S	Bill Intros; Discussion on Critical Pedagogy
3:30 PM	H Social Services Budget	152-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: Safe Families and Foster Connect Programs
3:30 PM	H Tax	346-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: Homestead Property Tax Refund Act & SAFESR
3:30 PM	H Transportation Budget	118-N	Bill Intros; Briefing: Wage & Workforce issues
3:30 PM	H Insurance	218-N	Bill Intros; Hearing: HB2481- Authorizing KP&F service credit purchase for certain employees

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Time	Committee	Room	Notes
8:30 PM	S Agriculture	144-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: Commodities
8:30 AM	S Public Health & Welfare	142-S	Bill Intros; Hearing SB121- Updating Kansas Dental Practice Act; Briefing: Off-label use of prescription medication to treat COVID-19
8:30 AM	S Transportation	546-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: SB332- Prohibiting use of mobile phones in school/construction zone
9:00 AM	H Appropriations	112-N	Bill Intros; Briefing: Docking Building & SPARK Advisory Committee
9:00 AM	H Fed & State	346-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: Liquor Law Modernization; Hearing: HB2267- Creating KS Youth Advisory Council

9:00 AM	H Water	152-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: HB248-Amending the public water supply project loan program
9:00 AM	H Utilities & Telecom	582-N	Bill Intros; Presentation from Telecomm Providers (Including KCTA)
9:00 AM	H Veterans	281-N	Briefing: William Turner, Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office
9:30 AM	S Tax	548-S	N/A
9:30 AM	S Financial Inst. & Insurance	546-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: SB336- Updating investment req. for life insurance companies domiciled in KS
9:30 AM	S Local Government	142-S	Bill Intros; Hearing (Proponents): SB325-zoning and recordation of wind and solar energy
10:30 AM	S Commerce	546-S	TBA
10:30 AM	S Fed & State	144-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: SB330- Authorizing memorial to honor Kansas Gold Star Families
10:30 AM	S Judiciary	346-S	Bill Intros; Hearings: HB2075- Related to adoption through State Agency; HB2362- Criminal penalties for child abuse
10:30 AM	S Ways & Means	548-S	Bill Intros; KDOC Salaries
11:00 AM	HOUSE FLOOR		
1:30 PM	S Education	144-S	Bill Intros; Action: SB340- Amending the Kansas promise scholarship act
1:30 PM	S Utilities	548-S	Bill Intros; KCC Rate Report
1:30 PM	H Ag. Budget	118-N	Bill Intros; Performance Based Budget Presentations: Department of Commerce & Kansas Wildlife
1:30 PM	H Children & Seniors	152-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: Senior Nutrition
1:30 PM	H Commerce	346-S	Presentation: Unemployment in Kansas
1:30 PM	H Corrections & JJ	546-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: HB2471- Prohibiting restraints in certain courtroom settings
1:30 PM	H Education	218-N	Bill Intros; Presentation on Higher Ed. Issues; Hearing: HB2466- Promoting advancement in computing knowledge act
1:30 PM	H Health & Human Ser.	112-N	N/A
1:30 PM	H Higher Ed. Budget	281-N	Presentation: KLRD Performance Based Budget Operations
1:30 PM	H Transportation	582-N	Hearings: SB101- Electric-Assisted Bike, HB2478- Renaming highway, HB2483- Distinctive plates
2:30 PM	SENATE FLOOR		
3:30 PM	H Agriculture	112-N	Bill Intros; Briefing on corn, wheat, soybean, and sorghum
3:30 PM	H Judiciary	582-N	Bill Intros; Hearing: HB2495- Disclosure of personal information affiliated with 501c
3:30 PM	H K-12 Budget	546-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: Social Emotional Learning

3:30 PM	H Social Services Budget	152-S	Bill Intros; Briefings: Foster Care, Mental Health & Substance Abuse, HCAIP
3:30 PM	H Tax	346-S	Hearings: HB2484- 0% Food tax, HB2487- 0% State Food tax & language related to farmer markets
3:30 PM	H Transportation Budget	118-N	Briefings: Road Use Pilot Study, EV Usage & national trends
3:30 PM	H Elections	218-N	N/A

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

Time	Committee	Room	Notes
8:30 PM	S Agriculture	144-S	Bill Intros
8:30 AM	S Public Health & Welfare	142-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: Off-label use of prescription medication to treat COVID-19
8:30 AM	S Transportation	546-S	Bill Intros; Presentation: KDOT
9:00 AM	H. Approps	112-N	Bill Intros; Update on: Families First and Foster Care
9:00 AM	H Fed & State	346-S	N/A
9:00 AM	H Water	152-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: Status of the Kansas Water Plan
9:00 AM	H Financial Inst. & Rural	218-N	Bill Intros; Hearing: HB2489- Amending TEFFI Act
9:00 AM	H Local Government	281-N	N/A
9:30 AM	S Tax	548-S	N/A
9:30 AM	S Financial Inst. & Insurance	546-S	Bill Intros; Hearings: SB322- 80% of the proceeds from the sale of state surplus real estate; SB331- Updating risk-based capital
9:30 AM	S Transparency & Ethics	142-S	TBA
10:30 AM	S Commerce	546-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: UI update
10:30 AM	S Fed & State	144-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: HB2056-Regulating the sale and distribution of kratom products
10:30 AM	S Judiciary	346-S	Bill Intros; Hearings: SB300- Amending the Kansas racketeer influenced and corrupt organization act; SB321- Restraints for Juvenile
10:30 AM	S Ways & Means	548-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: Judicial Branch Salaries
11:00 AM	HOUSE FLOOR		
1:30 PM	S Education	346-S	Teacher of the Year Presentation
1:30 PM	S Utilities	548-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: SB323- Requirements related to wind and solar lease
1:30 PM	H Ag. Budget	118-N	N/A
1:30 PM	H Children & Seniors	152-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: Early Childhood Trauma
1:30 PM	H Commerce	346-S	LPA Report on Unemployment
1:30 PM	H Corrections & JJ	546-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: HB2215- Revising Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

1:30 PM	H Education	346-S	Teacher of the Year Presentation
1:30 PM	H Health & Human Ser.	112-N	Hearing: HB2463- Extending Current Medical Assistance Program
1:30 PM	H Higher Ed. Budget	281-N	Performance Based Budgets - Kansas Board of Regents
1:30 PM	H Transportation	582-N	Briefing: Secretary of Transportation; Hearing: SB100- Excluding 90-day wait period suspension practice
2:30 PM	SENATE FLOOR		
3:30 PM	H Agriculture	112-N	Bill Intros
3:30 PM	H General Gov. Budget	281-N	N/A
3:30 PM	H Judiciary	582-N	Bill Intros; Hearing: HB2496- Uniform family law arbitration act
3:30 PM	H K-12 Budget	546-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: Credit Recovery for Students
3:30 PM	H Social Services Budget	152-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: TANF Funding Allocations; Presentation: Children's Initiative Fund
3:30 PM	H Tax	346-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: HB2482- Discontinuing sales tax exemption on vehicles purchased for rental or lease
3:30 PM	H Transportation Budget	118-N	N/A
3:30 PM	H Insurance	218-N	N/A

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

Time	Committee	Room	Notes
8:30 PM	S Agriculture	144-S	Bill Intros
8:30 AM	S Public Health & Welfare	142-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: SB343- Updating the term Hearing impaired
8:30 AM	S Transportation	546-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: SB333- Requiring KDOT to study zipper merge
9:00 AM	H Appropriations	112-N	Bill Intros; Update on UI Trust Fund; Briefing: LBC Recommendations
9:00 AM	H Fed & State	346-S	N/A
9:00 AM	H Water	152-S	Bill Intros; Possible Action
9:00 AM	H Utilities & Telecom	582-N	Bill Intros; HCR5023 — Denouncing price gouging and market manipulation in the natural gas marketplace
9:00 AM	H Veterans	281-N	N/A
9:30 AM	S Tax	548-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: SB327- excluding delivery costs from sales tax, SB354- Excluding discounts and coupons from sales tax
9:30 AM	S Financial Inst. & Insurance	546-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: TEFFI
9:30 AM	S Local Government	142-S	Bill Intros; Hearing (Opponents): SB325- zoning and recordation of wind and solar energy

10:30 AM	S Fed & State	144-S	Bill Intros; Briefing: Kansas Lottery
10:30 AM	S Judiciary	346-S	Bill Intros; Final Action on Bills previously heard
10:30 AM	S Ways & Means	548-S	Bill Intros; Update on Office of Recovery
11:00 AM	HOUSE FLOOR		
12:00 PM	Joint Commerce Comm.	112-N	KDOL Update on Unemployment
1:30 PM	S Education	144-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: SB215- Transferring the authority for postsecondary driver's education programs
1:30 PM	S Utilities	548-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: SB324- easements for electricity generation using wind or solar energy resources
1:30 PM	H Ag. Budget	118-N	Bill Intros; Overview & Budget Briefing: Department of Commerce; Presentation: Kansas Children's Cabinet
1:30 PM	H Children & Seniors	152-S	Bill Intros
1:30 PM	H Corrections & JJ	546-S	Bill Intros; Discussion on 2016 SB367; Hearing: HB2200- Relating to juvenile offenders and evidence based funds
1:30 PM	H Education	218-N	N/A
1:30 PM	H Health & Human Ser.	112-N	Bill Intros; Roundtable Discussion on Long Term Care
1:30 PM	H Higher Ed. Budget	281-N	N/A
1:30 PM	H Transportation	582-N	N/A
2:30 PM	SENATE FLOOR		
3:30 PM	H Agriculture	112-N	Bill Intros; Hearing: HB2479- Making unlawful the capture or possession of ornate box turtles
3:30 PM	H Judiciary	582-N	N/A
3:30 PM	H K-12 Budget	546-S	N/A
3:30 PM	H Social Services Budget	152-S	Bill Intros; Informational Hearing: Nursing Facility Staffing
3:30 PM	H Tax	346-S	N/A
3:30 PM	H Transportation Budget	118-N	N/A
3:30 PM	H Elections	218-N	N/A