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As the sixth week of the 2015 Kansas Legislative Session comes to a close, the pace of play continues to pick up. This was the last full week of committee work. Next week, committees will meet Monday and Tuesday, then the House and Senate will be working bills on their respective floors Wednesday through Friday. There is some speculation that both chambers could be done debating bills on Thursday with only final action on Friday.

The first surprise of the week was a reversal by the House Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee on the KDOT budget. Last week, the budget committee challenged the Governor's proposal to take \$280 million from the state highway fund to help shore up the state general fund, by not transferring the funds and leaving those dollars in the highway fund. The committee chair, Rep. J.R. Claeys, R-Salina, called a meeting on the rail and re-worked the KDOT budget. The committee reinserted the Governor's proposal to move the money. The timing was a surprise, but not the end result. Most observers expected the House Appropriations Committee to reverse the action the budget committee took last week, most did not expect the budget committee to reconsider its action.

There were several tax bills introduced in the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee on Thursday. The bills include the removal of the sales tax exemption on farm machinery and equipment, placing state sales tax on utilities and a bill that would repeal all sales tax exemption. There were also a couple bills introduced that deal with property taxes. One would repeal the \$20,000 homeowner exemption on residential property. The other property tax bill would repeal the property tax exemption for renewable electrical generation. None of the bills are available at the time of this writing, so we will have to wait to see what the bills contain.

Renewable energy production was a major target of a number of bills introduced this week. Also introduced in both the House and Senate, were bills that would repeal the Renewable Portfolio Standard, or RPS. The bills are identical in both chambers. Both bills would roll back the current requirement for an electric utility to get 20% of their generation from renewable sources by the year 2020 to 10%. The bill would also repeal the RPS on January 1, 2016. The Kansas Chamber asked for the bills to be introduced.

Local Elections

The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee worked SB 171, which applies to local units of government, including cities and school districts, was worked in the committee on Wednesday and Thursday. The bill, as it was originally introduced, moved all elections to the fall of even numbered years and made the elections partisan. The committee, while working the bill, made some significant changes.



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The first amendment offered and adopted, would move local elections to August and November of odd numbered years and removed the provision to make the election partisan. This amendment was strongly supported by Senate President Susan Wagle, R-Wichita. Another amendment adopted by the committee clarified that cities can use whatever form of government they choose. There was some concern from the original language in the bill, that the city manager style of government would be abolished. The committee also adopted an amendment that requires school districts to allow the county election officer to use a school district facility as a polling place. There were several other amendments offered that were not adopted. The committee ran out of time on Wednesday and did not complete its work.

The committee finished working the bill on Thursday. There were a couple amendments were two amendments offered. One was adopted by the committee, which was regarding the procedure used to place the names on the ballot. Another amendment, which was not adopted, dealt with a situation in Wyandotte County, and filling the fancy on the commission.

The committee initially rejected passing the bill out as amended favorably. After a motion to reconsider their action, an amendment was offered to move the elections back to even numbered years and make them partisan. That amendment failed when it didn't receive a second. The committee then voted again on the amended bill and passed it out favorably. The bill is expected to be debated next week by the Senate, before the Turn-Around Deadline.

Session Information

A week from today, Friday, February 27th, is "Turn-Around". Turn-Around is the deadline that requires all bills that have not "touched" an exempt committee must be passed out of the chamber where they began. Any non-exempt bill that does not make its way to the other chamber is dead for the session. The issues contained in bills that don't make it in time can always be re-introduced in another bill, or be offered as an amendment to a bill. The exempt committees are House Appropriations, House Federal & State Affairs, and House Taxation. Senate exempt committees are Assessment & Taxation, Federal & State Affairs, and Ways & Means.

One item of discussion that always comes up during the session is how long will the session last. Many observers expect the session to be long this year. A recent conversation with a member of the Republican Leadership team revealed their expectation that the session will easily last at least 100 days. The 2002 session was the longest, at 107 total days. The longest Veto Session appears to be in 2012, when the wrap-up session went for 20 days.

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES

Monday, January 12



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First day of 2015 session; convene at 2:00 p.m.

Monday, February 2

Last day for member or members to submit REQUESTS to Revisor's office for bill drafts.

Monday, February 9

Last day for Committees, except House and Senate Federal and State Affairs, Senate Ways and Means, Senate Assessment and Taxation, House committees on Calendar and Printing, Appropriations, Taxation or select committees of either house when so authorized, to submit REQUESTS to Revisor's office for bill drafts.

Wednesday, February 11

Last day for Individuals to INTRODUCE bills in originating chamber.

Friday, February 13

Last day for Committees, except committees listed above, to INTRODUCE bills in originating chamber.

Friday, February 27 (Turnaround Day)

Last day to CONSIDER BILLS IN HOUSE OF ORIGIN, except by House and Senate Federal and State Affairs, Senate Ways and Means, Senate Assessment and Taxation, House committees on Calendar and Printing, Appropriations, Taxation or select committees of either house when so authorized.

Wednesday, March 25

Last day to CONSIDER BILLS NOT IN HOUSE OF ORIGIN, except by committees listed above.

Friday, April 3 (Drop Dead Day)

No bills considered after this date except BILLS VETOED BY GOVERNOR, OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND OMNIBUS RECONCILIATIONS SPENDING LIMIT BILL.

Veto session is anticipated to begin on Monday, April 27.

Local Government Bills

Bill Number	Bill Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 11	Mike Petersen, R-28th	Regulated scrap metal; crime of theft and related sentencing provisions; regulation of scrap metal dealers, including unlawful acts and penalties	Passed in Senate	2/19/2015 - Senate - Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 40, Nays 0 2/18/2015 - Senate - Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be passed as amended 2/4/2015 - Senate - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Judiciary
SB 18	Senate Judiciary Committee	Enacting the police and citizen protection act; relating to use of body cameras by law enforcement officers	In Senate Corrections and Juvenile Justice	1/29/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing (cont) in Corrections and Juvenile Justice: Monday, 2/2/2015, 9:30 AM, Rm 118-N 1/14/2015 - Senate - Referred to Corrections and Juvenile Justice 1/13/2015 - Senate - Introduced
SB 22	Senate Judiciary Committee	Municipal court; notice of expungement of certain records and notice of disposition of appeals	On General Orders in Senate	2/16/2015 - Senate - Withdrawn from Consent Calendar; placed on General Orders 2/5/2015 - Senate - Committee Report recommending bill be passed and placed on Consent Calendar by Judiciary 1/21/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Judiciary: Tuesday, 1/27/2015, 10:30 AM, Rm 346-S
SB 42	Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Governmental ethics; public funds used for lobbying	In Senate Ethics and Elections	1/28/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Ethics and Elections: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S 1/22/2015 - Senate - Referred to Ethics and Elections 1/21/2015 - Senate - Introduced
SB 45	Terry Bruce, R-34th	Authorizing the carrying of concealed handguns without a license under the personal and family protection act	On General Orders in Senate	2/4/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 2/12/2015, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S 1/22/2015 - Senate - Referred to Federal and State Affairs 1/21/2015 - Senate - Introduced
SB 63	Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities; land banks; municipalities may defer or reamortize special assessments	On General Orders in Senate	2/11/2015 - Senate - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Assessment and Taxation 1/28/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Tuesday, 2/3/2015, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S 1/23/2015 - Senate - Referred to Assessment and Taxation

SB 65	Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Carrying of concealed handguns by public employees while engaged in employment	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	2/11/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 2/19, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S 1/23/2015 - Senate - Referred to Federal and State Affairs 1/22/2015 - Senate - Introduced
SB 66	Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Personal and family protection act; regulating concealed carry in portions of public buildings	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	2/2/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S 1/23/2015 - Senate - Referred to Federal and State Affairs 1/22/2015 - Senate - Introduced
SB 84	Senate Commerce Committee	Cities; rehabilitation of abandoned property; definitions, other	On General Orders in Senate	2/13/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Final Action in Commerce: Thursday, 2/19, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S 1/30/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S 1/28/2015 - Senate - Referred to Commerce
SB 88	Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Law enforcement officers; training requirements; mentally ill persons	In Senate Corrections and Juvenile Justice	1/28/2015 - Senate - Referred to Corrections and Juvenile Justice 1/27/2015 - Senate - Introduced
SB 98	Jacob LaTurner, R-13th	Open records, charges limited; open meetings; minutes required	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	2/4/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 2/10/2015, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S 1/29/2015 - Senate - Referred to Federal and State Affairs 1/28/2015 - Senate - Introduced
SB 115	Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Saving communities amendments to the personal and family protection act	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	1/30/2015 - Senate - Referred to Federal and State Affairs 1/29/2015 - Senate - Introduced
SB 128	Senate Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee	Creating an exception to the Kansas open records act for municipal judges and city attorneys	On General Orders in Senate	2/19/2015 - Senate - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Corrections and Juvenile Justice 2/4/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Corrections and Juvenile Justice: Thursday, 2/12/2015, 9:30 AM, Rm 118-N 2/3/2015 - Senate - Referred to Corrections and Juvenile Justice

SB 135	Garrett Love, R-38th	Option to exempt aviation fuel from city sales tax	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	2/3/2015 - Senate - Referred to Assessment and Taxation 2/2/2015 - Senate - Introduced
SB 146	Senate Judiciary Committee	Racial profiling data collection and reporting requirements	In Senate Corrections and Juvenile Justice	2/5/2015 - Senate - Referred to Corrections and Juvenile Justice 2/4/2015 - Senate - Introduced
SB 147	Senate Judiciary Committee	Creating the community defense act; regulation of sexually oriented businesses	In Senate Corrections and Juvenile Justice	2/11/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Final Action in Corrections and Juvenile Justice: Thursday, 2/19, 9:30 AM, Rm 118-N 2/11/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Corrections and Juvenile Justice: Tuesday, 2/17, 9:30 AM, Rm 118-N 2/5/2015 - Senate - Referred to Corrections and Juvenile Justice
SB 153	Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Exempting public libraries from certain provisions of the personal and family protection act	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	2/11/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 2/17, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S 2/5/2015 - Senate - Referred to Federal and State Affairs 2/4/2015 - Senate - Introduced
SB 165	Senate Ethics and Elections Committee	Open meetings, statements required regarding a closed or executive meeting; amending K.S.A. 75-4319	In Senate Judiciary	2/11/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Judiciary: Wednesday, 2/18, 10:30 AM, Rm 346-S 2/6/2015 - Senate - Referred to Judiciary 2/5/2015 - Senate - Introduced
Sub for SB 171	Senate Ethics and Elections Committee	Municipal elections; nonpartisan; fall odd-numbered years	On General Orders in Senate	2/11/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing (cont.) in Ethics and Elections: Thursday, 2/12, 9:30 AM, Rm 142-S 2/10/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Ethics and Elections: Wednesday, 2/11/2015, 9:30 AM, Rm 142-S 2/10/2015 - Senate - Referred to Ethics and Elections
SB 205	Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Regional system of cooperating libraries; appointment board members	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	2/12/2015 - Senate - Referred to Federal and State Affairs 2/11/2015 - Senate - Introduced
SB 232	Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Lien filings against public officials; prohibitions; notice; criminal penalties	In Senate Judiciary	2/17/2015 - Senate - Referred to Judiciary 2/16/2015 - Senate - Introduced

SB 258	Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Eliminating property tax exemption from statewide school levy for property used for residential purposes to the extent of \$20,000 of its appraised valuation	Introduced	
HB 2023	House Judiciary Committee	Legislative review of exceptions to disclosure of public records	In Senate Judiciary	2/4/2015 - Senate - Referred to Judiciary 2/3/2015 - Senate - Received and introduced 2/3/2015 - House - Final Action: Passed; Yeas 119, Nays 0
HB 2070	House Taxation Committee	Property exempt from taxation; allowing counties to exempt certain property	In House Taxation	2/11/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Monday, 2/16, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N 1/22/2015 - House - Referred to Taxation 1/21/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2071	House Taxation Committee	Property taxation; market study analysis, persons eligible to be appointed appraiser	In House Taxation	1/28/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Tuesday, 2/3/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N 1/22/2015 - House - Referred to Taxation 1/21/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2074	House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Regulating firearm possession	On General Orders in House	2/10/2015 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Federal and State Affairs 1/22/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Wednesday, 1/28/2015, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S 1/22/2015 - House - Referred to Federal and State Affairs
HB 2076	James Todd, R-29th	Sales tax holiday	In House Taxation	1/28/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N 1/23/2015 - House - Referred to Taxation 1/22/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2086	House Taxation Committee	Sales tax exemption; defining machinery and equipment used as integral or essential part of an integrated production operation	In House Taxation	1/28/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Monday, 2/2/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N 1/23/2015 - House - Referred to Taxation 1/22/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2087	House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Prohibiting local regulation of firearm sales by federal firearms licensees	On General Orders in House	2/10/2015 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Federal and State Affairs 2/4/2015 - House - Scheduled Final Action in Federal and State Affairs: Friday, 2/6/2015, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S 1/26/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Wednesday, 1/28/2015, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S

HB 2104	House Elections Committee	Elections; filing vacancies of nominees	On General Orders in House	2/5/2015 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Elections 1/28/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Elections: Monday, 2/2/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N 1/26/2015 - House - Referred to Elections
HB 2137	House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee	Enacting the police and citizen protection act; relating to use of body cameras by law enforcement officers	In House Corrections and Juvenile Justice	2/4/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Corrections and Juvenile Justice: Tuesday, 2/10/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 152-S 1/28/2015 - House - Referred to Corrections and Juvenile Justice 1/27/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2162	House Local Government Committee	Alcoholic beverages; licensee location restrictions; exemption in core commercial districts	On General Orders in House	2/2/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N 1/29/2015 - House - Referred to Local Government 1/28/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2163	House Local Government Committee	Municipalities; contracts with other municipalities	On General Orders in House	2/18/2015 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Local Government 2/2/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N 1/29/2015 - House - Referred to Local Government
HB 2164	House Local Government Committee	Certain sewer districts; construction contract bid threshold raised	Passed in House	2/19/2015 - House - Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be passed as amended 2/11/2015 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Local Government 1/29/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Tuesday, 2/3/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N
HB 2165	House Local Government Committee	Certain improvement districts; procedure for filling vacancies	Passed in House	2/19/2015 - House - Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be passed as amended 2/11/2015 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Local Government 1/29/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Tuesday, 2/3/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N

HB 2190	House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Saving communities amendments to the personal and family protection act	In House Federal and State Affairs	2/11/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Monday, 2/16, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S 1/30/2015 - House - Referred to Federal and State Affairs 1/29/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2196	House Taxation Committee	De minimis abandoned property	In House Taxation	2/4/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Tuesday, 2/10/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N 2/3/2015 - House - Referred to Taxation 2/2/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2212	House Elections Committee	City political committees	On General Orders in House	2/19/2015 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Elections 2/12/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing (cont.) in Elections: Monday, 2/16, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N 2/9/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Elections: Wednesday, 2/11/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N
HB 2214	House Elections Committee	Procedure of appointment when certain vacancies of office or nomination occur	On General Orders in House	2/19/2015 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Elections 2/12/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing (cont.) in Elections: Monday, 2/16, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N 2/9/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Elections: Wednesday, 2/11/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N
HB 2215	House Elections Committee	Campaign finance; transfer of campaign funds	On General Orders in House	2/19/2015 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Elections 2/11/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Elections: Monday, 2/16, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N 2/4/2015 - House - Referred to Elections
HB 2236	House Local Government Committee	Cities; rehabilitation of abandoned property; definitions; other	In House Local Government	2/5/2015 - House - Referred to Local Government 2/4/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2237	House Local Government Committee	Municipalities; use of internet as official publication	In House Local Government	2/17/2015 - House - Scheduled Subcommittee Discussion in Local Government: Thursday, 2/19, 8:00 AM, Rm 212B-N 2/5/2015 - House - Referred to Local Government 2/4/2015 - House - Introduced

HB 2237	House Local Government Committee	Municipalities; use of internet as official publication	In House Local Government	2/17/2015 - House - Scheduled Subcommittee Discussion in Local Government: Thursday, 2/19, 8:00 AM, Rm 212B-N 2/5/2015 - House - Referred to Local Government 2/4/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2248	House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Tax increment financing eligibility for projects involving very old buildings and adjacent vacant or condemned lots	In House Taxation	2/13/2015 - House - Withdrawn from Commerce, Labor and Economic Development; referred to Taxation 2/6/2015 - House - Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development 2/5/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2255	House Transportation Committee	Prohibiting the secretary of transportation from entering agreements or issuing bonds after December 31, 2014, for the transportation revolving fund and the communication systems revolving fund; repealing the intermodal transportation revolving fund	In House Transportation	2/11/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Transportation: Tuesday, 2/17, 1:30 PM, Rm 582-N 2/9/2015 - House - Referred to Transportation 2/6/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2270	House Vision 2020 Committee	Medical assistance; KanCare II expansion act; duties on the secretary of health and environment	In House Health and Human Services	2/10/2015 - House - Scheduled Update in Vision 2020: Wednesday, 2/11/2015, 9:00 AM, Rm 218-N 2/10/2015 - House - Referred to Health and Human Services 2/9/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2296	House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities and counties; public building commission; revenue bonds; election required	In House Local Government	2/18/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Tuesday, 2/24, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N 2/11/2015 - House - Referred to Local Government 2/10/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2328	House Taxation Committee	Sales tax refund on sales of certain required textbooks	In House Taxation	2/13/2015 - House - Referred to Taxation 2/12/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2340	House Elections Committee	Elections; municipal, spring to fall, even years, partisan; special districts spring to fall, odd years	In House Elections	2/13/2015 - House - Referred to Elections 2/12/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2350	House Vision 2020 Committee	Local governments and property assessments for qualified clean energy projects	In House Energy and Environment	2/16/2015 - House - Referred to Energy and Environment 2/13/2015 - House - Introduced

HB 2359	House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee	Requiring law enforcement vehicle and body camera videos to be confidential	In House Corrections and Juvenile Justice	2/16/2015 - House - Referred to Corrections and Juvenile Justice 2/13/2015 - House - Introduced
HCR 5007	House Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee	Constitutional amendment providing authority to the legislature to limit valuation increases for certain residential property owned by a person 65 years of age or older for property tax purposes	In House Taxation	1/23/2015 - House - Referred to Taxation 1/22/2015 - House - Introduced

Water Bills

Bill Number	Bill Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 36	Senate Natural Resources Committee	Allowing carryover and a change application for place of use for multi-year flex accounts	Passed in Senate	2/19/2015 - Senate - Final Action: Passed; Yeas 40, Nays 0 2/18/2015 - Senate - Committee of the Whole: Be passed 2/4/2015 - Senate - Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Natural Resources
SB 52	Senate Natural Resources Committee	Authorizing chief engineer to allow augmentation to secure water	Passed in Senate	2/19/2015 - Senate - Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be passed as amended 2/5/2015 - Senate - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Natural Resources 1/23/2015 - Senate - Referred to Natural Resources
SB 64	Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Public water supply storage; interest rate change	On General Orders in Senate	2/12/2015 - Senate - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Natural Resources 1/28/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Wednesday, 2/4/2015, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S 1/23/2015 - Senate - Referred to Natural Resources
SB 118	Senate Natural Resources Committee	Amending the powers and duties of the Kansas department of agriculture division of conservation and the state conservation commission	In Senate Natural Resources	2/2/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S 1/30/2015 - Senate - Referred to Natural Resources 1/29/2015 - Senate - Introduced
SB 156	Senate Natural Resources Committee	Allowing certain expenditures from the Arkansas river gaging fund	On General Orders in Senate	2/19/2015 - Senate - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Natural Resources 2/11/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Wednesday, 2/18, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S 2/6/2015 - Senate - Referred to Natural Resources
SB 227	Senate Natural Resources Committee	Local enhanced management areas; due consideration; corrective control measures	On General Orders in Senate	2/19/2015 - Senate - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Natural Resources 2/16/2015 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Wednesday, 2/18, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S 2/16/2015 - Senate - Referred to Natural Resources
HB 2059	House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Authorizing chief engineer to allow augmentation to secure water	On General Orders in House	2/17/2015 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Agriculture and Natural Resources 1/21/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Thursday, 1/29/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S 1/21/2015 - House - Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2063	House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Amending the definition of project in the public water supply project loan program	On General Orders in House	2/11/2015 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Agriculture and Natural Resources 1/28/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Tuesday, 2/3/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S 1/22/2015 - House - Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources

HB 2069	House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Allowing carryover and a change application for place of use for multi-year flex accounts	On General Orders in House	2/17/2015 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Agriculture and Natural Resources 1/28/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Monday, 2/2/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S 1/22/2015 - House - Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2156	House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Public water supply storage; interest rate change	Passed in House	2/19/2015 - House - Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be passed as amended 2/17/2015 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Agriculture and Natural Resources 2/10/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Wednesday, 2/11/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
HB 2227	House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Creating water conservation areas	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	2/11/2015 - House - Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Monday, 2/16, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S 2/5/2015 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/12/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S 2/5/2015 - House - Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2245	House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amending procedure for cases involving groundwater	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	2/6/2015 - House - Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/12/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S 2/6/2015 - House - Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources 2/5/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2303	House Appropriations Committee	Allowing the secretary of health and environment to establish variances to water quality standards	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	2/12/2015 - House - Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources 2/11/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2304	House Appropriations Committee	Creating the local conservation lending program	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	2/12/2015 - House - Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources 2/11/2015 - House - Introduced
HB 2351	House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Allowing conservation districts to sponsor local enhanced management areas	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	2/16/2015 - House - Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources 2/13/2015 - House - Introduced
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