**Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns**

**Legislative Session Update**

**February 2, 2023**

To check the status of bills and hearing, please go to the legislative website at <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/> or call the legislative hotline at 1-800-432-3924. If there are bills you would like me to follow, please let me know and I will add them to the list. A listing of the committees, times they meet, rooms they meet in and the assistants you need to contact if you want to provide testimony are listed at the end of this update.

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Let me know if you have questions or want me information by emailing [Martha.gabehart@ks.gov](mailto:Martha.gabehart@ks.gov).

**The bills for the disability hiring preference (HB2253) and the supported decision-making (HB 2250) have been introduced and assigned to committees. If you have questions reach out to Mike Burgess with the Disability Rights Center (DRC) or Sara Weir with the Kanas Council on Developmental Disabilities (KCDD).**

**Thursday 2/2**

**1:30 pm House Education, Presentation on Special Education Funding by staff, Room 218-N**

***3:30 House Taxation, Hearing on HB 2108 Providing a back-to-school sales tax holiday for sales of certain school sjpplies, computers and clothing. Room 346-S, Lea Gerard 785-296-4830***

**Friday 2/3**

**9:00 am Bob Bethell Joint Committee on KanCare Oversight and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), Room 112-N, David Long 785-296-7488**

**Monday 2/6**

**10:30 am Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services, (Meeting 1 of 2) Hearing on agency budget: State Hospitals for Mental Health and State Hospitals for Intellectual Disabilities, Room 548-S, Donna Fulkerson, 785-296-7399**

**3:30 pm House Judiciary, Informational Briefing on Supported Decision-Making, Room 582-N**

**3:30 pm House K-12 Education Budget, Recommendations for the School of the Blind and School of the deaf, Room 546-S**

**3:30 pm House Social Services Budget, Hearing on Budget Analysis for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (Health) Room 152-S**

**Tuesday 2/7**

**12:30 pm Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services, (Meeting 2 of 2) Continuation of Hearing on agency budgets: State Hospitals for Mental Health and State Hospitals for Intellectual Disabilities, Room 144-S, Donna Fulkerson, 785-296-7399**

**3:30 pm House Social Services Budget, Public Testimony on Kansas Department of Health and Human Services (Health), Room 152-S, Francisca Hernandez, 7895-296-7640**

**Wednesday 2/8**

**8:30 am Senate Public health and Welfare, Presentation on Senior Care Task Force Report, Room 142-S**

**3:30 pm House Social Services Budget, Hearing on Budget analysis for Parsons State Hospital and Kansas Neurological Institute (KNI), Room 152-S, Francisca Hernandez, 785-296-7640**

**Thursday 2/9**

**8:30 am Senate Public Health and Welfare, Presentation on Aging in Kansas – KABC, Kansas Association for Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities, and Alzheimer’s Association, Room 142-S**

**1:30 House Education, Hearing on HB 2138 creating the career technical education credential and transition incentive for employment success act to provide additional state aid to certain school districts for students who obtain career technical education credentials, Room 218-N, Deborah Bremer 785-269-3113**

**3:30 pm House Social Services Budget, Hearing continuation on Budget recommendations for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (Health), Parsons State Hospital and Kansas Neurological Institute, Room 152-S, Francisca Hernandez, 785-296-7640**

**Friday 2/10**

**Active Bills, 2023**

| **Bill No.** | **Description** | **Impact** | **Bill History and Current Status** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| SB 4 | Providing for a sales tax exemption for construction or repair of buildings used for human habitation by the Kansas State School for the Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf |  | Hearing in Committee on Assessment and Taxation 1/19 at 9:30 am in room 548-S, contact John Gauntt at (785) 296-2713 to provide testimony. |
| SB 12 | Enacting the Kansas child mutilation prevention act to criminalize performing gender reassignment surgery and prescription of hormone replacement therapy on certain persons and providing grounds for unprofessional conduct for healing arts licensees. |  | Referred to Committee on Public Health and Welfare and Committee on Judiciary |
| SB 21 | Providing an annual sales tax holiday for sales of certain school supplies |  | Assessment and Taxation |
| SB 24 | Relating to insurance; coverage for autism spectrum disorder; changing the required number of employees contained in definitions of "large employer" and “small employer” | Reduces large employer to more than 51 employees from 101 employees and small employer from 100 or fewer employees to 50 or fewer employees. | Financial Institutions and Insurance |
| SB 58 | Concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; providing and exemption for certain purchases by disabled veterans of the armed forces of the United States |  | Referred to Assessment and Taxation |
| SB 82 | Relating to the school sports head injury prevention act; requiring schools to establish concussion management teams; standards of care protocols; biennial education |  | Education Committee |
| **SB 135** | **Relating to medical cannabis; creating the medical cannabis regulation act** |  | **Referred to Federal and State Affairs** |
| HB 2010 | Updating a statutory cross reference to provide proper jury instruction in cases when a defendant lacks the required mental state to commit a crime |  | Referred to Committee on Judiciary |
| HB 2036 | Concerning property taxation; relating to exemptions for homestead property of certain retired and disabled veterans |  | **Taxation – Hearing 1/30 at 3:30 pm in room 346-S, Lea Gerard, 785-296-4830** |
| HB 2038 | Concerning elections; relating to voter identification; requiring postsecondary educational institutions to indicate when a student’s identification issues by such institution cannot be used for voting purposes. |  | Referred to Elections |
| HB 2039 | Concerning wildlife and parks; relating to hunting and fishing licenses; exempting disabled veterans from certain requirements |  | Veterans and Military |
| HB 2055 | Concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots; prohibiting third parties from mailing applications for such ballots to registered voters. |  | Referred to Elections |
| HB 2056 | Concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots requiring the return of such ballots by 7:00 pm on the day of the election |  | Referred to Elections |
| HB 2057 | Concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots; regulating the use of remote ballot boxes for the return of such ballots | Would limit county elections offices to one remote ballot box for each election unless more than 30,000 registered voters and then they can one for each section of 30,000 voters; boxes would only be open during hours when the election office can monitor who is dropping the ballots into the box, the boxes must be video monitored and have the camera set to record the face of the person submitting the ballot. | **Hearing 2/31 3:30 pm, Room 218-N, Dana Rooney, 785-296-7357** |
| HB 2060 | Creating the special education and related services funding task force |  | Referred to K-12 Education Budget |
| HB 2108 | Providing a back to-school sales tax holiday for sales of certain school supplies, computers and clothing. |  | **Hearing 2/2 in Taxation, 3:30 pm in Room 346-S** |
| HB 2111 | Establishing a 0% state rate for sales and use taxes for food and food ingredients, providing a sales tax exemption for children’s diapers and feminine hygiene products, establishing the STAR bonds food sales tax revenue replacement fund, altering the calculations for STAR food districts and discontinuing the food sales income ta credit. |  | Referred to Taxation |
| HB 2115 | Prohibiting the use of restraints during hearings under the revised Kanas Juvenile justice code unless deemed appropriate by the court. |  | Referred to Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight |
| HB 2117 | Requiring the secretary of state to revise the information collected from persons registering to vote to ensure the state may utilize the systematic alien verification of entitlements program (SAVE) to delete non-citizens form voter registration rolls. |  | Referred to Elections |
| HB 2118 | Requiring the secretary of state to enter into agreements with the Kansas department of aging and disability services, the Kansas department of children and families and the Kansas department of health and environment to cross-check various welfare recipient data to ensure the state’s voter registration rolls are current. |  | Referred to Elections |
| HB 2122 | Requiring a witness to each signature on an advance voting ballot envelope and limiting the witness to not more than 10 advance voting ballot envelopes |  | Referred to Committee on Elections |
| HB 2138 | Relating to career technical education; creating the career technical education credential and transition incentive for employment success act; providing state aid to school districts for students who obtain a credential; establishing the career technical education credential and transition incentive fund. | Would re-establish the Career Tech Ed program in which high school students who are allowed time during the school year to get a credential from a technical education college, the high school would receive money. | **Hearing in Education, 2/9, 1:30 pm in Room 218-N, Deborah Bremer 785-269-3113** |
| HB 2178 | Concerning the Kansas act against discrimination; adding sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and status as a veteran as protected classes under the act |  | Federal and State Affairs |
| HB 2199 | Relating to sales tax; authorizing for the purchase of up to two motor vehicles owned by resident disabled veterans or surviving spouses thereof o be exempt from the tax imposed by the Kansas retailers’ sales tax act |  | Referred to Taxation |
| HB 2200 | Establishing a property tax exemption for homestead property of certain retired and disabled veterans |  | Referred to Taxation |
| HB 2202 | Providing for a sales tax exemption for sales of over-the-counter drugs |  | Referred to Taxation |
| HB 2204 | Establishing a refundable family caregivers of disabled veterans tax credit |  | Referred to Taxation |
| **HB 2250** | **Enacting the supported decision-making agreements act; providing requirements for decision-making assistance for adults** |  | **Referred to Judiciary** |
| **HB 2253** | **Kathy’s Bill – Disability Hiring Preference for State of Kansas civil service jobs. Establishing a state employment preference for persons with disabilities** |  | **Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development** |
| **HB 2258** | **Relating to behavioral and mental health; prohibit certain licensed individuals from using conversation therapy on minors** |  | **Referred to Health and Human Services** |
| HCR 5004 | Urging the US Congress to fully fund the federal government’s original funding promise under the individuals with disabilities education act. |  | Hearing on Wednesday, January 25, K-12 Education Budget, Patricia Rosario, 785-296-3971, Room 546-S |

**Exempt committees have asterisks (\*) next to them.**

**House Committees**

| **Committee** | **Room** | **Mtg. time** | **Assistant** | **Phone** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Agriculture | 112-N | 3:30 pm daily | Terry Bernatis | 785-296-7463 |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget | 112-N | 3:30 pm daily | Terry Bernatis | 785-296-7463 |
| \*Appropriations | 112-N | 9:00 am daily | Susan McClacherty | 785-291-3446 |
| \*Calendar and Printing | On call |  |  |  |
| Child Welfare & Foster Care | 152-S | 1:30 M & W | Carol Robertson | 785-296-7644 |
| Children and Seniors | 152-S | 1:30 am daily | Fran Lusk | 785-296-7644 |
| Commerce, Labor & Economic Development | 346-S | 1:30 pm daily | Cindy Harris | 785-296-7685 |
| Corrections & Juvenile Justice | 546-S | 1:30 pm daily | Colette Niehues | 785-296-7500 |
| Education | 218-N | 1:30 pm daily | Deborah Bremer | 785-296-3113 |
| K-12 Education Budget | 546-S | 3:30 pm daily | Patricia Rosario | 785-296-3971 |
| Elections | 218-N | 3:30 pm T & Th | Dana Rooney | 785-296-7357 |
| Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications | 582-N | 9:00 am T & Th | Mindy Sieve | 785-296-7663 |
| \*Federal and State Affairs | 346-S | 9:00 am daily | Connie Bahner | 785-368-7166 |
| Financial Institutions and Insurance | 582-N | 9:00 am M & W | Rich Mergen | 785-296-7689 |
| General Government Budget | 281-N | 3:30 pm daily | Susan Tindall | 785-296-7643 |
| Health & Human Services | 112-N | 1:30 pm daily | David Long | 785-296-7488 |
| Higher Education Budget | 281-N | 1:30 pm daily | Phyllis Fast | 785-296-7642 |
| Insurance and Pensions | 218-N | 3:30 pm M & W | Coleen Coker | 785-296-7696 |
| Interstate Cooperation | On-call |  |  |  |
| Judiciary | 582-N | 3:30 pm daily | Kathi Rakestraw | 785-296-5805 |
| K-12 Budget | 546-S | 3:30 pm daily | TBD |  |
| Legislative Budget | On-call |  | Kathy Holscher |  |
| Legislative Modernization | 218-N | 9:00 am M & W | Debra Smith | 785-296-4683 |
| Legislative Post Audit | 546-S | Noon | Nichole Blanchett | 785-296-3793 |
| Local Government | 218-N | 9:00 am M & W | Debra Heideman | 785-296-7461 |
| Redistricting | 346-S | On-Call | Richard Frost | 785-296-7695 |
| Rules and Journal | 582-N | Noon | Kathi Rakestraw | 785-296-5805 |
| Rural Revitalization | 582-N | 9:00 am daily | Tony Prohaska | 785-296-7660 |
| Select Investigating Committee | 346-S | 1:00 pm | Connie Bahner | 785-368-7166 |
| Social Services Budget | 152-S | 3:30 pm daily | Francie Hernandez | 785-296-7640 |
| \*Taxation | 346-S | 3:30 pm daily | Lea Gerard | 785-296-4830 |
| Transportation | 582-N | 1:30 pm daily | Jennifer Forrester | 785-296-7466 |
| Transportation and Public Safety Budget | 118-N | 3:30 pm daily | Diane Brian | 785-296-2361 |
| Veterans and Military | 281-N | 9:00 am T & Th | Betty Boaz | 785-296-5623 |
| Water | 218-N | 9:00 am daily | Tony Prohaska | 785-296-7384 |
| Welfare Reform | 152-S | 1:30 pm T & Th | Gary Deeter | 785-296-6989 |

**Senate Committees**

| **Committee** | **Room** | **Mtg. time** | **Assistant** | **Phone** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources | 144-S | 8:30 am daily | Judy Marks | 785-296-7353 |
| \*Assessment & Taxation | 548-S | 9:30 am daily | John Gauntt | 785-296-2713 |
| Commerce | 546-S | 10:30 am daily | Connie Burns | 785-296-7476 |
| Education | 144-S | 1:30 pm daily | Cyndie Rexer | 785-296-7368 |
| Ethics, Elections & Local Government | 142-S | 9:30 am daily | Randi Walters | 785-296-7389 |
| \*Federal & State Affairs | 144-S | 10:30-noon daily | Sheila Wodtke | 785-296-7362 |
| Financial Institutions and Insurance | 546-S | 9:30 am daily | Suzanne Nelson | 785-296-7367 |
| Interstate Cooperation | On-call |  |  |  |
| Judiciary | 346-S | 10:30 am daily | Barbara Moore | 785-296-6817 |
| Legislative Posts Audit | 546-S | On Call | Nicole Blanchett | 785-296-2793 |
| Local Government | 142-S | 9:30 am daily | Jackie Gutierrez | 785-269-7377 |
| Organization, Calendar and Rules | On-call |  |  |  |
| Public Health & Welfare | 142-S | 8:30 am daily | Donola Fairbanks | 785-296-5123 |
| Redistricting | 548-S | 2:00 pm on call | Jennifer Forrester | 785-296-7361 |
| Transparency and Ethics | 142-S | 9:30 am daily | Randi Walters | 785-296-7389 |
| Transportation | 546-S | 8:30 am daily | Florence Deeter | 785-296-7355 |
| Utilities | 548-S | 1:30 pm daily | Michael Welton | 785-296-4335 |
| \*Ways and Means | 548-S | 10:30 am-noon daily | Donna Fulkerson | 785-296-7399 |

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