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A significant threshold has been crossed today in the legislature, as this is the last day for bill introductions. While there are exceptions to this rule (certain committees are exempt from the deadline, bills can be amended, etc), it has great significance. From this point forward the focus will shift to legislation that has already been introduced as opposed to “what’s coming next”. The pace of committee hearings picks up dramatically, as does the pace of the full House and Senate. The next deadline is February 20, which will be the last day for bills (except those in the exempt committees referenced above) to be considered in their chamber of origin.

This week saw introduction of the much anticipated proposals for the next comprehensive transportation plan. There were two distinct funding packages proposed by the Interim Committee on Transportation, and each side of the legislature introduced a bill for each proposal. So, the House has two bills, one with each funding proposal, and the Senate has the same. The bills are SB 498, SB 515, HB 2617, and HB 2618. There was a hearing scheduled for this morning on SB 515 in the Senate Transportation Committee, but it was cancelled. Leadership would prefer to wait until some of the other major funding issues facing the state are sorted out before they approach their work on a new transportation plan. The word on the street now is that those hearings will likely begin in early March.

Speaking of major budget issues, the legislature continues to grapple with the budget for the both the current fiscal year (FY10, which ends June 30) and the next (FY11, beginning July 1). The Governor proposed significant cuts to balance the budget at the end of 2009. The Senate passed those cuts largely intact. The House sent the measure back to committee, threatening substantial changes. However, yesterday the House committee kicked it back out to the full House with relatively minor changes. Approval of those cuts is likely to happen soon, as work cannot begin on the FY11 budget until the current year issues are addressed.

In the meantime, ACEC scored a victory this week with HB 2403. You might recall from past bulletins that this bill would have changed all state procurement to a “lowest responsible bidder” situation. We have worked for several weeks with Representative Marvin Kleeb, the bill’s author, to strip design services out the bill. After three days of hearings on the bill, the House Appropriations Committee agreed to a substitute bill that exempted design work. That bill has not been sent to the full House for consideration yet, but it should no longer impact our members, unless it is amended again. We’ll keep a close eye on it.

There are two bills impacting the vertical side that are starting to move. HB 2515 would prohibit local units of government from adopting any code that requires sprinkler systems in housing of four units or less. The home builders are pushing the bill, while local cities and counties have joined with various firefighting group to oppose it. The first hearing was yesterday in House Local Government, but no action has been taken yet. Monday there will be a hearing on SB 383 in Senate Education. SB 383 would remove the requirement that the Board of Regents review plans for code compliance before they can be approved and construction initiated.

Committees will be busy next week, and action on the floor of each chamber will be busy the following week. Stay tuned...

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Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 36 Senate Commerce Committee	Cities and counties; relating to the Transportation Development District Act; special assessments	In Senate Commerce	01/21/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 1/28/2009, 8:30 AM, Rm 545-N
SB 52 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities and counties; relating to special benefit districts therein; relating to costs of improvements	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	01/22/2009 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 65 Special Committee on Eminent Domain in Condemnation of Water Rights	Eminent domain; relating to water rights	In Senate Natural Resources	01/23/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/29/2009, 8:30 AM, Rm 446-N
SB 112 Senate Judiciary Committee	Kansas Act Against Discrimination; relating to disability	In Senate Judiciary	02/18/2009 - Senate Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Judiciary
SB 165 Senate Ways and Means Committee	State water plan fund; relating to increasing fees that contribute to the fund	In Senate Ways and Means	02/18/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/24/2009, 10:30 AM, Rm 545-N
SB 229 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Employment; relating to misclassification of employees	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/06/2009 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 271 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Counties; relating to bidding requirements on certain contracts	In Senate Local Government	02/25/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 3/3/2009, 9:30 AM, Rm 446-N
SB 301 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Land surveys	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	01/20/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/28/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
SB 302 Senate Ways and	Transportation; relating to intermodal transportation projects, and providing for	In House Transportation	03/24/2009 - House Referred to Transportation

Means Committee	the financing thereof		
SB 315 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Water; relating to tax exemptions; notification to water rights holders; review of water development projects	In Senate Natural Resources	03/17/2009 - Senate Referred to Natural Resources
SB 323 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation program; concerning the financing thereof; creating the Joint Committee on Multimodal Transportation	In Senate Transportation	03/18/2009 - Senate Referred to Transportation
SB 383 Senate Education Committee	Fire safety and fire prevention; relating to school buildings	In Senate Education	02/03/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/8/2010, 1:30 PM, Rm 152-S
SB 409 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Establishing the passenger rail service program; providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of Transportation; establishing the passenger rail service revolving fund	In Senate Transportation	01/27/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 2/3/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S
SB 469 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Civil procedure; relating to remote claim liens on commercial property; establishing the state construction registry	In Senate Judiciary	01/28/2010 - Senate Referred to Judiciary
SB 498 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In Senate Transportation	02/02/2010 - Senate Referred to Transportation
SB 502 Senate Transportation Committee	Department of Transportation; concerning railroad programs	In Senate Transportation	02/03/2010 - Senate Referred to Transportation; Scheduled Hearing: Friday, 2/12/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S
SB 510 Senate Agriculture Committee	Water; relating to the beneficial use of water	In Senate Natural Resources	02/03/2010 - Senate Referred to Natural Resources
SB 513 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Certain political subdivisions; dealing with certain construction contracts	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/03/2010 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs; Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/11/2010, 11:00 AM, Rm 144-S
SB 514 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Kansas unified school district alternative project delivery building construction procurement act	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/03/2010 - Senate Referred to Education; withdrawn from Education; referred to Federal and State Affairs; Scheduled Hearing:

			Thursday, 2/11/2010, 11:00 AM, Rm 144-S
SB 515 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In Senate Transportation	02/03/2010 - Senate Referred to Transportation
SB 526 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Department of Administration; concerning competitive bids; preferring bids from within the state	In Senate Ways and Means	02/04/2010 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
SB 530 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Sales taxation; relating to exemptions; repealing all sales tax exemptions	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	02/05/2010 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation
HB 2015 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Energy efficiency; relating to standards for certain owned or leased property, equipment or vehicles	In House Energy and Utilities	01/15/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/22/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 Docking
HB 2016 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Utilities; relating to emissions	In House Energy and Utilities	01/15/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/22/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 Docking
Sub for HB 2029 Special Committee on Eminent Domain in Condemnation of Water Rights	Cities; relating to annexation	In Senate Local Government	03/13/2009 - Senate Referred to Local Government
HB 2030 Special Committee on Eminent Domain in Condemnation of Water Rights	Cities; relating to annexation	In House Local Government	01/28/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/5/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 446-N
HB 2065 Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations	Intensive Groundwater Control Areas	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	01/23/2009 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2083 House Local Government Committee	Historic preservation; pertaining to environs review	In House Local Government	02/24/2009 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Local Government
HB 2084 Vincent Wetta, D-80th	Cities; relating to annexation of territory	In Senate Judiciary	03/17/2009 - Senate Referred to Judiciary

HB 2178 House Appropriations Committee	Abolishing the Kansas Turnpike Authority; transferring powers, duties and functions to the Kansas Department of Transportation	In House Transportation	02/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/12/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2182 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Department of Health and Environment; requiring the Kansas Air Quality Act be consistent and uniform with the Federal Clean Air Act	In House Energy and Utilities	02/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/5/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2216 House Elections Committee	Contracts with state agencies	In House Elections	02/04/2009 - House Referred to Elections
S Sub for HB 2222 House Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight Committee	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In House Appropriations	02/04/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action: Thursday, 2/4/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 346- S
HB 2238 House Commerce and Labor Committee	Construction contracts; relating to retention in public and private construction contracts	In House Commerce and Labor	01/28/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/1/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 784 DSOB
HB 2272 House Appropriations Committee	Intensive groundwater use control areas	On General Orders in House	03/24/2009 - House Committee of the Whole: Be amended; motion to recommend for passage, failed
HB 2273 House Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight Committee	State agencies; providing for the development and implementation of a zero-based budget process	In House General Government Budget	03/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/11/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 531-N
HB 2277 House Appropriations Committee	Public works projects for state agencies; prescribing payment of minimum wages for work thereon and preferences for certain employees to work thereon	In House Commerce and Labor	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Commerce and Labor
HB 2281 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Employment; relating to misclassification of employees	In House Taxation	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2282 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Water districts; relating to lands annexed by cities	In House Local Government	02/18/2009 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to

			Local Government
HB 2283 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Water	In Conference Committee	01/28/2010 - Senate Acceded; appointed McGinn, Teichman and Francisco
HB 2284 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Water; relating to rural water districts; concerning transfer of certain property funds and records of such districts	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2294 House Appropriations Committee	Minimum wage and maximum hours law	In House Commerce and Labor	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Commerce and Labor
HB 2309 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Appropriation of water	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/09/2009 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2318 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Rural water districts	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/09/2009 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2326 House Taxation Committee	Transportation Development District Act; relating to creation of district; requirements	In House Taxation	02/12/2009 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2348 House Taxation Committee	Sales taxation; relating to the imposition of tax on rendering or furnishing of services; rate of tax	In House Taxation	02/18/2009 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2372 House Appropriations Committee	Contracts with state agencies for certain professional services; relating to competitive bidding procedures	In House Appropriations	03/10/2009 - House Referred to Appropriations
HB 2382 House Taxation Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation program	On General Orders in House	03/20/2009 - House Committee Report: Be passed as amended by Transportation
HB 2392 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Contracts; relating to requests for proposals issued by state agencies	In House Judiciary	03/23/2009 - House Referred to Judiciary
HB 2403 House Appropriations Committee	Transparency and Accountability in Purchasing and State Spending Act	In House Appropriations	02/02/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action: Wednesday, 2/3/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S

HB 2421 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Energy; requiring schools of engineering to evaluate renewable, distributive generation and transmission technology upon request	In House Energy and Utilities	01/13/2010 - House Referred to Energy and Utilities
HB 2433 Legislative Educational Planning Committee	Agencies; relating to the acquisition and disposal of certain property; relating to the acquisition of certain services	On General Orders in House	02/04/2010 - House Committee Report: Be passed as amended by Education
HB 2442 House Appropriations Committee	Establishing the Kansas Streamlining Government Commission; providing for an independent review of state agencies of the executive branch of state government; prescribing powers, duties and functions for the commission and certain other state agencies	On General Orders in House	02/05/2010 - House Committee Report: Be passed as amended by Appropriations
HB 2444 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Transfer of the Office of State Fire Marshal to the Insurance Department	In House Federal and State Affairs	01/27/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/2/2010, 1:30 PM, Rm 346-S
HB 2493 House Appropriations Committee	Classifications of dams and water obstructions	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	01/29/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/1/2010, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2515 House Commerce and Labor Committee	Cities and counties; relating to residential fire protection sprinkler systems.	In House Local Government	01/27/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/4/2010, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
HB 2552 Jo Ann Pottorff, R-83rd	Enacting the midwest interstate passenger rail compact	In House Transportation	02/03/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/9/2010, 1:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2565 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Water rights; relating to abandonment and termination; creating a water conservation exception	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	01/29/2010 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2617 House Transportation Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In House Transportation In House Taxation	02/03/2010 - House Referred separately to Transportation and Taxation
HB 2618 House Transportation Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In House Transportation In House Taxation	02/03/2010 - House Referred separately to Transportation and Taxation
HB 2624	Construction of new buildings; relating to	In House Energy	02/04/2010 - House

House Energy and Utilities Committee	schools, colleges and universities; relating to energy efficiency	and Utilities	Referred to Energy and Utilities; Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/9/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 785 DSOB
HB 2625 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Energy conservation measures	In House Energy and Utilities	02/04/2010 - House Referred to Energy and Utilities; Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 2/10/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 785 DSOB
HB 2632 Jim Morrison, R-121st	State finance; relating to the state's ability to sweep moneys from fee funds above the statutory 20%;	In House Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight	02/04/2010 - House Referred to Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight