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Major news broke this week on the transportation bill with the announcement that the Senate Transportation Committee will begin hearings on SB 498 and SB 515 next Wednesday. Those bills contain the two funding streams proposed by the Interim Transportation Committee that met last summer and fall. Hearings next week (Wednesday through Friday) are likely to focus on testimony from the Kansas Department of Transportation and Economic Lifelines. The hearings will almost certainly spill into the next week, when ACEC Kansas and other stakeholders are likely to testify.

That was the good news...the bad news hit with the release of the latest reports on State tax receipts and the actions that came about as a result of those numbers. With the inclusion of the newest revenue numbers, the State budget for the current FY10 budget year is over \$100 million dollars in the red. This is after Governor Parkinson made several deep cuts in the budget in 2009 and the legislature approved other suggested cuts during the first half of 2010. Governor Parkinson responded by saying he would make another round of cuts. Those cuts came out today, and included yet another raid on the highway fund, this one to the tune of \$28 million dollars. KDOT is now cancelling \$87 million dollars worth of highway maintenance projects that had been planned for letting in this fiscal year, which ends June 30. This cut to the highway fund will have to be approved by the legislature, but there is not a great deal of optimism that the legislature will fight that cut.

This clearly makes the outlook for a comprehensive transportation look, at the same time, more critical and yet harder to push through. Having said that, ACEC Kansas and other stakeholder groups are not taking any pressure off of our efforts to push for an aggressive plan to be passed in the 2010 session. There should be an impressive and long list of stakeholders showing up for what promises to be many days of hearings to advocate for such an aggressive plan. We hope to know more by the time those hearings are over.

Outside of the transportation plan and the State budget issues, it was a fairly quiet week. A couple of uncontested bills on passenger rail (SB 409 and HB 2552) continue to fly through with little opposition. SB 513, which allows new owner groups to use alternative delivery methods in some situations, also continues to make slow but steady progress.

The state revenue crisis will continue to dominate headlines for the foreseeable future. This will impact almost everything else being considered, including the prospects for a new transportation plan. Stay tuned....

Displaying records 1 through 30 of the 30 bills in your tracking list

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
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 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
Sub for SB 301 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Land surveys; relating to monumentation of corners and recording of surveys	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	03/02/2010 - Senate Withdrawn from Calendar; rereferred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 302 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; relating to intermodal transportation projects, and providing for the financing thereof	In House Transportation	03/24/2009 - House Referred to Transportation
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 House Transportation	02/24/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/3/2010, 1:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
SB 510 Senate Agriculture Committee	Water; relating to the beneficial use of water	In Senate Natural Resources	02/15/2010 - Senate Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Natural Resources
Sub for SB 513 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Alternative project delivery building construction	In House Commerce and Labor	03/03/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/10/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 784 DSOB
Sub for SB 514 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Alcoholic beverages; relating to eligibility for license for club and drinking establishments	In House Federal and State Affairs	02/23/2010 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs
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 Ways and Means	03/04/2010 - Senate Withdrawn from Assessment and Taxation; referred to Ways and Means

Sub for HB 2029 Special Committee on Eminent Domain in Condemnation of Water Rights	Cities; relating to annexation	In Senate Local Government	03/03/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 3/8/2010, 9:30 AM, Rm 144-S; Possible Cont'd Hearing, Discussion and Action: Tuesday, 3/9/2010, 9:30 AM, Rm 144-S
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
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	Pending Governor's action	02/26/2010 - House Enrolled and presented to the Governor
Sub for HB 2238 House Commerce and Labor Committee	Construction contracts; relating to retention in public and private construction contracts	In Senate Judiciary	02/25/2010 - Senate Referred to Judiciary
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 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	Pending adoption of CCR in House	03/03/2010 - Senate Adopted Conference Committee Report; Yeas 39, Nays 1
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
Sub for HB 2403 House Appropriations Committee	Creating the council on efficient government	In House Appropriations	02/16/2010 - House Committee of the Whole: Committee Report recommending substitute bill be adopted; be amended; motion to refer to committee, adopted; rereferred to Appropriations
HB 2433 Legislative Educational Planning Committee	State agencies; relating to the acquisition and disposal of certain property; relating to the acquisition of certain services	On General Orders in Senate	03/03/2010 - Senate Committee Report: Be passed 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	In Senate Ways and Means	02/24/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 3/2/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
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 2552 Jo Ann Pottorff, R- 83rd	Enacting the midwest interstate passenger rail compact	In Senate Transportation	03/03/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action: Tuesday, 3/9/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S
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