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Action is picking up under the Capitol dome, as the legislature hopes to adjourn sometime next week, to return in late April to finalize their affairs. We are finally seeing significant movement on legislation advancing a new state comprehensive transportation plan. As expected, the House is pushing a much more conservative plan involving no new fees or taxes. The Senate is considering two more aggressive plans, both of which contain new revenue.

The House has amended their plan into SB 302. It contains bonding authority up to 18% of KDOT's regular funding. It also contains some programmatic changes that KDOT has requested. This bill has been passed by the House Transportation Committee, and is awaiting action by the full House. That is not expected until after they return from their recess.

The Senate has amended two separate plans into two House bills. Both bills include the bonding authority mentioned above. HB 2510 would provide a six cent increase in fuel tax, phased in gradually starting in 2013. HB 2650 would provide an additional three tenths of a cent of sales tax to be dedicated to transportation. The Senate Transportation Committee is expected to pass HB 2650 on Tuesday morning. The full Senate is planning to address that bill after they return from their recess.

The state budget for the next fiscal year still poses an enormous hurdle for the legislature. They will await a new set of revenue numbers expected in mid-April, then address the budget when they return. They are expected to address a new highway plan as part of that larger budget deliberation.

The Senate has passed SB 385, which would remove the requirement of the State Board of Education to review and approve new school building plans. Schools must still comply with requirements set by the State Fire Marshal, and school building plans must be approved by an architect or engineer as meeting requirements.

The issue of fire codes addressed earlier this year in HB 2515, and thought to be dead, has drawn new life. The Senate amended the language from that bill into HB 2472, which was then passed by the full Senate. It will now go to a conference committee with the House, which had defeated that same language earlier in the session. The bill would prohibit local government entities from adopting a fire code that requires sprinkler systems in residential construction.

Committee work has mostly come to a halt as each chamber reviews bills on the floor and in conference committee. They plan to adjourn sometime next week and return on April 28 to wrap up their business. Stay tuned....

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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
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
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	03/08/2010 - Senate Scheduled Committee Review and Possible Action: Thursday, 3/11/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
H Sub for SB 302 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	On General Orders in House	03/19/2010 - House Committee Report: Substitute be passed by Transportation
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 385 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Fire safety and fire prevention; relating to school buildings	In House Insurance	03/22/2010 - House Referred to Insurance

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	Approved by Governor	03/24/2010 Approved by Governor Mark Parkinson
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	02/25/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/3/2010, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S; Final Action: Thursday, 3/4/2010, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 498 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In Senate Transportation	03/24/2010 - Senate Scheduled Committee Action: Tuesday, 3/30/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S
SB 510 Senate Agriculture Committee	Water; relating to the beneficial use of water	In Senate Natural Resources	02/15/2010 - Senate Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Natural Resources
Sub for SB 513 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Alternative project delivery building construction	Pending enrollment and presentation to Governor	03/19/2010 - House Final Action: Passed; Yeas 122, Nays 0
H Sub for Sub for SB 514 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Establishing the Community Defense Act	Nonconcurrent in Senate	03/24/2010 - Senate Nonconcurrent; Conference Committee requested; appointed Brungardt, Reitz and Faust-Goudeau
SB 515 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In Senate Transportation	03/24/2010 - Senate Scheduled Committee Action: Tuesday, 3/30/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S
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	03/08/2010 - Senate Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Assessment and Taxation
SB 537 Senate Judiciary Committee	Liens and claims against real or personal property	Nonconcurrent in Senate	03/24/2010 - House Nonconcurrent; Conference Committee requested; appointed Owens, D. Schmidt

			and Haley
SB 573 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities and counties; relating to residential fire protection sprinkler systems	In Senate Local Government	03/12/2010 - Senate Referred to Local Government; Scheduled Hearing, Possible Discussion and Action: Tuesday, 3/16/2010, 9:30 AM, Rm 144-S
Sub for HB 2029 Special Committee on Eminent Domain in Condemnation of Water Rights	Cities; relating to annexation	In Senate Local Government	03/15/2010 - Senate Scheduled Continued Hearing: Tuesday, 3/16/2010, 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
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
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 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 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	Approved by Governor	03/24/2010 Approved by Governor Mark Parkinson
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 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
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 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	On General Orders in House	03/18/2010 - House Committee Report: Be passed as amended by Federal and State Affairs
HB 2472 House Local Government Committee	Housing	In Conference Committee	03/23/2010 - Senate Acceded; appointed Reitz, Huntington and Kultala
HB 2493 House Appropriations Committee	Classifications of dams and water obstructions	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/19/2010 - House Designate Subcommittee: Wednesday, 2/24/2010, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2510 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amending the Vehicle Dealers and Manufacturers Licensing Act; relating to temporary vehicle registration	In Senate Transportation	02/24/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/3/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S
HB 2552 Jo Ann Pottorff, R-83rd	Enacting the midwest interstate passenger rail compact	Approved by Governor	03/24/2010 Approved by Governor Mark Parkinson
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 2650 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Designating part of United States Highway 75 as the James Lane Freedom Trail Memorial Highway	In Senate Transportation	02/24/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 3/2/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S
HB 2681 House Appropriations 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	02/10/2010 - House Referred to Transportation
HB 2690 House Appropriations Committee	Department of Administration; concerning competitive bids; preferring bids from within the state	In House General Government Budget	02/12/2010 - House Referred to General Government Budget
HB 2729 House Appropriations Committee	Cities and counties; creating energy management districts	In Senate Utilities	03/19/2010 - Senate Referred to Utilities