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Committee activity was at a high pitch this week as the legislature heads toward “turnaround”, which is next Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>. “Turnaround” means that most bills must be passed by the chamber in which they originated. If not, they are dead for the session. Certain committees are exempt from this deadline, so nothing is certain, but the volume of bills will die down significantly after the 25<sup>th</sup>. Each chamber will spend Wednesday through Friday next week working bills on the floor, so committees are scrambling to get bills passed out before that time.

There are several tax bills still in play, providing for a variety of policy changes including rates for capital gains, corporate income tax, sales tax, and income tax, the removal of several sales tax exemptions (including professional services), and many more. The effort to repeal the sales tax exemption on professional services has not picked up steam yet, but it’s very early and it will almost certainly receive attention yet this year.

The past week also saw the introduction of several bills that would create preferences for certain groups pursuing state contracts. SB 140 would set up a small and disadvantaged business development program, HB 2211 would require the Secretary of Administration to have a goal of awarding at least 3% of contracts for goods and services to businesses owned by disabled American veterans, and HB 2256 would require local units of government receiving an appropriation of \$500,000 or more from the state during a fiscal year to make a report on their efforts to use minority and disadvantaged contractors. It is unlikely that these bills will advance, but we have our eye on them all the same.

SB 112, amending land surveying statutes, was heard Thursday in Senate Federal and State Affairs. Opposition was minimal, and the bill is likely to pass. It is scheduled for a vote next Tuesday.

SB 115 is headed for passage as well. That bill would eliminate the long standing state highway advisory commission. KDOT has asked for this bill, and plans to put together a more multi-modal body to take the place of the old highway commission.

HB 2088, prohibiting local units of government from adopting any code requiring single family homes to be sprinkled, has passed the House and is now scheduled for hearing in the Senate Local Government Committee next Tuesday. This bill was highly contentious in the 2010 session, but flew through the House without much opposition this year. We’ll see at the hearing next week if the Senate remains skeptical.

HB 2194 was introduced and had a hearing in House Government Efficiency Wednesday. This bill would promote the outsourcing of goods and services to the private sector where feasible. It also would require the state to use a lowest responsible bidder procurement system for almost all goods and services. ACEC had extensive conversations with the bill’s author last year, after

which he agreed to exempt design services. That exemption is still included in the bill, so design procurement would remain unchanged, barring amendments.

HB 2200 would cut state contributions to schools for capital improvements and capital outlay. Wednesday, the House Education committee recommended it favorably for passage. The bill will likely be debated on the House floor next week.

Stay tuned....

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Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
<a href="#">SB 3</a> Legislative Post Audit Committee	Concerning water; establishing the Kansas natural resources subcabinet	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>01/11/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means
<a href="#">SB 70</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Limitation on entitlement to capital improvement state aid	In Senate Education	<b>01/28/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Education
<a href="#">SB 86</a> Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	5 year phase out of capital gains tax	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>02/04/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Assessment and Taxation
<a href="#">SB 95</a> Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Five-year phase out of income tax on corporations	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>02/04/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Assessment and Taxation
<a href="#">SB 98</a> Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Elimination of certain sales tax exemptions, imposition of sales tax on certain services, provision of sales tax exemption for certain purchases of food, and reduction of sales tax and certain income tax rates	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>02/04/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Assessment and Taxation
<a href="#">SB 112</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amendments to statutes pertaining to land surveyors	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	<b>02/16/2011 - Senate</b> Scheduled Discussion and possible action: Tuesday, 2/22/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">SB 115</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Abolishing the highway advisory commission	On Consent Calendar in Senate (1st day)	<b>02/17/2011 - Senate</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed and placed on Consent Calendar by Transportation
<a href="#">SB 119</a>	Rail service improvement program loans	On General Orders	<b>02/17/2011 - Senate</b>

Senate Ways and Means Committee	and grants	in Senate	Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Transportation
<a href="#">SB 124</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Concerning the Kansas Water Office; relating to water supply storage access and creating the Lower smoky hill water supply access program	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>02/09/2011 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/17/2011, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 140</a> Senate Commerce Committee	Kansas small and disadvantaged business development program act	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/14/2011 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/17/2011, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 171</a> Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Reinstatement of prevailing wage for state construction projects	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/10/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Commerce
<a href="#">SB 180</a> Senate Local Government Committee	Annexation procedures; deannexation; board of county commissioners duties; election required, when; homestead exemption; appeal process	In Senate Local Government	<b>02/16/2011 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/21/2011, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 191</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Amending the water rights conservation program	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>02/14/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Natural Resources
<a href="#">SB 208</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Long-term capital improvement program and facilities plans by public safety state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>02/17/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means
<a href="#">HB 2026</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Kansas immigration accountability act	In House Federal and State Affairs	<b>01/19/2011 - House</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">HB 2036</a> Bill Otto, R-9th	Interpretation of federal statutes; regulations and national codes	In House Judiciary	<b>01/26/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/3/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">HB 2065</a> House Local Government Committee	Cities annexation; deannexation; changes	In House Local Government	<b>02/03/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">HB 2072</a> House Judiciary Committee	Civil procedure, commercial property liens; state construction registry, notice of commencement and notice of furnishings	In House Judiciary	<b>02/03/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S

<a href="#">HB 2084</a> House Local Government Committee	Consolidation of cities and counties by dual majority vote	In House Local Government	<b>02/03/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">HB 2088</a> House Commerce and Economic Development Committee	Municipalities; sprinkler systems, residential housing; changes	In Senate Local Government	<b>02/16/2011 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/22/2011, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">HB 2091</a> Lance Kinzer, R-14th	Decreasing rate of sales and compensating use tax	In House Taxation	<b>01/26/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation; Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 1/31/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
<a href="#">HB 2096</a> House Vision 2020 Committee	Providing for a coordinated water data repository system; granting preservation easements; drinking water costs in water plan storage rates	In House Vision 2020 In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>01/27/2011 - House</b> Referred separately to Vision 2020 and Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">HB 2109</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Creating the Kansas dam rehabilitation program	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>01/27/2011 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">HB 2116</a> House Vision 2020 Committee	Establishing state property tax levy for state water infrastructure maintenance, construction, renovation and acquisition	In House Taxation	<b>01/28/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2120</a> House Government Efficiency Committee	Kansas government effectiveness and efficiency commission act	In House Government Efficiency	<b>02/09/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/14/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 546-S
<a href="#">HB 2127</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Municipalities; demand coordination by federal government and state government; regulations, policies	In House Local Government	<b>02/09/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/15/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">HB 2140</a> Special Committee on Legislative Streamlining	Repealing certain expired committees, task forces and requests for reports to the legislators	On Final Action in House	<b>02/17/2011 - House</b> Committee of the Whole: Be passed
<a href="#">HB 2156</a> Gene Suellentrop, R-105th	Five-year phase out of income tax on corporations	In House Taxation	<b>02/07/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation

<a href="#">HB 2160</a> House Taxation Committee	Establishing the simplified state tax structure committee	In House Taxation	<b>02/07/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation; Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
<a href="#">HB 2165</a> House Taxation Committee	Elimination of certain sales tax exemptions, imposition of sales tax on certain services, provision of sales tax exemption for certain purchases of food, and reduction of sales tax and certain income tax rates	In House Taxation	<b>02/07/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2170</a> House Transportation Committee	Rail service improvement program loans and grants	In House Transportation	<b>02/08/2011 - House</b> Referred to Transportation
<a href="#">HB 2175</a> House Transportation Committee	Abolishing the Highway Advisory Commission	On General Orders in House	<b>02/16/2011 - House</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Government Efficiency
<a href="#">HB 2183</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	An act concerning environmental protection; relating to the interstate environmental freedom compact	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/10/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/15/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB
<a href="#">HB 2194</a> House Appropriations Committee	Creating the council on efficient government; requirements concerning state contractors	In House Government Efficiency	<b>02/09/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 2/16/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 546-S
<a href="#">HB 2198</a> House Appropriations Committee	School districts; capital improvements fund; limitation on state aid entitlement	In House Education Budget	<b>02/09/2011 - House</b> Referred to Education Budget
<a href="#">HB 2200</a> House Education Committee	Concerning school districts; relating to state aid for capital improvements and capital outlay	On General Orders in House	<b>02/15/2011 - House</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Education
<a href="#">HB 2211</a> House Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee	Creating a preference for contracts for the performance of any job or service by a disabled veteran business	In House Commerce and Economic Development	<b>02/09/2011 - House</b> Referred to Commerce and Economic Development
<a href="#">HB 2225</a> House Transportation Committee	Rail service improvement loans and grants	In House Transportation	<b>02/09/2011 - House</b> Referred to Transportation

<a href="#">HB 2239</a> House Local Government Committee	Providing the district court with the authority to assess damage claims for vacating roads for counties less than 30,000	In House Judiciary	<b>02/10/2011 - House</b> Referred to Judiciary
<a href="#">HB 2256</a> House Commerce and Economic Development Committee	Contracts with small minority businesses	In House Commerce and Economic Development	<b>02/10/2011 - House</b> Referred to Commerce and Economic Development
<a href="#">HB 2272</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Exempting certain minor construction projects from state and federal water regulations	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/11/2011 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources; Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/17/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB
<a href="#">HB 2294</a> House Local Government Committee	Annexation procedures; deannexation; board of county commissioners duties; election required, when; homestead exemption; appeal process	In House Local Government	<b>02/11/2011 - House</b> Referred to Local Government; Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/15/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">HCR 5005</a> House Energy and Utilities Committee	Establishing targets for energy development, consumption and costs	In House Energy and Utilities	<b>01/21/2011 - House</b> Referred to Energy and Utilities; Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/27/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 785 DSOB
<a href="#">HCR 5009</a> Joint Committee on Energy and Environmental Policy	Urging the EPA to develop regulations that minimize adverse impacts	In House Energy and Utilities	<b>02/16/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/21/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 785 DSOB
<a href="#">HCR 5013</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Constitutional amendment to provide revenue, expenditure and taxation limitations on state government	In House Taxation	<b>02/11/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HR 6008</a> House Energy and Utilities Committee	Opposing the Environmental Protection Agency's regulatory train wreck	In House Energy and Utilities	<b>02/16/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/22/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 785 DSOB
<a href="#">HR 6009</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	A resolution to change the language of conservation easement assignments from "perpetuity" to "life of the project."	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/17/2011 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources