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The 2012 legislative session is officially underway!

As usual, activity in the first week was pretty light as committees and individual legislators get settled back into their routines. A few new bills were introduced, but no hearings are scheduled on bills of importance to ACEC Kansas at this point. Possibly the biggest news of the week was the release of Governor Brownback’s budget and the policy changes it entails. We were pleased to see that it does not touch the 4/10 sales tax currently in place that funds T-Works. That funding stream was not tapped, no transfers from the highway fund were requested, and the sales tax dollars will still go directly into the highway fund. This is all very good news. Any legislator can introduce legislation to change this model, so we will have to stay on our toes, but it’s a good start.

I have attached a global overview of the 2012 session for those who want data on broader policy questions in play this year.

Stay tuned...

Displaying records 1 through 52 of the 52 bills in your tracking list			
Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 3 Legislative Post Audit Committee	Concerning water; establishing the Kansas natural resources subcabinet	In Senate Ways and Means	01/11/2011 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
SB 70 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Limitation on entitlement to capital improvement state aid	In Senate Education	03/02/2011 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Education: Monday, 3/7/2011, 1:30 PM, Rm 152-S; Possible Action: Tuesday, 3/8/2011, 1:30 PM, Rm 152-S
SB 86 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	5 year phase out of capital gains tax	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/02/2011 - Senate Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Assessment and Taxation

Sub for SB 95 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Five-year phase out of income tax on corporations	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/09/2011 - Senate Committee Report: Substitute bill reported without recommendation by Assessment and Taxation; Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Assessment and Taxation; Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Tuesday, 3/15/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 152-S
SB 98 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	03/04/2011 - Senate Scheduled Staff briefing in Assessment and Taxation: Tuesday, 3/8/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 152-S; (cont'd) Wednesday, 3/9/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 152-S
SB 140 Senate Commerce Committee	Kansas Small and Disadvantaged Business Development Program Act	In Senate Commerce	02/14/2011 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/17/2011, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 171 Anthony Hensley, D- 19th	Reinstatement of prevailing wage for state construction projects	In Senate Commerce	02/10/2011 - Senate Referred to Commerce
SB 180 Senate Local Government Committee	Annexation procedures; deannexation; board of county commissioners duties; election required, when; homestead exemption; appeal process	In Senate Local Government	02/16/2011 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/21/2011, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
H Sub for SB 191 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Appropriations; department of agriculture; laboratory testing	On General Orders in House	05/06/2011 - House Committee of the Whole: Be passed over and retain a place on the Calendar
SB 208 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Long-term capital improvement program and facilities plans by public safety state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	02/17/2011 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means

<p>SB 220 Senate Ways and Means Committee</p>	<p>Abolishing the office of the state fire marshal and transferring the duties and functions thereof to the division of facilities management, the Kansas bureau of investigation and the division of emergency management</p>	<p>In Senate Federal and State Affairs</p>	<p>03/09/2011 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 3/15/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S</p>
<p>SB 223 Senate Ways and Means Committee</p>	<p>Public facilities; accessibility standards, disabled persons</p>	<p>In House Federal and State Affairs</p>	<p>03/28/2011 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs</p>
<p>SB 232 Senate Ways and Means Committee</p>	<p>Reduction to state income tax rates based on selected actual state general fund receipts computations, and sales tax rates and distribution</p>	<p>In Senate Assessment and Taxation</p>	<p>03/10/2011 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation</p>
<p>SB 235 Senate Ways and Means Committee</p>	<p>University engineering initiative act</p>	<p>In Senate Ways and Means</p>	<p>03/16/2011 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means; Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Ways and Means: Friday, 3/18/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S</p>
<p>SB 268 Senate Commerce Committee</p>	<p>Enacting the Kansas Small and Disadvantaged Business Development Act</p>	<p>In Senate Commerce</p>	<p>01/12/2012 - Senate Referred to Commerce</p>
<p>HB 2026 House Federal and State Affairs Committee</p>	<p>Kansas immigration accountability act</p>	<p>In House Federal and State Affairs</p>	<p>01/19/2011 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs</p>
<p>HB 2036 Bill Otto, R-9th</p>	<p>Interpretation of federal statutes; regulations and national codes</p>	<p>In House Judiciary</p>	<p>01/26/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/3/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S</p>
<p>HB 2065 House Local Government Committee</p>	<p>Cities annexation; deannexation; changes</p>	<p>In House Local Government</p>	<p>02/03/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S</p>

HB 2072 House Judiciary Committee	Civil procedure, commercial property liens; state construction registry, notice of commencement and notice of furnishings	In House Judiciary	02/03/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
HB 2084 House Local Government Committee	Consolidation of cities and counties by dual majority vote	In House Local Government	02/03/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
HB 2088 House Commerce and Economic Development Committee	Municipalities; sprinkler systems, residential housing; changes	In Senate Local Government	02/16/2011 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/22/2011, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
HB 2091 Lance Kinzer, R-14th	Decreasing rate of sales and compensating use tax	On General Orders in House	03/17/2011 - House Committee of the Whole: Motion to recommend favorably for passage failed
HB 2096 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	01/09/2012 - House Scheduled Hearing in Vision 2020: Wednesday, 1/11/2012, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
HB 2109 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Creating the Kansas dam rehabilitation program	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/23/2011 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2116 House Vision 2020 Committee	Establishing state property tax levy for state water infrastructure maintenance, construction, renovation and acquisition	In House Taxation	01/28/2011 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2120 House Government Efficiency Committee	Kansas government effectiveness and efficiency commission act	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	03/03/2011 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs; Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 3/10/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S

<p>HB 2127 House Federal and State Affairs Committee</p>	<p>Municipalities; demand coordination by federal government and state government; regulations, policies</p>	<p>In House Local Government</p>	<p>02/09/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/15/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S</p>
<p>HB 2140 Special Committee on Legislative Streamlining</p>	<p>Repealing certain expired committees, task forces and requests for reports to the legislators</p>	<p>In Senate Ways and Means</p>	<p>02/22/2011 - Senate Referred to Way and Means</p>
<p>S Sub for HB 2149 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee</p>	<p>University Engineering Initiative Act</p>	<p>In House Appropriations</p>	<p>04/27/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing (cont'd) and Possible Action in Appropriations: Thursday, 4/28/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S</p>
<p>HB 2156 Gene Suellentrop, R-105th</p>	<p>Five-year phase out of income tax on corporations</p>	<p>In House Taxation</p>	<p>02/07/2011 - House Referred to Taxation</p>
<p>HB 2160 House Taxation Committee</p>	<p>Establishing the simplified state tax structure committee</p>	<p>In House Taxation</p>	<p>02/23/2011 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible action: Thursday, 3/3/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB</p>
<p>HB 2165 House Taxation Committee</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>In House Taxation</p>	<p>02/07/2011 - House Referred to Taxation</p>
<p>HB 2170 House Transportation Committee</p>	<p>Rail service improvement program loans and grants</p>	<p>In House Transportation</p>	<p>02/08/2011 - House Referred to Transportation</p>
<p>HB 2175 House Transportation Committee</p>	<p>Abolishing the Highway Advisory Commission</p>	<p>In Conference Committee</p>	<p>05/12/2011 Scheduled Meeting in Conference Committee: Thursday, 5/12/2011, 1st recess of 2nd chamber, Rm 159-S</p>

HB 2183 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	An act concerning environmental protection; relating to the interstate environmental freedom compact	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/10/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/15/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2198 House Appropriations Committee	School districts; capital improvements fund; limitation on state aid entitlement	In House Education Budget	02/09/2011 - House Referred to Education Budget
HB 2200 House Education Committee	Concerning school districts; relating to state aid for capital improvements and capital outlay	In Senate Education	03/28/2011 - Senate Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Education
HB 2211 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	02/09/2011 - House Referred to Commerce and Economic Development
HB 2225 House Transportation Committee	Rail service improvement loans and grants	In House Transportation	02/09/2011 - House Referred to Transportation
HB 2239 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	02/10/2011 - House Referred to Judiciary
HB 2256 House Commerce and Economic Development Committee	Contracts with small minority businesses	In House Commerce and Economic Development	02/10/2011 - House Referred to Commerce and Economic Development
HB 2272 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Exempting certain minor construction projects from state and federal water regulations	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/11/2011 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources; Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/17/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB

HB 2294 House Local Government Committee	Annexation procedures; deannexation; board of county commissioners duties; election required, when; homestead exemption; appeal process	In Senate Local Government	03/09/2011 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Tuesday, 3/15/2011, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
HB 2358 House Appropriations Committee	Decreasing sales tax rate and earned income tax credit and food sales tax refund amounts	In House Taxation	02/21/2011 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2368 House Appropriations Committee	Concerning appropriations; deleting the 20% credit to the state general fund	On General Orders in House	03/09/2011 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Appropriations
HB 2369 House Appropriations Committee	Implementation of state fire marshal orders by a board of education	In House Education	03/07/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing in Education: Thursday, 3/10/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 784 DSOB
HB 2370 House Appropriations Committee	Abolishing the office of the state fire marshal and transferring the duties and functions thereof to the division of facilities management, the Kansas bureau of investigation and the division of emergency management	In House Transportation and Public Safety Budget	03/07/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing in Transportation and Public Safety Budget: Thursday, 3/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 142-S
HB 2379 House Taxation Committee	Reallocation of assessments after exemption of property and issuance of bonds in community improvement districts	In House Taxation	03/11/2011 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2381 House Taxation Committee	Reduction to state income tax rates based on selected actual state general fund receipts computations, and sales tax rates and distribution	On General Orders in House	03/15/2011 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Taxation
HB 2429 Legislative Educational Planning Committee	Removal of expiration date for the State Educational Institution Project Delivery Construction Procurement Act	In House Education Budget	01/11/2012 - House Referred to Education Budget

HCR 5005 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Establishing targets for energy development, consumption and costs	In House Energy and Utilities	01/21/2011 - House Referred to Energy and Utilities; Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/27/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 785 DSOB
HCR 5013 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Constitutional amendment to provide revenue, expenditure and taxation limitations on state government	In House Taxation	02/11/2011 - House Referred to Taxation