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The legislature is just a few hours from “first adjournment”, and will head home for a multi-week break. The only real issues of impact that remain are tax policy and the budget. Here is how it looks as we head into the break.

--Professional service taxes seem to be off the table. After several bills and several hearings this year, the legislature seems to have given up on this (for the moment) as a revenue stream.

--Sales tax for T-Works funding: This also seems to be safe from a raid (for the moment) after several efforts failed to divert money from this stream to the state general fund.

--T-Works funding: The Senate’s position is currently full funding of T-Works, while the House position would take just under \$25 million from the program and transfer it to the state general fund. This issue will not be resolved until they come back for the veto session. (More on that below.) On a very encouraging note, Senator John Vratil (part of the negotiating team) said that the Senate is strongly opposed to taking any money from the T-Works program.

The legislature will take the next several weeks off. They will return on April 25 for the “veto session”, where they will finish anything left undone, and most of the focus will be on the budget. They will have updated state revenue estimates at that time to help them craft their plan. If you would like to take advantage of their break to stay in touch with your legislators, here are several public forums announced by Economic Lifelines:

**Manhattan**- April 7th at 7:30 a.m. (Union Pacific Train Depot)

**Kansas City**- April 7th at 9:00 a.m. (KCK Public Library)

**Pittsburg**- April 7th at 9:00 a.m. (Via Christi Hospital, DePaul Hall)

**Wichita**- April 21st at 9:00 a.m. (WSU Hughes Metroplex- 5015 E 29th St)

We will be here to report activity when they return. Until then, enjoy the spring weather! Stay tuned....

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	Limitation on entitlement to capital improvement state aid	In Senate Education	<b>03/02/2011 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Education: Monday,

Committee			3/7/2011, 1:30 PM, Rm 152-S; Possible Action: Tuesday, 3/8/2011, 1:30 PM, Rm 152-S
<a href="#">SB 86</a> Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	5 year phase out of capital gains tax	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>03/02/2011 - Senate</b> Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Assessment and Taxation
<a href="#">Sub for SB 95</a> Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Five-year phase out of income tax on corporations	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>03/09/2011 - Senate</b> 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
<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>03/04/2011 - Senate</b> 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
<a href="#">H Sub for SB 177</a> Senate Utilities Committee	Taxation; income and privilege tax rates; income tax deductions and credits and income determination; distribution of sales and use tax revenue; and severance tax exemptions	In Conference Committee	<b>03/26/2012 - House</b> Acceded; appointed Carlson, Kleeb and Dillmore
<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="#">SB 220</a> Senate Ways and Means 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 Senate Federal and State Affairs	<b>03/09/2011 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 3/15/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">SB 223</a>	Public facilities; accessibility	In House Federal and	<b>01/19/2012 - House</b>

Senate Ways and Means Committee	standards, disabled persons	State Affairs	Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Monday, 1/23/2012, 1:30 PM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">SB 232</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Reduction to state income tax rates based on selected actual state general fund receipts computations, and sales tax rates and distribution	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>03/10/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Assessment and Taxation
<a href="#">SB 235</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	University engineering initiative act	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>03/16/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means; Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Ways and Means: Friday, 3/18/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 301</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Board of Technical Professions; terms of members	Pending enrollment	<b>03/28/2012 - Senate</b> Concurred; Yeas 40, Nays 0
<a href="#">SB 310</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Establishing local enhanced management areas	Pending action by Governor	<b>03/26/2012 - Senate</b> Enrolled and presented to Governor
<a href="#">SB 312</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Sales and compensating use tax; rate of taxation and distribution of revenues	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>02/15/2012 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Thursday, 2/16/2012, 10:30 AM, Rm 152-S
<a href="#">SB 387</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Qualifications of the state fire marshal	On Final Action in House	<b>03/29/2012 - House</b> Committee of the Whole: Be passed
<a href="#">SB 396</a> Senate Judiciary Committee	Lateral support of land and buildings; protections for party walls	In Senate Judiciary	<b>03/07/2012 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Judiciary: Wednesday, 3/14/2012, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 405</a> Ralph Ostmeyer, R-40th	Existing private wastewater systems	On General Orders in Senate	<b>03/19/2012 - Senate</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Natural Resources

<a href="#">SB 430</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Income tax rates, adjustments, procedure and requirements; eliminate refund ability of income tax credits; presumptions relating to nexus for sales tax purposes; and severance tax exemptions	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>03/07/2012 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Tuesday, 3/13/2012, 10:30 AM, Rm 152-S
<a href="#">SB 435</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Establishing a conservation reserve enhancement program (CREP)	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>03/02/2012 - Senate</b> Scheduled Possible Final Action in Ways and Means: Tuesday, 3/6/2012, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 456</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Creating the municipality infrastructure improvement program	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>03/08/2012 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means
<a href="#">SCR 1611</a> Vicki Schmidt, R-20th	Constitutional amendment; creating a contingency reserve fund in the state treasury; annual transfers; withdrawals only under certain circumstances	On General Orders in Senate	<b>02/21/2012 - Senate</b> Committee Report recommending resolution be adopted by 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 2084</a> House Local Government Committee	Consolidation of cities and counties by dual majority vote	In House Local Government	<b>03/08/2012 - House</b> Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Local Government
<a href="#">HB 2109</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Creating the Kansas dam rehabilitation program	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/23/2011 - House</b> Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred 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 Senate Federal and State Affairs	<b>03/03/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs; Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 3/10/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-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	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>02/22/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Way and Means
<a href="#">S Sub for HB 2149</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	University Engineering Initiative Act	In House Appropriations	<b>04/27/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing (cont'd) and Possible Action in Appropriations: Thursday, 4/28/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S
<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>02/23/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Discussion and Possible action: Thursday, 3/3/2011, 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 2175</a> House Transportation Committee	Abolishing the Highway Advisory Commission	In Conference Committee	<b>05/12/2011</b> Scheduled Meeting in Conference Committee: Thursday, 5/12/2011, 1st recess of 2nd chamber, Rm 159-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="#">S Sub for HB 2200</a> House Education Committee	School finance; amendment to base state aid per pupil; increasing state prescribed percentage for local option budget	In House Education Budget	<b>03/26/2012 - House</b> Ruled materially changed; Introduced; Referred to Education Budget
<a href="#">HB 2358</a> House Appropriations Committee	Decreasing sales tax rate and earned income tax credit and food sales tax refund amounts	In House Taxation	<b>02/21/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2369</a> House Appropriations Committee	Implementation of state fire marshal orders by a board of education	In House Education	<b>03/07/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Education: Thursday, 3/10/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 784 DSOB
<a href="#">HB 2370</a> 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	<b>03/07/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Transportation and Public Safety Budget: Thursday, 3/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 142-S
<a href="#">HB 2379</a> House Taxation Committee	Reallocation of assessments after exemption of property and issuance of bonds in community improvement districts	In House Taxation	<b>03/11/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2381</a> 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	<b>03/15/2011 - House</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2429</a> Legislative Educational Planning Committee	Removal of expiration date for the State Educational Institution Project Delivery Construction Procurement Act	Pending action by Governor	<b>03/23/2012 - House</b> Enrolled and presented to Governor

<a href="#">HB 2442</a> House Social Services Budget Committee	Relating to employment of disabled individuals and competitive bids for state contracts	On General Orders in House	<b>03/19/2012 - House</b> Withdrawn from Calendar; rereferred to Appropriations; Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Appropriations
<a href="#">Sub for HB 2455</a> House Energy and Utilities Committee	Motor fuel tax; long-term feasibility study	Pending enrollment	<b>03/21/2012 - Senate</b> Final Action: Passed; Yeas 34, Nays 6
<a href="#">HB 2472</a> House Energy and Utilities Committee	Rural water districts; definitions	Approved by Governor	<b>03/26/2012</b> Approved by Governor Sam Brownback
<a href="#">HB 2515</a> House Commerce and Economic Development Committee	Competitive Bid Protection Act	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>03/07/2012 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Tuesday, 3/13/2012, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">HB 2516</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Allowing a water bank charter to become permanent	In Conference Committee	<b>03/27/2012 - Senate</b> Acceded; appointed Taddiken, Teichman and Francisco
<a href="#">HB 2517</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Making the water transition assistance program permanent	In Conference Committee	<b>03/27/2012 - Senate</b> Acceded; appointed Taddiken, Teichman and Francisco
<a href="#">HB 2628</a> House Taxation Committee	Reducing sales tax rate to 5.3% commencing July 1, 2012	In House Taxation	<b>02/06/2012 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2649</a> House Government Efficiency Committee	Repeal of certain water statutes	Nonconcurrent in House	<b>03/29/2012 - House</b> Nonconcurrent; Conference Committee requested; appointed Powell, Kerschen and Williams
<a href="#">HB 2667</a> House Taxation	Comprehensive plan for reduction of sales tax rate and income tax rates,	In House Taxation	<b>02/09/2012 - House</b> Referred to Taxation

Committee	elimination of certain sales tax exemptions, imposition of sales tax on certain services and provision of sales tax exemption for certain purchases of food		
<a href="#">HB 2685</a> House Energy and Utilities Committee	Allowing eligible water right holders to create reservoir improvement districts	Pending enrollment	<b>03/28/2012 - House</b> Concurred; Yeas 117, Nays 6
<a href="#">HB 2687</a> House Government Efficiency Committee	State Building Advisory Commission, reports and recommendations on state capital improvement budget estimates	Pending enrollment	<b>03/20/2012 - Senate</b> Final Action: Passed; Yeas 40, Nays 0
<a href="#">HB 2692</a> House Vision 2020 Committee	Distribution of sales and use tax revenue; funding streams to the state water plan fund	In House Taxation	<b>02/09/2012 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2705</a> House Government Efficiency Committee	State building construction, monthly progress reports on capital improvement projects by secretary of administration	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>03/01/2012 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means
<a href="#">HB 2708</a> House Appropriations Committee	Renewable energy resources	In Senate Utilities	<b>02/29/2012 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Utilities: Wednesday, 3/7/2012, 1:30 PM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">HB 2747</a> House Taxation Committee	Taxation, rate reduction for income and privilege tax based state general fund receipts computations; income tax, deductions, credits and income determination; distribution of sales and use tax revenue; severance tax exemption; and rural opportunity zones	In House Taxation	<b>02/15/2012 - House</b> Referred to Taxation; Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Wednesday, 2/15/2012, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB; Continued - Thursday, 2/16/2012, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
<a href="#">HB 2755</a> House Appropriations Committee	Allowing the Kansas fairgrounds foundation to construct a building on the state fairgrounds, using private moneys; requires state fair board approval	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>03/28/2012 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Thursday, 3/29/2012, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">HB 2763</a> House Taxation Committee	Enacting the Kansas Economic Freedom Act of 2014	In House Taxation	<b>03/07/2012 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing (Pro) in Taxation: Wednesday, 3/14/2012, 3:30 PM, Rm 783



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<a href="#">HB 2776</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	State Fire Marshal; prohibit adoption of certain fire codes	In House Local Government	<b>03/12/2012 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Tuesday, 3/13/2012, 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 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