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Week 11 saw the end of most committee action, with both legislative chambers spending most of their time on the floor. Both chambers wrapped up their work Wednesday and headed home. Next week will see a high volume of work in conference committees as House and Senate conferees try to reconcile different versions of legislation passed in their respective chambers. They will spend the last part of next week on the floor passing as many bills as possible before they go on First Adjournment Friday and head home for three weeks.

The Senate this week passed a budget for the next two fiscal years. It was just over \$140 million in the red, meaning the state would have to come up with that much money in extra/new revenue. Those tax rises are viewed as improbable, so this budget is certainly the first draft, not the last. The House did not choose to pass a budget of their own before leaving town. With tax increases looking unlikely at this time, all parts of the budget remain “at risk” moving forward. ACEC Kansas continues to work hard to protect infrastructure funding from additional cuts.

There was significant forward progress on HB 2177 (Kansas Voluntary Cleanup Act), HB 2192 (creating environmental stewardship fund), and HB 2193 (creating a risk management program under the Kansas Voluntary Cleanup Fund) this week. These are bills that ACEC Kansas has supported throughout the session, with Pat Goeke offering testimony on behalf of ACEC Kansas. The contents of HB 2177 were amended into HB 2193, which means we are now pushing HB 2192 and HB 2193. Both of those bills passed the Senate this week, which is great news! HB 2192 should be on its way to the Governor for signature. HB 2193, because it was amended, should be headed to a conference committee of the House and Senate. It seems likely that it will be passed. We will keep you posted as the conference committee efforts progress.

Sub for HB 2224, which is now the bill carrying the proposed changes to statutes governing the Board of Technical Professions, is currently awaiting action by the full House.

HB 2395 would change the threshold below which state building projects can hire architects and engineers using an “on call” basis to \$1 million. ACEC Kansas testified in support of this bill. It passed the House this week 120-4 and will now head to the Senate.

Next week will be busy as they hurry to pass bills before the First Adjournment deadline Friday and a multi-week break from the Capitol. Stay tuned...

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
H Sub for SB 4 Legislative Post Audit Committee	Appropriation revisions and supplementals for FY 2015 and FY 2016 for various state agencies	Approved by Governor	02/10/2015 Approved by Governor Sam Brownback
H Sub for SB 7 Legislative Post Audit Committee	Creating the classroom learning assuring student success act; making and concerning appropriations for fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, for the department of education	Approved by Governor	03/25/2015 Approved by Governor Sam Brownback

SB 24 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Technical professions act; definitions clarification	In House Federal and State Affairs	03/04/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 3/10, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S
SB 29 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Removal of community improvement district sales tax administration fund aggregate cap	In House Taxation	03/04/2015 - House Referred to Taxation
SB 35 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, and FY 2018 for various state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	01/20/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Thursday, 1/22/2015, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
H Sub for SB 36 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Creating the local conservation lending program	Nonconcurd in Senate	03/25/2015 - Senate Nonconcurd; Conference Committee requested; appointed Powell, Kerschen and Francisco
SB 52 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Authorizing chief engineer to allow augmentation to secure water	Pending motion to concur	03/25/2015 - House Emergencied to Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 124, Nays 0
SB 64 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Public water supply storage; interest rate change	Introduced in House	03/25/2015 - House Received and introduced
SB 80 Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Enacting the Kansas working families pay raise act	In Senate Commerce	01/27/2015 - Senate Referred to Commerce
SB 81 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Appropriation revisions and supplementals for FY 2015 and FY 2016 for various state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	01/28/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Wednesday, 1/28/2015, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 107 Senate Commerce Committee	Public entities expenditures for energy projects intended to reduce energy costs	In Senate Commerce	02/11/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Tuesday, 2/17, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 118 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Amending the powers and duties of the Kansas department of agriculture division of conservation and the state conservation commission	In Senate Natural Resources	02/02/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
SB 124 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Eliminating the sunset on landspreading of oil and gas drilling waste	In Conference Committee	03/25/2015 - House Acceded; appointed Schwartz, Boldra and Victors

SB 138 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Prohibiting the secretary of health and environment from adopting rules and regulations relating to confined feeding facilities that are more restrictive than federal law	In Senate Natural Resources	02/04/2015 - Senate Referred to Natural Resources
SB 209 Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Repealing the prohibition against agencies and municipalities requiring contractors to enter into certain labor agreements for public works construction projects	In Senate Commerce	02/12/2015 - Senate Referred to Commerce
SB 210 Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Requiring employment of Kansas workers for certain state contracts and tax incentives	In Senate Commerce	02/12/2015 - Senate Referred to Commerce
SB 211 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Technical professions; scope of practice	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/12/2015 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 227 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Local enhanced management areas; due consideration; corrective control measures	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	03/16/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Monday, 3/16, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
SB 245 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Repealer; certain bridge inspections	Introduced in House	03/25/2015 - House Received and introduced
SB 246 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Exempting certain state leases from energy audit requirements when such energy audit is not economically feasible	In House Energy and Environment	03/24/2015 - House Referred to Energy and Environment
SB 250 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Joint committee on state building construction; reports of the secretary of administration	On General Orders in Senate	03/23/2015 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Ways and Means
SB 253 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Renewable energy standards act sunset	In Senate Utilities	03/04/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Utilities: Tuesday, 3/10, 1:30 PM, Rm 548-S
SB 268 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Changes to stream maintenance and obstruction requirements	In Senate Natural Resources	03/17/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Thursday, 3/19, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
SB 275 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Establishing water conservation areas	In Senate Natural Resources	03/11/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Wednesday, 3/18, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S

HB 2003 Michael Houser, R-1st	Cities; annexation of non-adjoining land	On General Orders in Senate	03/24/2015 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Local Government
HB 2012 Jim Ward, D-86th	Enacting the Kansas working families pay raise act	In House Appropriations	01/13/2015 - House Referred to Appropriations
HB 2014 Tom Sloan, R-45th	Authorizing the Kansas water office, with approval of the Kansas water authority, to establish the clean drinking water fee by rules and regulations and imposing a cap on such fee	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget	02/13/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget: Thursday, 2/19, 1:30 PM, Rm 142-S
HB 2015 Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight	Juvenile offenders; prohibiting placement in a juvenile correctional facility for a current misdemeanor adjudication	In House Appropriations	02/20/2015 - House Withdrawn from Corrections and Juvenile Justice; referred to Appropriations
HB 2019 House Vision 2020 Committee	Property tax levy for the Kansas educational building fund	In House Taxation	01/28/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Wednesday, 2/4/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N
HB 2023 House Judiciary Committee	Legislative review of exceptions to disclosure of public records	Pending action by Governor	03/24/2015 - House Enrolled and presented to Governor
HB 2035 House Education Committee	Amending the tax credit for low income students scholarship program act	In House Education	01/20/2015 - House Referred to Education
HB 2036 House Vision 2020 Committee	Electricity and the sale of renewable energy	In House Energy and Environment	01/20/2015 - House Referred to Energy and Environment
HB 2037 House Vision 2020 Committee	Renewable energy generation and tax exempt entities	In House Energy and Environment	01/20/2015 - House Referred to Energy and Environment
HB 2038 House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, and FY 2018 for various state agencies	In House Appropriations	01/20/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Appropriations: Wednesday, 1/21/2015, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N
HB 2039 House Judiciary Committee	Domestic case management	In House Judiciary	01/21/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Judiciary: Wednesday, 1/28/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 112-N

HB 2059 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Authorizing chief engineer to allow augmentation to secure water	In Senate Natural Resources	03/09/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Thursday, 3/12, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
HB 2063 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Amending the definition of project in the public water supply project loan program	In Senate Natural Resources	03/11/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Thursday, 3/19, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
HB 2068 House Transportation Committee	Removing requirement that bicycles use path	In House Transportation	01/28/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Transportation: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 582-N
HB 2069 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Allowing carryover and a change application for place of use for multi-year flex accounts	Stricken from House calendar	03/04/2015 - House Stricken from Calendar, House Rule 1507
HB 2085 House Appropriations Committee	Contracts between the secretary of transportation and the Kansas Turnpike Authority; annual reports from the authority; director of operations	Pending action by Governor	03/24/2015 - House Enrolled and presented to Governor
HB 2133 House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions and supplementals for FY 2015 and FY 2016 for various state agencies	In House Appropriations	01/29/2015 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Appropriations: Monday, 2/2/2015, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N
HB 2153 House Appropriations Committee	Taxpayer empowerment, accountability and transparency in state contracting act	In House Appropriations	01/29/2015 - House Referred to Appropriations
HB 2156 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Public water supply storage; interest rate change	In Senate Natural Resources	02/25/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Wednesday, 3/4, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
S Sub for HB 2177 House Energy and Environment Committee	Establishing water conservation areas	Pending motion to concur	03/25/2015 - Senate Emergencied to Final Action: Passed; Yeas 39, Nays 0
HB 2192 House Energy and Environment Committee	Kansas storage tank act	Pending enrollment	03/24/2015 - Senate Final Action: Passed; Yeas 40, Nays 0
HB 2193	Solid and hazardous waste and the risk	Pending motion to concur	03/24/2015 - Senate

House Energy and Environment Committee	management program act		Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 40, Nays 0
HB 2194 House Transportation Committee	Establishing a safety corridor program	In House Transportation	02/04/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Transportation: Thursday, 2/12/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 582-N
Sub for HB 2224 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Technical professions act; definitions clarification	On General Orders in House	03/17/2015 - House Committee Report recommending substitute be passed by Federal and State Affairs
HB 2227 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Creating water conservation areas	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/05/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/12/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
HB 2233 House Energy and Environment Committee	Electric utilities and carbon dioxide emissions	Passed in House	03/25/2015 - House Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 121, Nays 3
HB 2245 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amending procedure for cases involving groundwater	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/06/2015 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2255 House Transportation Committee	Prohibiting the secretary of transportation from entering agreements or issuing bonds after December 31, 2014, for the transportation revolving fund and the communication systems revolving fund; repealing the intermodal transportation revolving fund	In House Transportation	02/11/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Transportation: Tuesday, 2/17, 1:30 PM, Rm 582-N
HB 2267 House Appropriations Committee	Alternative project delivery; notice requirements and selection procedures	Pending action by Governor	03/24/2015 - House Enrolled and presented to Governor
HB 2296 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities and counties; public building commission; revenue bonds; election required	On General Orders in House	03/13/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Local Government
HB 2303 House Appropriations Committee	Allowing the secretary of health and environment to establish variances to water quality standards	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	03/05/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Wednesday, 3/11, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
HB 2314 Tom Burroughs, D-33rd	Repealing the prohibition against agencies and municipalities requiring contractors to enter into certain labor agreements for public works construction projects	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic	02/12/2015 - House Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic

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HB 2317 Brandon Whipple, D-96th	Requiring employment of Kansas workers for certain state contracts and tax incentives	In House Taxation	02/13/2015 - House Withdrawn from Commerce, Labor and Economic Development; referred to Taxation
HB 2351 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Allowing conservation districts to sponsor local enhanced management areas	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	03/05/2015 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2373 House Taxation Committee	Renewable energy standards act sunset	In House Energy and Environment	03/13/2015 - House Scheduled Final Action in Energy and Environment: Wednesday, 3/18, 9:00 AM, Rm 582-N (CANCELED)
HB 2395 House Appropriations Committee	State building projects; negotiating committees; alternative procurement	Pending motion to concur	03/25/2015 - House Emergencied to Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 120, Nays 4
HB 2407 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	State infrastructure projects; allowing for public private agreements	In House Federal and State Affairs	03/12/2015 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs
HB 2414 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Department of health and environment and economic impact reports for state implementation plans	In House Energy and Environment	03/18/2015 - House Referred to Energy and Environment
HCR 5011 House Education Budget Committee	Foresight 2020 strategic plan	In House Education	02/03/2015 - House Referred to Education