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Week eight saw almost no activity at the Capitol. The legislature was off Monday and Tuesday. Friday is “pro forma”, meaning virtually everybody went home Thursday. Thursday afternoon there was a funeral service for a family member of a State Representative that many legislators attended. Between these events, the halls were very quiet this week.

ACEC Kansas did engage in testimony on HB 2395. Jarrod Mann testified on behalf of ACEC Kansas in favor of HB 2395. Specifically the provision in the bill that increases the threshold below which the Regents can use on call contracts to \$1 million. There was another provision in the bill dealing with notice of public meetings on certain projects, and ACEC Kansas was neutral on that portion of the bill. The public meeting portion generated some concern from AGC Kansas and at least one legislator, but the increased on call threshold seemed to be well received.

Next Tuesday the House Federal and State Affairs Committee will hear SB 24, our update to the statutes governing the Board of Technical Professions. This bill passed the Senate 40-0, but we are hearing there will be opposition from a couple individual architects on the House side. We are working to ensure this bill continues to move forward.

There is an effort to sunset the states renewable portfolio standard (RPS) in each chamber, and both those bills will be heard next week. This was an enormous fight last year, with supporters of RPS barely prevailing. It proves to be a substantial fight again this year.

Largely quiet on budget issues this week, but that will change soon. There are two more weeks of committee hearings, then action will turn to the full chambers and a few conference committees. 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
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

SB 36 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Allowing carryover and a change application for place of use for multi-year flex accounts	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/23/2015 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
SB 52 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Authorizing chief engineer to allow augmentation to secure water	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/24/2015 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
SB 64 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Public water supply storage; interest rate change	On General Orders in Senate	02/12/2015 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Natural Resources
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 House Agriculture and Natural Resources	03/05/2015 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
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 Energy and Environment	03/05/2015 - House Referred to Energy and Environment
SB 245 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Repealer; certain bridge inspections	In Senate Transportation	02/18/2015 - Senate Referred to Transportation
SB 246 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Exempting certain state leases from energy audit requirements when such energy audit is not economically feasible	In Senate Utilities	03/04/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Utilities: Monday, 3/9, 1:30 PM, Rm 548-S
SB 250 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Joint committee on state building construction; reports of the secretary of administration	In Senate Ways and Means	02/19/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Monday, 2/23, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
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	02/26/2015 - Senate Referred to Natural Resources
HB 2003 Michael Houser, R-1st	Cities; annexation of non-adjoining land	In Senate Local Government	02/12/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Local Government: Tuesday, 2/17, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
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 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	In Senate Judiciary	03/04/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Judiciary: Monday, 3/9, 10:30 AM, Rm 346-S
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	03/04/2015 - Senate Referred to Natural Resources
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	03/04/2015 - Senate Referred to Natural Resources
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	02/17/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2085 House Appropriations Committee	Contracts between the secretary of transportation and the Kansas Turnpike Authority; annual reports from the authority;	In Senate Ways and Means	03/04/2015 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means

	director of operations		
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
HB 2177 House Energy and Environment Committee	Voluntary cleanup and property redevelopment act	In Senate Natural Resources	03/04/2015 - Senate Referred to Natural Resources
HB 2192 House Energy and Environment Committee	Kansas storage tank act	In Senate Natural Resources	03/04/2015 - Senate Referred to Natural Resources
HB 2193 House Energy and Environment Committee	Solid and hazardous waste and the risk management program act	In Senate Natural Resources	03/04/2015 - Senate Referred to Natural Resources
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
HB 2224 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Scope of practice for technical professions	In House Federal and State Affairs	02/05/2015 - House Referred to 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	In House Appropriations	02/26/2015 - House Withdrawn from General Orders; referred to Appropriations
HB 2245	Amending procedure for cases involving	In House Agriculture and	02/06/2015 - House

House Federal and State Affairs Committee	groundwater	Natural Resources	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	In Senate Commerce	03/05/2015 - Senate Referred to Commerce
HB 2296 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities and counties; public building commission; revenue bonds; election required	In House Local Government	02/18/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Tuesday, 2/24, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N
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	02/12/2015 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
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 Development	02/12/2015 - House Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
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 Appropriations	02/26/2015 - House Withdrawn from Agriculture and Natural Resources; referred to Appropriations
HB 2373 House Taxation Committee	Renewable energy standards act sunset	In House Energy and Environment	03/04/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Energy and Environment: Wednesday, 3/11, 9:00 AM, Rm 582-N
HB 2395 House Appropriations Committee	State building projects; negotiating committees; alternative procurement	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	03/04/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: Thursday, 3/5, 1:30 PM, Rm 346-S
HCR 5011 House Education Budget Committee	Foresight 2020 strategic plan	In Senate Education	02/03/2015 - House Referred to Education