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Week 5 under the dome was action packed. Each chamber passed their version of a supplemental budget for the balance of the fiscal year. No sooner was this done, however, then the financial paradigm changed dramatically. The Kansas Supreme Court released a decision in the *Gannon* school finance case which deemed the current "block grant" school funding formula unconstitutional. This means the legislature will have to both craft a new formula *and* come up with whatever additional dollars are required to stay compliant with the Supreme Court decision. Those of you that are students of history will know this is, yet again, time to hang on to your infrastructure wallet.

The most consuming item for ACEC remains the two recommendations from the state's Alvarez & Marsal efficiency study that we have discussed previously. First is the hiring of 20 additional KDOT engineers on the grounds that they can do the work cheaper and more efficiently than the private sector. Second is a recommendation to move away from the state's qualifications based selection (QBS) procurement process for professional services. These were in the original Alvarez study, which was preliminary. The more complete report is supposed to be released today or early next week.

The hearings on these two items will start in subcommittees next week. ACEC Kansas has been lobbying nonstop to help educate legislators on the perils of these recommendations. We will be there to deliver testimony when the time comes.

We are probably getting close to the time when we will send out a "call to action" to all our members asking them to contact their legislators. I hope you will keep an eye out for that, and I hope you will make those contacts when the time comes. These are critical issues, and we do not intend to lose, but we will need your help.

Stay tuned...

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
<a href="#">SB 24</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Technical professions act; definitions clarification	In House Federal and State Affairs	<b>03/04/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 3/10, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">H Sub for SB 29</a> Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Concerning taxation; relating to income tax, rates, itemized deductions, credits, income modifications and rural opportunity zones; tax amnesty; sales and compensating use tax, rates, food and distribution thereof; sales tax authority for Bourbon, Douglas and Thomas counties; cigarettes, rates; property taxation, consolidated fire districts	On General Orders in House	<b>05/28/2015 - House</b> Not subject to limitations of Joint Rule 4(k); Motion to emergency to Final Action, amendment and debate, failed
<a href="#">SB 35</a> 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	<b>01/20/2015 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Thursday, 1/22/2015, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 64</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Public water supply storage; interest rate change	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>03/31/2015 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">SB 81</a>	Appropriation revisions and supplementals for FY 2015	In Senate Ways and	<b>01/28/2015 - Senate</b>

Senate Ways and Means Committee	and FY 2016 for various state agencies	Means	Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Wednesday, 1/28/2015, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 107</a> Senate Commerce Committee	Public entities expenditures for energy projects intended to reduce energy costs	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/11/2015 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Tuesday, 2/17, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 118</a> 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	<b>02/02/2015 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 138</a> 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	<b>02/04/2015 - Senate</b> Referred to Natural Resources
<a href="#">H Sub for SB 161</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2016, FY 2017 and FY 2018 for various state agencies	Pending motion to concur or nonconcur	<b>02/11/2016 - House</b> Motion to return to Appropriations Committee, failed; Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 68, Nays 56
<a href="#">SB 209</a> 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	<b>02/12/2015 - Senate</b> Referred to Commerce
<a href="#">SB 210</a> Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Requiring employment of Kansas workers for certain state contracts and tax incentives	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/12/2015 - Senate</b> Referred to Commerce
<a href="#">SB 211</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Technical professions; scope of practice	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	<b>02/12/2015 - Senate</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">SB 227</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Local enhanced management areas; due consideration; corrective control measures	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>03/16/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Monday, 3/16, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">SB 245</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Repealer; certain bridge inspections	In House Transportation	<b>03/31/2015 - House</b> Referred to Transportation
<a href="#">SB 246</a> 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	<b>01/20/2016 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Energy and Environment: Wednesday, 1/27, 9:00 AM, Rm 582-N
<a href="#">SB 250</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Joint committee on state building construction; reports of the secretary of administration	On General Orders in House	<b>01/25/2016 - House</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Appropriations
<a href="#">SB 268</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Changes to stream maintenance and obstruction requirements	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>03/17/2015 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Thursday, 3/19, 8:30 AM,

			Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 275</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Establishing water conservation areas	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>03/11/2015 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Wednesday, 3/18, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 316</a> Jacob LaTurner, R-13th	Property tax lid; effective date; exemptions	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>01/12/2016 - Senate</b> Referred to Assessment and Taxation
<a href="#">SB 322</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Creating application requirement and fee to appropriate surface water that otherwise leaves the state	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>02/01/2016 - Senate</b> Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/4, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 329</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Clarifying approval of a change application for place of use for multi-year flex accounts	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>02/09/2016 - Senate</b> Scheduled Possible Action in Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/11, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 330</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Establishing the Kansas conservation reserve enhancement program	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>02/09/2016 - Senate</b> Scheduled Subcom. discussion in Natural Resources: Friday, 2/12, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 337</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Creating a penalty for failure to report annual water use	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>02/09/2016 - Senate</b> Scheduled Possible Action in Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/11, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 354</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2016, FY 2017 and FY 2018 for various state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>02/05/2016 - Senate</b> Scheduled Possible Action in Ways and Means: Monday, 2/8, 11:15 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 356</a> Senate Education Committee	Creating the school district bond project review board	In Senate Education	<b>02/08/2016 - Senate</b> Scheduled Possible Action in Education: Thursday, 2/11, 1:30 PM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">SB 365</a> Senate Commerce Committee	Enacting the contaminated property redevelopment act	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/10/2016 - Senate</b> Scheduled Final Action in Commerce: Thursday, 2/18, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 389</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2018 for the state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>02/05/2016 - Senate</b> Scheduled Possible Action in Ways and Means: Monday, 2/8, 11:15 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 394</a> Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Enacting the supporting families act, relating to temporary care for children	In Senate Judiciary	<b>02/05/2016 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Judiciary: Thursday, 2/11, 10:30 AM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">SB 396</a> Senate Judiciary	Kansas sunset law	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>02/03/2016 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and

Committee			Means
<a href="#">SB 411</a> Senate Utilities Committee	Utilities and electric transmission lines	In Senate Utilities	<b>02/05/2016 - Senate</b> Referred to Utilities
<a href="#">SB 412</a> Senate Utilities Committee	Water district No. 1 of Johnson County and purposes of property easement	In Senate Utilities	<b>02/10/2016 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Utilities: Monday, 2/15, 1:30 PM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 416</a> Senate Utilities Committee	Vehicle tire tax and abolishing the solid waste grants advisory committee	In Senate Utilities	<b>02/09/2016 - Senate</b> Referred to Utilities
<a href="#">SB 417</a> Senate Utilities Committee	Concerning utilities and the department of health and environment	In Senate Utilities	<b>02/09/2016 - Senate</b> Referred to Utilities
<a href="#">SCR 1608</a> Senate Transportation Committee	Constitutional amendment limiting transfers from the state highway fund	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>02/03/2016 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means
<a href="#">HB 2014</a> 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	<b>02/13/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget: Thursday, 2/19, 1:30 PM, Rm 142-S
<a href="#">HB 2015</a> 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	<b>02/20/2015 - House</b> Withdrawn from Corrections and Juvenile Justice; referred to Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 2019</a> House Vision 2020 Committee	Property tax levy for the Kansas educational building fund	In House Taxation	<b>01/28/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Wednesday, 2/4/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N
<a href="#">HB 2035</a> House Education Committee	Amending the tax credit for low income students scholarship program act	In House Education	<b>01/20/2015 - House</b> Referred to Education
<a href="#">HB 2036</a> House Vision 2020 Committee	Electricity and the sale of renewable energy	In House Energy and Environment	<b>01/20/2015 - House</b> Referred to Energy and Environment
<a href="#">HB 2037</a> House Vision 2020 Committee	Renewable energy generation and tax exempt entities	In House Energy and Environment	<b>01/20/2015 - House</b> Referred to Energy and Environment
<a href="#">HB 2038</a> House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, and FY 2018 for various state agencies	In House Appropriations	<b>01/20/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Appropriations: Wednesday, 1/21/2015, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N
<a href="#">HB 2039</a> House Judiciary Committee	Domestic case management	In House Judiciary	<b>01/21/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Judiciary: Wednesday, 1/28/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 112-N
<a href="#">S Sub for HB 2059</a>	Creating an application requirement and fee to	On General Orders	<b>02/08/2016 - Senate</b>

House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	appropriate water that otherwise leaves the state and creating a chemigation permit exception	in Senate	Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed by Natural Resources
<a href="#">HB 2063</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Amending the definition of project in the public water supply project loan program	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>03/11/2015 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Thursday, 3/19, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">HB 2068</a> House Transportation Committee	Removing requirement that bicycles use path	In House Transportation	<b>01/28/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Transportation: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 582-N
<a href="#">HB 2133</a> House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions and supplementals for FY 2015 and FY 2016 for various state agencies	In House Appropriations	<b>01/29/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Appropriations: Monday, 2/2/2015, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N
<a href="#">HB 2156</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Public water supply storage; interest rate change	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>02/25/2015 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Wednesday, 3/4, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">S Sub for HB 2177</a> House Energy and Environment Committee	Wildlife, parks and tourism; relating to licenses, permits and stamps; citations; disposal of seized wildlife; boating; safety education courses; certain sailboats	In Conference Committee	<b>06/05/2015 - House</b> Not subject to limitations of Joint Rule 4(k); Accecd; appointed Kleeb, Suellentrop and Sawyer
<a href="#">HB 2194</a> House Transportation Committee	Establishing a safety corridor program	In House Transportation	<b>02/04/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Transportation: Thursday, 2/12/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 582-N
<a href="#">HB 2227</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Creating water conservation areas	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/05/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/12/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S