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Week 6 was very active at the Capitol on general issues, but pretty light on ACEC activity. The legislature has amended the schedule for the session. Tuesday will now be "turnaround", the day by which most bills (except for a few in exempt committees) have to be successfully passed by the chamber in which they originated or be dead for the session. This means committee activity really ended yesterday. Monday and Tuesday the chambers will be debating bills on the floor.

The biggest news of the week was the House-Senate conference committee reaching agreement on budget updates for the balance of the fiscal year. That is now on its way to the Governor's desk. There was no direct action taken in this budget in reaction to the recent *Gannon* decision on school funding. That decision is probably the biggest unknown hanging over the balance of the 2016 session.

The recommendations from the Alvarez & Marsal (A&M) state efficiency study that we have reported on the last several weeks finally started to be discussed in detail this week. The A&M team made their presentations on the two most troubling recommendations (doing away with the state QBS law and adding more public sector engineers under the guise of doing work cheaper and more efficiently than the private sector) to the House Public & Transportation Budget Safety Committee. The Representatives on the Committee seemed skeptical of the claim that adding more engineers to state agencies would produce cheaper and more efficient work. The subject of QBS was not discussed as part of their report.

ACEC will testify to the same committee on these issues on March 2, the first day back from the turnaround break. We are looking forward to an opportunity to share information and provide data to policy makers on the perils of these two recommendations.

Next week will be short, likely with no significant action on ACEC items.

Stay tuned...

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
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
H Sub for SB 29 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	05/28/2015 - House Not subject to limitations of Joint Rule 4(k); Motion to emergency to Final Action, amendment and debate, failed
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 64 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Public water supply storage; interest rate change	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	03/31/2015 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
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 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
H Sub for SB 161 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2016, FY 2017 and FY 2018 for various state agencies	Pending enrollment	02/17/2016 - Senate Adopted Conference Committee Report on Senate bill; Yeas 22, Nays 16
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	In House Transportation	03/31/2015 - House 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 House Energy and Environment	01/20/2016 - House Scheduled Hearing in Energy and Environment: Wednesday, 1/27, 9:00 AM, Rm 582-N
SB 250 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Joint committee on state building construction; reports of the secretary of administration	On General Orders in House	01/25/2016 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Appropriations
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
SB 316 Jacob LaTurner, R-13th	Property tax lid; effective date; exemptions	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	01/12/2016 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation
SB 322 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Creating application requirement and fee to appropriate surface water that otherwise leaves the state	In Senate Natural Resources	02/01/2016 - Senate Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/4, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
SB 329 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Clarifying approval of a change application for place of use for multi-year flex accounts	Passed in Senate	02/18/2016 - House Received and introduced
SB 330 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Establishing the Kansas conservation reserve enhancement program	In Senate Natural Resources	02/16/2016 - Senate Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Natural Resources: Wednesday, 2/17, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
SB 337 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Creating a penalty for failure to report annual water use	Passed in Senate	02/18/2016 - House Received and introduced
SB 354 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2016, FY 2017 and FY 2018 for various state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	02/05/2016 - Senate Scheduled Possible Action in Ways and

			Means: Monday, 2/8, 11:15 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 356 Senate Education Committee	Creating the school district bond project review board	In Senate Education	02/17/2016 - Senate Scheduled Possible Action in Education: Thursday, 2/18, 1:30 PM, Rm 144-S
SB 365 Senate Commerce Committee	Enacting the contaminated property redevelopment act	In Senate Commerce	02/10/2016 - Senate Scheduled Final Action in Commerce: Thursday, 2/18, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 389 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	02/05/2016 - Senate Scheduled Possible Action in Ways and Means: Monday, 2/8, 11:15 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 394 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Enacting the supporting families act, relating to temporary care for children	In Senate Judiciary	02/05/2016 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Judiciary: Thursday, 2/11, 10:30 AM, Rm 346-S
SB 396 Senate Judiciary Committee	Kansas sunset law	In Senate Ways and Means	02/03/2016 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
SB 411 Senate Utilities Committee	Utilities and electric transmission lines	In Senate Utilities	02/05/2016 - Senate Referred to Utilities
SB 412 Senate Utilities Committee	Water district No. 1 of Johnson County and purposes of property easement	On Consent Calendar in Senate (3rd day)	02/15/2016 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed and placed on Consent Calendar
SB 416 Senate Utilities Committee	Vehicle tire tax and abolishing the solid waste grants advisory committee	In Senate Utilities	02/09/2016 - Senate Referred to Utilities
SB 417 Senate Utilities Committee	Concerning utilities and the department of health and environment	In Senate Utilities	02/09/2016 - Senate Referred to Utilities
SB 459 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Fire extinguisher inspections; fireworks manufacturers, distributors and display operations; license fees eliminated	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/17/2016 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SCR 1608 Senate Transportation Committee	Constitutional amendment limiting transfers from the state highway fund	In Senate Ways and Means	02/03/2016 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means

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 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
S Sub for HB 2059 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Creating an application requirement and fee to appropriate water that otherwise leaves the state and creating a chemigation permit exception	In Senate Natural Resources	02/17/2016 - Senate Withdrawn from General Orders; rereferred 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	03/11/2015 - 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 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	Wildlife, parks and tourism; relating to licenses, permits and stamps; citations; disposal of seized wildlife; boating; safety education courses; certain sailboats	In Conference Committee	06/05/2015 - House Not subject to limitations of Joint Rule 4(k); Acceded; appointed Kleeb, Suellentrop and Sawyer
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 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
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HB 2245 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amending procedure for cases involving groundwater	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/10/2016 - House Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Wednesday, 2/17, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
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 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 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 Agriculture and Natural Resources	03/05/2015 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; re-referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
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
HB 2416 House Appropriations Committee	KPERS; definition of compensation for purposes of computing final average salary	In House Calendar and Printing	03/31/2015 - House Withdrawn from Commerce, Labor and Economic Development; referred to Calendar and Printing
HB 2481 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Clarifying approval of a change application for place of use for multi-year flex accounts	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	01/20/2016 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2486 House Education Committee	Creating the school district bond project review board	In House Education	01/27/2016 - House Scheduled Hearing in Education: Monday, 2/1, 1:30 PM, Rm 112-N
HB 2491 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Creating a penalty for failure to report annual water use	On General Orders in House	02/18/2016 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Agriculture and Natural Resources

HB 2493 House Taxation Committee	Removing requirements that certain city and county budget increases be approved by a local vote	In House Taxation	01/21/2016 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2510 House Vision 2020 Committee	Amendments to the state water plan	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	01/27/2016 - House Withdrawn from Agriculture and Natural Resources and Vision 2020; referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2519 House Transportation Committee	Approved uses from the state highway fund by the department of transportation	In House Appropriations	01/26/2016 - House Referred to Appropriations
HB 2528 House Transportation Committee	Increasing motor fuels tax by \$.05	In House Taxation	01/27/2016 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2530 House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2016, FY 2017 and FY 2018 for various state agencies	In House Appropriations	01/27/2016 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Appropriations: Thursday, 2/4, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N
HB 2559 House Appropriations Committee	State agencies; minimum staffing levels; reports	In House Appropriations	01/28/2016 - House Referred to Appropriations
HB 2569 House Vision 2020 Committee	Adjustments to the property tax levy for the Kansas educational building fund	In House Vision 2020	02/03/2016 - House Scheduled Hearing in Vision 2020: Wednesday, 2/10, 9:00 AM, Rm 218-N
HB 2574 House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Requiring employment of Kansas workers for certain state contracts and tax benefits	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	01/29/2016 - House Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
HB 2577 House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2017 and FY 2018 for various state agencies	In House Appropriations	02/01/2016 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Appropriations: Thursday, 2/4, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N
HB 2598 Kevin Jones, R-5th	Limiting powers of rural water districts	In House Appropriations	02/18/2016 - House Withdrawn from Agriculture and Natural Resources; referred to Appropriations
HB 2609 House Taxation Committee	Approval of budgets by taxing subdivisions; resolution and election requirements	In House Taxation	02/04/2016 - House Referred to Taxation

HB 2623 House Energy and Environment Committee	Utilities and electric transmission lines	In House Energy and Environment	02/05/2016 - House Scheduled Hearing in Energy and Environment: Friday, 2/12, 9:00 AM, Rm 582-N
HB 2625 House Taxation Committee	Amending various STAR bond provisions and creating a new type of district and new administrative funds; amending the definition of eligible area for TIF districts	In House Taxation	02/08/2016 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2649 House Energy and Environment Committee	Municipalities and assessments for energy efficiency improvements	In House Insurance and Financial Institutions	02/10/2016 - House Scheduled Hearing in Insurance and Financial Institutions: Thursday, 2/18, 3:30 PM, Rm 218-N
HB 2657 J. R. Claeys, R-69th	Requiring private water utilities to maintain water quality maintenance funds	In House Utilities and Telecommunications	02/10/2016 - House Referred to Utilities and Telecommunications
HB 2660 House Judiciary Committee	Fee agencies, moneys transferred to the state general fund or special revenue fund; notification to persons paying fees that moneys have been transferred	In House General Government Budget	02/17/2016 - House Scheduled Final Action in General Government Budget: Thursday, 2/18, 1:30 PM, Rm 218-N
HB 2700 House Taxation Committee	Requiring certification by retirants that they have not entered into a prearranged agreement of employment prior to retirement and providing penalties for violations thereof	In House Pensions and Benefits	02/16/2016 - House Scheduled Hearing in Pensions and Benefits: Wednesday, 2/17, 9:00 AM, Rm 152-S
HCR 5011 House Education Budget Committee	Foresight 2020 strategic plan	In House Education	02/03/2015 - House Referred to Education