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Week 7 was a very short one at the Capitol, as legislators debated bills on the floor Monday and Tuesday, then adjourned for a week. Tuesday was the "turnaround" deadline, by which most bills must be passed by their chamber or origin or they are dead for the session.

There wasn't a lot of action on ACEC items during the floor debates this week, but that will change when they return next Wednesday.

The big item is a hearing the first day back, March 2, on the Alvarez & Marsal (A&M) efficiency study recommendations for the state to drop its QBS law and hire more engineers in house at KDOT under the auspice of saving money. ACEC will be testifying in strong opposition to these recommendations. We are looking forward to the opportunity to share good information with policy makers about the perils of these two proposals.

There is troubling new legislation as well in the form of SB 463. This bill would take the majority of revenue streams that currently go to a designated purpose and sweep them into the state general fund. They would then require an appropriation from the legislature to go back to each of the programs for which the revenue was originally intended. This includes funding for water, transportation, the Engineering Initiative Act, and much more. This bill is scheduled for a hearing on March 8. As you might imagine, the line of opponents is expected to be quite long.

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 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 enrollment	<b>02/17/2016 - Senate</b> Adopted Conference Committee Report on Senate bill; Yeas 22, Nays 16
<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	Pending enrollment	<b>02/23/2016 - Senate</b> Concurred; Yeas 40, Nays 0

<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 House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/19/2016 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">SB 330</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Establishing the Kansas conservation reserve enhancement program	Passed in Senate	<b>02/23/2016 - Senate</b> Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 40, Nays 0
<a href="#">SB 337</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Creating a penalty for failure to report annual water use	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/19/2016 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<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 Ways and Means	<b>02/23/2016 - Senate</b> Withdrawn from Education; referred to Ways and Means
<a href="#">SB 365</a> Senate Commerce Committee	Enacting the contaminated property redevelopment act	Passed in Senate	<b>02/23/2016 - Senate</b> Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 36, Nays 4
<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 Committee	Kansas sunset law	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>02/03/2016 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and 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	Passed in Senate	<b>02/23/2016 - Senate</b> Final Action: Passed; Yeas 39, Nays 1
<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="#">SB 459</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Fire extinguisher inspections; fireworks manufacturers, distributors and display operations; license fees eliminated	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	<b>02/17/2016 - Senate</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">SB 463</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Abolishing the expanded lottery act revenues fund, the Kansas endowment for youth fund, the children's initiative fund, the state economic development initiatives fund, and the state water plan fund; all revenues into such funds go into the state general fund; duties of Kansas children's cabinet	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>02/18/2016 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means
<a href="#">SB 463</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Abolishing the expanded lottery act revenues fund, the Kansas endowment for youth fund, the children's initiative fund, the state economic development initiatives fund, and the state water plan fund; all revenues into such funds go into the state general fund; duties of Kansas children's cabinet	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>02/18/2016 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means
<a href="#">SB 475</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Requiring performance and payment bonds for certain public construction contracts	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>02/22/2016 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means
<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> 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	<b>02/17/2016 - Senate</b> Withdrawn from General Orders; rereferred to 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 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
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<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); Acceeded; 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
<a href="#">HB 2245</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amending procedure for cases involving groundwater	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/10/2016 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Wednesday, 2/17, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">HB 2255</a> 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	<b>02/11/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Transportation: Tuesday, 2/17, 1:30 PM, Rm 582-N
<a href="#">HB 2296</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities and counties; public building commission; revenue bonds; election required	On General Orders in House	<b>03/13/2015 - House</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Local Government
<a href="#">HB 2303</a> House Appropriations Committee	Allowing the secretary of health and environment to establish variances to water quality standards	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>03/05/2015 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Wednesday, 3/11, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">HB 2314</a> 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	<b>02/12/2015 - House</b> Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

<a href="#">HB 2317</a> Brandon Whipple, D-96th	Requiring employment of Kansas workers for certain state contracts and tax incentives	In House Taxation	<b>02/13/2015 - House</b> Withdrawn from Commerce, Labor and Economic Development; referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2351</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Allowing conservation districts to sponsor local enhanced management areas	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>03/05/2015 - House</b> Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">HB 2407</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	State infrastructure projects; allowing for public private agreements	In House Federal and State Affairs	<b>03/12/2015 - House</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">HB 2414</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Department of health and environment and economic impact reports for state implementation plans	In House Energy and Environment	<b>03/18/2015 - House</b> Referred to Energy and Environment
<a href="#">HB 2416</a> House Appropriations Committee	KPERS; definition of compensation for purposes of computing final average salary	In House Calendar and Printing	<b>03/31/2015 - House</b> Withdrawn from Commerce, Labor and Economic Development; referred to Calendar and Printing
<a href="#">HB 2481</a> 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	<b>01/20/2016 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">HB 2486</a> House Education Committee	Creating the school district bond project review board	In House Appropriations	<b>02/23/2016 - House</b> Withdrawn from Education; referred to Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 2491</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Creating a penalty for failure to report annual water use	On General Orders in House	<b>02/18/2016 - House</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">HB 2493</a> House Taxation Committee	Removing requirements that certain city and county budget increases be approved by a local vote	In House Taxation	<b>01/21/2016 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2510</a> House Vision 2020 Committee	Amendments to the state water plan	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>01/27/2016 - House</b> Withdrawn from Agriculture and Natural Resources and Vision 2020; referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">HB 2519</a> House Transportation Committee	Approved uses from the state highway fund by the department of transportation	In House Appropriations	<b>01/26/2016 - House</b> Referred to Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 2528</a> House Transportation Committee	Increasing motor fuels tax by \$.05	In House Taxation	<b>01/27/2016 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2530</a> House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2016, FY 2017 and FY 2018 for various state agencies	In House Appropriations	<b>01/27/2016 - House</b> Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Appropriations: Thursday, 2/4, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N

<a href="#">HB 2569</a> House Vision 2020 Committee	Adjustments to the property tax levy for the Kansas educational building fund	In House Vision 2020	<b>02/03/2016 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Vision 2020: Wednesday, 2/10, 9:00 AM, Rm 218-N
<a href="#">HB 2574</a> 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	<b>01/29/2016 - House</b> Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
<a href="#">HB 2577</a> House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2017 and FY 2018 for various state agencies	In House Appropriations	<b>02/01/2016 - House</b> Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Appropriations: Thursday, 2/4, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N
<a href="#">HB 2598</a> Kevin Jones, R-5th	Limiting powers of rural water districts	In House Appropriations	<b>02/18/2016 - House</b> Withdrawn from Agriculture and Natural Resources; referred to Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 2609</a> House Taxation Committee	Approval of budgets by taxing subdivisions; resolution and election requirements	In House Taxation	<b>02/04/2016 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2623</a> House Energy and Environment Committee	Utilities and electric transmission lines	In House Energy and Environment	<b>02/05/2016 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Energy and Environment: Friday, 2/12, 9:00 AM, Rm 582-N
<a href="#">HB 2625</a> 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	<b>02/08/2016 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2649</a> House Energy and Environment Committee	Municipalities and assessments for energy efficiency improvements	In House Appropriations	<b>02/22/2016 - House</b> Withdrawn from Insurance and Financial Institutions; referred to Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 2657</a> J. R. Claeys, R-69th	Requiring private water utilities to maintain water quality maintenance funds	In House Utilities and Telecommunications	<b>02/10/2016 - House</b> Referred to Utilities and Telecommunications
<a href="#">HB 2660</a> 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 Appropriations	<b>02/22/2016 - House</b> Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 2700</a> 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	<b>02/16/2016 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Pensions and Benefits: Wednesday, 2/17, 9:00 AM, Rm 152-S
<a href="#">HCR 5011</a> House Education Budget Committee	Foresight 2020 strategic plan	In House Education	<b>02/03/2015 - House</b> Referred to Education