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Week three brought our first piece of great news from the 2014 Session! SB 54, our much reported legislation that updates the licensure and scope of practice statutes governing the Kansas Board of Technical Professions, had a hearing in the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee Wednesday. After the hearing, the committee voted to move the bill out with a favorable recommendation to the full Senate. It was passed with a voice vote, and we were not able to detect anybody voting against the bill. It appeared to be unanimous.

The next step is action by the full Senate. It remains to be seen when this will happen, but it could conceivably be as early as next week. As we have mentioned before, we are anticipating at least one amendment that would provide broad exemptions to scenarios where a licensed designer is required on public buildings. We have been working and visiting with members of the Senate all summer and fall about the possible amendments, and if you have not yet visited with your Senator, we would strongly urge you to do so now. Let them know that you support passage of SB 54 in its current form, and you strongly oppose any amendments to create exemptions to existing licensure requirements. Another round of sincere thanks to those of you that have already made those calls and reported back to us.

The Governor's budget has been presented to the Legislature, but they have not yet begun the true work of fine tuning his proposal. As we have reported previously, there is a cat-and-mouse game underway between the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Legislature as the court ponders its decision in the *Gannon* case, which could potentially require the legislature to come up with hundreds of millions of extra dollars to finance K-12 education.

The pace will continue to quicken next week. Stay tuned...

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
<a href="#">SB 5</a> Oletha Faust-Goudeau, D-29th	Business entities; restricting the use of an acquired entity's name by an acquiring entity	In Senate Commerce	<b>01/17/2013 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Commerce: Thursday, 1/24/2013, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 15</a> Anthony Hensley, D- 19th	Local ad valorem tax reduction fund; transfers to; distributions to political subdivisions	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>01/15/2013 - Senate</b> Referred to Assessment and Taxation
<a href="#">SB 42</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Architects and engineers; immunity from liability in negligence under certain circumstances	In House Judiciary	<b>03/18/2013 - House</b> Referred to Judiciary
<a href="#">SB 43</a> Joint Committee on	Requiring the Kansas Water Office to formulate a plan to address water-related issues	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>01/23/2013 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Natural

Energy and Environmental Policy			Resources: Thursday, 1/31/2013, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 48</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Kansas Employer E-verify Accountability Act	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/28/2013 - Senate</b> Motion to withdraw from Committee failed: Yeas 6, Nays 34
<a href="#">SB 54</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amendments pertaining to the Board of Technical Professions	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	<b>01/24/2014 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Federal and State Affairs: Wednesday, 1/29/2014, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">H Sub for SB 84</a> Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Reduction to state income tax rates based on selected actual state general fund receipts computations; distribution of revenues from sales and compensating use tax; reduction of itemized deductions	In Conference Committee	<b>05/31/2013</b> Scheduled Meeting on all bills in Taxation Conference: Friday, 5/31/2013, 6:00 PM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 93</a> Senate Commerce Committee	Civil procedure, commercial property liens; state construction registry, notice of commencement and notice of furnishings	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/06/2013 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearings in Commerce: Proponents - Monday, 2/11/2013, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S; Opponents - Tuesday, 2/12/2013, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 109</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Lobbying; use of public funds prohibited	In Senate Ethics and Elections	<b>02/08/2013 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Ethics, Elections and Local Government: Monday, 2/11/2013, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 131</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	School finance; use of capital outlay funds	In Senate Education	<b>02/20/2013 - Senate</b> Scheduled Possible Action in Education: Monday, 2/25/2013, 12:30 PM, Rm 144-S; Tuesday, 2/26/2013, 2:30 PM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">SB 132</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	School finance; amount of tax levy authorized to finance ancillary school facilities	In Senate Education	<b>02/06/2013 - Senate</b> Referred to Education
<a href="#">SB 150</a> Senate Ethics, Elections and Local Government Committee	State, municipalities; contracts for construction materials and other goods and merchandise; specification limitations	In Senate Ethics and Elections	<b>03/01/2013 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Ethics, Elections and Local Government: Thursday, 3/7/2013, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S

<a href="#">SB 153</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Water; dams; definition; exemption from permit requirements; inspection costs and penalties	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>02/12/2013 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Natural Resources: Friday, 2/15/2013, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">SB 155</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Technical professions; ethical marketing of profession services; state, local government clients	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	<b>02/11/2013 - Senate</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">SB 179</a> Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Requiring employment of Kansas workers for certain state contracts and tax benefits	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/20/2013 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Tuesday, 2/26/2013, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 195</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Kansas Employment First Initiative Act amendments	In Senate Commerce	<b>03/13/2013 - Senate</b> Scheduled Final Action in Commerce: Monday, 3/18/2013, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 198</a> Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Kansas Buy American Act	In Senate Commerce	<b>02/14/2013 - Senate</b> Referred to Commerce
<a href="#">SB 209</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Providing for public disclosure and economic efficiency in publicly funded contracts and economic development agreements	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	<b>02/19/2013 - Senate</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">SB 262</a> Senate Commerce Committee	Promoting employment across Kansas act; benefits	In Senate Commerce	<b>01/16/2014 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Tuesday, 1/21/2014, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 293</a> Senate Commerce Committee	Municipalities; solid waste collection; limitations	In Senate Commerce	<b>01/29/2014 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Wednesday, 2/5/2014, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 305</a> Senate Education Committee	School districts; transfer of funds from capital improvement state aid to supplemental general state aid	In Senate Education	<b>01/28/2014 - Senate</b> Referred to Education
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<a href="#">SB 319</a> Senate Commerce Committee	Protecting surface property owners' rights	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>01/29/2014 - Senate</b> Referred to Natural Resources
<a href="#">SCR 1604</a> Susan Wagle, R-30th	Joint rules for the Senate and House of Representatives, 2013-2014	Adopted	<b>01/29/2013 - Senate</b> Concurred; Yeas 28, Nays 12
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<a href="#">HB 2031</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Distribution of sales and use tax revenue; funding streams to the state water plan fund	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>01/18/2013 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">S Sub for Sub for HB 2051</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Concerning water rights	In Conference Committee	<b>04/02/2013</b> Scheduled Meeting in Natural Resources Conference: Wednesday, 4/3/2013, 7:30 AM, Rm 142-S
<a href="#">HB 2053</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amendments pertaining to the Board of Technical Professions	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	<b>01/24/2013 - House</b> Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
<a href="#">HB 2072</a> House Local Government Committee	Municipalities; solid waste collection; limitations	In House Local Government	<b>02/06/2013 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Tuesday, 2/12/2013, 1:30 PM, Rm 281- N
<a href="#">HB 2073</a> House Local Government Committee	Streams, dams and obstructions; chief engineer, division of water resources duties; counties, authority	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/15/2013 - House</b> Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Monday, 2/18/2013, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">HB 2074</a> House Local Government Committee	Cities and counties; solid waste disposal areas; restrictions	In Senate Local Government	<b>01/23/2014 - Senate</b> Withdrawn from Ethics and Elections; referred to Local Government

<a href="#">HB 2136</a> House Taxation Committee	Sales and compensating use tax; distribution of revenues	In House Taxation	<b>02/06/2013 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Thursday, 2/14/2013, 3:30 PM, Rm 582- N
<a href="#">HB 2137</a> House Taxation Committee	Sunsetting the vehicle modernization surcharge	Stricken from Calendar	<b>01/30/2014 - House</b> Stricken from Calendar
<a href="#">HB 2147</a> House General Government Budget Committee	Repealer; use of metric system on certain road signs and markers, moving of heavy vehicles on bridges or culverts, interstate bridges	Approved by Governor	<b>04/02/2013</b> Approved by Governor Sam Brownback
<a href="#">HB 2158</a> House Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee	Creating a preference to businesses owned by disabled veterans for state contracts	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	<b>01/31/2013 - House</b> Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
<a href="#">HB 2171</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Establishing agreed local management areas	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/06/2013 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Tuesday, 2/12/2013, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">HB 2173</a> House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Civil Procedure: remote claims on commercial property; state construction registry	In House Judiciary	<b>03/13/2013 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Judiciary: Tuesday, 3/19/2013, 3:30 PM, Rm 112-N
<a href="#">Sub for HB 2207</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Amending provisions relating to the regulation and certification of animal feeding facilities	Approved by Governor	<b>04/10/2013</b> Approved by Governor Sam Brownback
<a href="#">HB 2241</a> House Energy and Environment Committee	Renewable energy portfolio standards	In House Energy and Environment	<b>03/13/2013 - House</b> Scheduled Reconsideration and Possible Final Action in Energy and Environment: Tuesday, 3/19/2013, 9:00 AM, Rm 582-N
<a href="#">HB 2246</a> House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Peer review for certain licensed technical professionals	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	<b>02/13/2013 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: Wednesday, 2/20/2013, 1:30

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<a href="#">HB 2249</a> House Local Government Committee	Certain property issues; relating to historic preservation, taxation and solid waste	Approved by Governor	<b>05/30/2013</b> Approved by Governor Sam Brownback
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<a href="#">HB 2279</a> Paul T. Davis, D-46th	Kansas Buy American Act	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	<b>02/11/2013 - House</b> Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
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<a href="#">HB 2334</a> Paul T. Davis, D-46th	Requiring prevailing wage for public works projects	In House Appropriations	<b>02/14/2013 - House</b> Referred to Appropriations
<a href="#">HB 2366</a> House Energy and Environment Committee	Use of public funds to promote sustainable development	In House Energy and Environment	<b>02/18/2013 - House</b> Referred to Energy and Environment
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House Appropriations Committee			
<a href="#">HB 2429</a> Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations	Making the water conservation program part of and supplemental to the Kansas water appropriation act	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>01/22/2014 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Thursday, 1/30/2014, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">HB 2430</a> House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Promoting employment across Kansas act; benefits	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	<b>01/22/2014 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: Tuesday, 1/28/2014, 1:30 PM, Rm 346-S; Wednesday, 1/29/2014, 1:30 PM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">HB 2439</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Water; creating the sustainable drinking water source protection fund and fee; authorizing Kansas water office to execute certain contracts and issue revenue bonds; repealing K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 82a-953a	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>01/17/2014 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">HB 2465</a> House Energy and Utilities Committee	Utilities and generation of electricity	In House Utilities and Telecommunications	<b>01/23/2014 - House</b> Withdrawn from Energy and Environment; referred to Utilities and Telecommunications
<a href="#">HB 2543</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Prohibiting the Kansas turnpike authority from charging tolls to persons on motorcycles	Introduced	<b>01/30/2014 - House</b> Introduced
<a href="#">HCR 5008</a> House Transportation Committee	Encouraging KDOT to make engineering decisions based upon professional findings	In House Transportation	<b>02/01/2013 - House</b> Referred to Transportation
<a href="#">HR 6004</a> Ray Merrick, R-27th	Rules of House of Representatives, permanent rules of the 2013-2014 biennium	Adopted	<b>01/28/2013 - House</b> Final Action: Adopted as amended; Yeas 82, Nays 40
<a href="#">HR 6015</a> House Transportation Committee	Studying the viability of compressed natural gas as an alternative vehicle fuel	Killed in House	<b>06/20/2013 - House</b> Died on Calendar