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Week three was relatively quiet. The Governor's bills finalizing the current fiscal year budget were introduced and hearings on this bills began. Likewise, representatives from Alvarez & Marsal (A&M), the group hired to do the state efficiency study, presented suggestions for effective budgeting to various legislative committees.

Speaking of the A&M study, we continue to visit aggressively with legislators about the following two recommendations included in the study:

- Adding 20 additional design staff to KDOT and keeping more work internal on the grounds that it is more efficient and cost effective than having the private sector do the work
- Repealing the Kansas statute requiring the use of qualifications based selection (QBS)

All the recommendations from the A&M study will start to appear before committees and subcommittees soon, maybe as early as next week. We will continue to work tirelessly to share information with legislators about the perils of the two recommendations above.

There were no hearings of particular relevance to ACEC this week, but several interesting (both good and bad) bills were introduced.

SB 356 and HB 2486 (the bills are the same) create a school district bond project review board, consisting of legislators and appointees of the state board of education and the governor. This appears to raise the hurdle for passage of bonds for school capital improvement projects.

HB 2493 appears to repeal the law passed last year requiring cities and counties to go to a vote of the people before raising property taxes at a rate beyond inflation.

HB 2519 would allow KDOT to use state highway fund money to fund salary increases necessary to levels consistent with market compensation data for similar jobs and necessary recruitment and retention.

HB 2528 would raise the motor fuel tax by \$.05.

HB 2559 would require state agencies to identify an appropriate staffing level and meet that staffing level consistently.

Activity will start to heat up next week as the A&M study comes before committees and budget discussions intensify. Stay tuned...

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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
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	01/15/2016 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Wednesday, 1/20, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
SB 329 Senate Natural	Clarifying approval of a change application for place of use for multi-year flex accounts	In Senate Natural Resources	01/15/2016 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in

Resources Committee			Natural Resources: Wednesday, 1/20, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
SB 330 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Establishing the Kansas conservation reserve enhancement program	In Senate Natural Resources	01/20/2016 - Senate Scheduled Hearing (opponents) in Natural Resources: Thursday, 1/21, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
SB 337	Creating a penalty for failure to report annual water use	In Senate Natural Resources	01/21/2016 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Wednesday, 1/27, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
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	01/26/2016 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Tuesday, 1/26; Wednesday, 1/27; 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 356 Senate Education Committee	Creating the school district bond project review board	In Senate Education	01/26/2016 - Senate Referred to Education
SB 365 Senate Commerce Committee	Enacting the contaminated property redevelopment act	In Senate Commerce	01/27/2016 - Senate Referred to Commerce
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
HB 2059 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Authorizing chief engineer to allow augmentation to secure water	In Senate Natural Resources	03/09/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Thursday, 3/12, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
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 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 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,

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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
HB 2245 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amending procedure for cases involving groundwater	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/06/2015 - House 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 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; 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	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	01/27/2016 - House Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Tuesday, 2/2, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
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
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HB 2519 House Transportation	Approved uses from the state highway fund by the department of transportation	In House Appropriations	01/26/2016 - House Referred to

Committee			Appropriations
HB 2528	Increasing motor fuels tax by \$.05	In House Taxation	01/27/2016 - House Referred to Taxation
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HB 2530	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
HCR 5011 House Education Budget Committee	Foresight 2020 strategic plan	In House Education	02/03/2015 - House Referred to Education