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The Legislature adjourned this afternoon, ending the regular part of the 2017 legislative session. They will reconvene in May for “veto session”, where they primarily deal with tax and budget issues. We will have to remain vigilant during veto session, but as a general rule the scope of the issues we track narrows considerably.

The final week was fairly quiet for engineering interests. The Legislature was focused on budgets and taxes. They finally reached agreement on a rescission bill to balance the budget for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends June 30. They are still far apart on tax policy for the upcoming two year budget, and not likely to reach agreement until some of the spending priorities are identified.

H Sub for SB 70, which placed inspection standards on amusement park rides and specifically recognized the role of the licensed professional engineer, passed Friday and was sent to the Governor for his signature. KSPE took the lead in promoting this pro-licensure legislation, but we were supportive. It was a good opportunity to raise the profile and importance of licensure and public safety.

HB 2153, which would require communication to all parties paying into fee funded agencies before the Legislature could sweep funds from those agencies, remains in conference committee. We are hopeful this will move forward in veto session. This is another bill where KSPE is playing a lead role, but ACEC is supporting.

There was not much other movement on our issues this week. The Legislature will take the rest of the month off and reconvene May 1. Stay tuned....

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
Sub for SB 27 Senate Way and Means Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2017, FY 2018 and FY 2019 for various state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	02/23/2017 - Senate Withdrawn from Calendar; rereferred to Ways and Means
SB 46 Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Water conservation area findings, notice and management plans	Pending enrollment	04/07/2017 - Senate Conference Committee Report adopted on Senate bill; Yeas 38, Nays 0
SB 48 Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Remedies for the impairment of a valid water right or permit to divert and use water	In House K-12 Education Budget	03/29/2017 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; referred to K-12 Education Budget
SB 55 Senate Federal and State	Public construction contracts and performance and payment bonds	Pending action by Governor	04/04/2017 - Senate Enrolled and presented to the Governor

Affairs Committee			
H Sub for SB 70 Marci Francisco, D-2nd	Amendments to the Kansas amusement ride act	Pending enrollment	04/07/2017 - Senate Concurred; Yeas 35, Nays 2
SB 76 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Professional occupations; restrictions on fees and licensing requirements	On General Orders in Senate	03/27/2017 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Federal and State Affairs
Sub for SB 97 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Relating to taxation, income tax, rates, modifications; sales and compensating use tax, food, rates	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	02/23/2017 - Senate Withdrawn from Calendar; rereferred to Assessment and Taxation
SB 103 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Secretary of State; political action committees prohibited	In Senate Ethics, Elections and Local Government	02/01/2017 - Senate Referred to Ethics, Elections and Local Government
SB 104 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Lobbyists; restrictions on tickets to events and meals for legislators	In Senate Ethics, Elections and Local Government	02/01/2017 - Senate Referred to Ethics, Elections and Local Government
SB 105 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Campaign finance; contribution prohibitions for certain persons entering into contracts with the state or a municipality	In Senate Ethics, Elections and Local Government	02/01/2017 - Senate Referred to Ethics, Elections and Local Government
SB 107 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Authorizing the attorney general to establish a system of legal representation charges and collect such charges from state agencies	On General Orders in Senate	03/15/2017 - Senate Committee of the Whole: Be passed over and retain a place on the Calendar
SB 116 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Repealing certain obsolete or expired sections relating to taxation	On General Orders in Senate	03/09/2017 - Senate Withdrawn from Consent Calendar; placed on General Orders
SB 147 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Under Kansas income tax act; providing rate changes and determination of Kansas adjusted gross income and sunseting certain modifications	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	02/23/2017 - Senate Withdrawn from Calendar; rereferred to Assessment and Taxation
SB 167 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Property tax lid; cities and counties; repealed	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/08/2017 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Thursday, 3/16, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 175	Income tax, rates, modifications,	Killed in Senate	03/07/2017 - Senate

Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	credits; cigarettes and tobacco products, rates; alcoholic beverages, liquor enforcement, rates; business entities, filing fees		Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be further amended; be divided into five parts; Parts 1 (Sec. 11), 2 (Sec. 10) and 3 (Sec. 21) rejected; enacting clause be stricken, Yeas 37, Nays 1
SB 176 Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Kansas buy American act	In Senate Commerce	02/09/2017 - Senate Referred to Commerce
SB 177 Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Hiring Kansans first	In Senate Commerce	02/09/2017 - Senate Referred to Commerce
SB 194 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Amending groundwater management district water user charges	In Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources	03/15/2017 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Monday, 3/20, 8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
SB 212 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Directing the secretary of labor to submit a plan and negotiate an agreement for state enforcement of OSHA standards	In Senate Commerce	03/15/2017 - Senate Scheduled Hearing (cont.) in Commerce: Thursday, 3/16, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 222 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	One-year moratorium on PEAK awards	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/08/2017 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Thursday, 3/9, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 223 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	PEAK qualification distance requirements established and retention provision sunset accelerated	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/08/2017 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Thursday, 3/9, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 224 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Providing for a \$.05 increase in motor fuel taxes	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/13/2017 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Friday, 3/17, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 230 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	High performance incentive program, moratorium on income tax credits and sales tax exemptions	In Senate Commerce	03/16/2017 - Senate Referred to Commerce
SB 231 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Promoting the employment across Kansas act; moratorium on the award of benefits	In Senate Commerce	03/16/2017 - Senate Referred to Commerce
SB 245 Senate Ways and Means	Requiring state agencies to review rules and regulations and report to the joint committee on	In Senate Ways and Means	04/06/2017 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means

Committee	administrative rules and regulations		
HB 2032 House Water and Environment Committee	Increasing fees credited to the state water plan fund	In House Water and Environment	02/16/2017 - House Withdrawn from Taxation; rereferred to Water and Environment
HB 2039 House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Making the Kansas airport improvement program independent of the transportation works program	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	01/31/2017 - House Scheduled Hearing in Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: Thursday, 2/2, 1:30 PM, Rm 112-N
S Sub for Sub for HB 2052 House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2017, FY 2018, FY 2019, FY 2020, FY 2021, FY 2022, FY 2023, FY 2024, and FY 2025 for various state agencies	Pending enrollment	04/06/2017 - House Conference Committee Report adopted on House bill; Yeas 108, Nays 15
HB 2066 House Water and Environment Committee	Public wholesale water supply districts and highway right-of-way	Approved by Governor	04/04/2017 Approved by Governor Sam Brownback
HB 2082 House Taxation Committee	Property tax lid; cities and counties; repealed	In House Taxation	01/19/2017 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2099 House Agriculture Committee	Relating to remedies for the impairment of a valid water right or permit to divert and use water	Stricken from Calendar in House	02/23/2017 - House Stricken from Calendar
HB 2100 House Agriculture Committee	Relating to water conservation areas	Stricken from Calendar in House	02/23/2017 - House Stricken from Calendar
S Sub for HB 2129 House General Government Budget Committee	Department of administration; exempting division of legislative post audit from the monumental building surcharge; energy audit exception; regulations on contracts and purchase orders	On General Orders in Senate	04/05/2017 - Senate Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed by Ways and Means
HB 2138 House Local Government Committee	State fire marshal; school lockdowns; rules and regulations	In House Local Government	01/25/2017 - House Referred to Local Government
HB 2153	Fee agencies, moneys transferred to the state general fund; notification	In Conference Committee	04/04/2017 - Senate Acceded; appointed Wilborn, Lynn and

House Judiciary Committee	to persons paying fees that moneys have been transferred		Haley
HB 2185 House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Restoring local control over wage requirements for construction projects	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	02/20/2017 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
HB 2190 House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee	Electric utilities and the sale of renewable energy	In House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications	01/27/2017 - House Referred to Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications
HB 2201 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Taxpayer empowerment, accountability and transparency in state contracting act	In House Federal and State Affairs	02/22/2017 - House Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Wednesday, 3/8, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S
HB 2211 House Local Government Committee	Limiting campaign contributions to governor and lieutenant governor after second term inauguration	In House Elections	02/01/2017 - House Referred to Elections
HB 2227 House Taxation Committee	Property tax levy for the Kansas educational building fund	In House Taxation	02/01/2017 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2237 House Taxation Committee	Concerning taxation; relating to income tax, rates, determination of income, tax credits; motor fuels tax, rates, trip permits, distribution; sales and compensating use tax, food and food ingredients	In House Taxation	02/02/2017 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2241 House Water and Environment Committee	Creating the surface water protection fee and the irrigation water use fee and depositing such fees in the state water plan fund	In House Water and Environment	03/13/2017 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action on substitute in Water and Environment: Tuesday, 3/14, 9:00 AM, Rm 582-N
Sub for HB 2272 House Water and Environment Committee	Establishing the Kansas water authority science and research subcommittee	In Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources	03/06/2017 - Senate Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2311 House Water and Environment Committee	Maintenance requirements for streambank stabilization and water quality protection projects	In House Water and Environment	02/09/2017 - House Scheduled Hearing in Water and Environment: Tuesday, 2/14, 9:00 AM, Rm 582-N

HB 2315 House Taxation Committee	Income tax, rates, modifications, credits; cigarettes and tobacco products, rates; alcoholic beverages, liquor enforcement, rates; business entities, filing fees	On General Orders in House	02/23/2017 - House Committee Report recommending bill be amended and reported without recommendation by Taxation
HB 2327 House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Restoring local control over wages, benefits and other labor-related matters by regulation and in public construction contracts	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	02/10/2017 - House Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
Sub for HB 2364 House Appropriations Committee	Appropriations for FY 2017, FY 2018, FY 2019 and FY 2020 for various state agencies	On General Orders in House	04/03/2017 - House Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed by Appropriations
HB 2376 House Taxation Committee	Property tax lid; requiring cities and counties to publish notice of budget increase; election requirements	In House Taxation	03/08/2017 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Thursday, 3/16, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
HB 2382 House Taxation Committee	Providing for a \$.11 increase in motor fuel taxes; trip permits; distribution of revenues	In House Taxation	03/15/2017 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Thursday, 3/23, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N
HB 2389 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amendments to the Kansas amusement ride act	In House Federal and State Affairs	03/15/2017 - House Scheduled Hearings in Federal and State Affairs: Pro & Opp - Thursday, 3/23; Neu - Friday, 3/24, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S