



MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties

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Re: Weekly Update - Week of March 11, 2019

Please see our report on happenings this week in the Kansas Legislature:

Farm Bureau Bill Tabled in Committee. The much-talked-about “Farm Bureau Bill,” which would provide low cost healthcare insurance to members of the Farm Bureau, was tabled Wednesday in the House Insurance Committee. The idea to put the bill on hold came after a controversial amendment was attached to the bill by **Rep. Stan Frownfelter** (D-Kansas City) that would have changed the Farm Bureau plan from being a non-insurance product to be a product consistent with the rest of the entities in the statute. No word yet on next steps for the bill.

Senate Passes Education Plan. The Senate took the first steps towards finally settling the state’s ongoing litigation over K-12 education funding. On a final vote of 32 to 8, the body approved **Governor Laura Kelly’s** plan to satisfy the Supreme Court that would appropriate \$104.5 million to the Department of Education in 2020 and \$114.2 million in 2021. The measure has recently been marred in controversy after pro-education group, Schools for Fair Funding, first supported the bill and then later said that the amount was too little and would never past the court’s muster. Despite this, both Democrats and Republicans supported the bill on Thursday. Click [here](#) to see who voted for the measure.

Meanwhile, the House Committee just introduced its own bill in an attempt to settle its suit with the schools. Hearings on that bill began this week and will continue into next week.

Mega Tax Bill Sent to Governor. The Senate also concurred on the House’s Mega Tax Bill - [SB22](#) - effectively sending the bill to Governor Kelly where it is almost certain to be vetoed. The bill contains a federal tax decoupling portion, an internet sales tax portion, and provisions to reduce the sales tax on food. The Governor’s issue is with the federal tax decoupling portion which has a significant fiscal note and would generally give tax dollars collected last year back to many Kansas corporations. The Governor has noted that giving that money back would put the state in a fiscally unstable position. An announcement on whether the Governor will veto the bill is expected Friday.

Final Weeks of Work Begins. The Legislature will hear and work bills March 18 through March 22. March 22 marks the last day the non-exempt committees can meet to consider committee bills. Legislators will then be on the floor all day March 25, 26, and 27. March 27 marks the last day for non-exempt bills to be considered in either chamber.

Weekly Schedule: March 18-22

Schedule subject to change.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Bill No. or Issue</u>
Monday			
8:30 AM	S Commerce	548-S	Hearing SB175 public employee right to choose act, relief from obligation to pay union dues through withhold
8:30 AM	S Transportation	546-S	Possible Action
9:30 AM	S PHW	118-N	Possible Action; Hearing: SB223-Providing for licensure of anesthesiologist assistants
10:30 AM	S Judiciary	346-S	Hearing: SB219 scrap metal database
10:30 AM	S W&M	548-S	Bill Intros; Final Action: SB210-Providing KPERS membership for HCBS, Mega Budget; Possible Action
1:30 PM	H C&S	346-S	Hearing: SB162-Requiring notification of missing foster children; Final Action: HB2228-Penalties for operating
			child care facility without a license
1:30 PM	H HHS	546-S	Hearing: HB2366-Allowing apparatus operators to provide ground ambulance transportation in rural areas
1:30 PM	S Education	144-S	Hearing: SB211-Req AG to appoint Youth Suicide prevention coordinator
3:30 PM	H Judiciary	346-S	Final Action on Bills Previously Heard
3:30 PM	H K-12 Budget	546-S	Hearing: HB2395-School Funding Bill
3:30 PM	H Insurance	212-N	Final Action on Bills Previously Heard
3:30 PM	H Tax	112-N	Bill Intros; Hearing: HB2388-Kansas corp NOL carryforward for property depreciation, HB2116-BOTA Hearings;
			Possible Action
Tuesday			
8:30 AM	S Commerce	548-S	Working: HB2006-Economic incentive database
8:30 AM	H Telecom	281-N	Info Briefing: SB69-Electric Rate Study
8:30 AM	S Transportation	546-S	Possible Action
9:00 AM	H Approps	112-N	Bill Intros; Possible Action HB2121 Supple Approps;

3:30 PM	H Judiciary	346-S	Final Action on Bills Previously Heard
3:30 PM	H K-12 Budget	546-S	Final Action: HB2395-School Funding Bill
3:30 PM	H SSB	144-S	Final Action on Bills Previously Heard
3:30 PM	H Tax	112-N	TBA
Thursday			
8:30 AM	S Commerce	548-S	Final Action
8:30 AM	S Transportation	546-S	Possible Action
9:00 AM	H Fed & State	346-S	Bill Intros
9:00 AM	H Rural Revit	582-N	Info Briefing: Lt. Gov. Lynn Rogers
9:00 AM	H Telecom	281-N	Final Action on Bills Previously Heard (SB68-Wireless Franchise)
9:30 AM	S Tax	548-S	Presentation on Property Tax by KPI
9:30 AM	S PHW	118-N	Possible Action
10:30 AM	S Fed & State	144-S	Possible Action; Bill Intros
10:30 AM	S Judiciary	346-S	Possible Action
1:30 PM	S Utilities	548-S	Possible Action
3:30 PM	H K-12 Budget	546-S	Final Action: HB2395-School Funding Bill
3:30 PM	H Tax	112-N	TBA
Friday			
8:30 AM	S Commerce	548-S	Final Action
9:30 AM	S PHW	118-N	Possible Action
10:30 AM	S Judiciary	346-S	Possible Action
3:30 PM	H Tax	112-N	TBA