



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** John J. Federico, JD  
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**Date:** March 13, 2020

**Re:** Weekly Update - Week of March 9, 2020

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

### **A Special Note on Finding Bill Language**

If you need to find specific language of a bill, type the number in the box under “Bill number:” on the right-hand side of this [webpage](#). Once you find the bill listed, click that specific bill. You will find the PDF logo under the “Documents” label - click the logo...this will lead you to the text of the bill.

As always, our office is more than happy to send you specific language as well.

### **COVID-19 Update**

Governor Laura Kelly has issued an emergency declaration for the State of Kansas in response to COVID-19. The first death in Kansas from COVID-19 was announced last night in the Kansas City, Kansas area. Closures are occurring in the state and across the county by the minute. Dr. Lee Norman, Secretary of Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is the contact for the state. KDHE created an online resource center that can be found [here](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced on March 11, 2020 upcoming action to provide \$5,940,546 in funding to Kansas in support of COVID-19 response efforts. The Kansas Senate Ways and Means included \$1 million for COVID-19 in their budget. Additionally, the House Judiciary Committee just passed a measure, [HB2743](#), which allows the Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court to alter deadlines or time limitations established by statute when necessary to secure the health and safety of court users, staff, and judicial officers. It will also allow the Chief Justice to authorize the use of 2-way electronic audio-visual communication for the same purpose.

As of the moment of this report being sent, there has been no plans to cancel Session. However, there has been rumor of lawmakers breaking early before their annual April Adjournment with the intent to return, as planned, in May for Veto Session.

**Property Tax**

[SB294](#) or the “Truth in Taxation” act will be heard Monday in the House Taxation Committee. The bill requires taxing entities to mail a notice to all property owners setting a public hearing prior to increasing property taxes above a revenue-neutral rate. The bill would not apply to school districts or to any taxing subdivisions receiving less than \$5,000 annually in property taxes. The bill does remove the property tax lid. The bill passed the Senate 39-0.

**FORWARD – Transportation Plan**

House Appropriations passed out [HB2588](#), the FORWARD Transportation Plan. The bill included several key amendments, which include the following:

- Renaming the plan to the Eisenhower Legacy Program;
- Accelerate T-Works projects to be let by 2022, and also require that those projects shall be completed before any modernization projects are completed; and,
- Alternative delivery shall be used when such projects are the result of federal grants.

The Senate passed out their plan this week as well. It can be found [here](#).

**Budget**

Senate Ways and Means and House Appropriations have both passed out budgets. The budgets are being assembled and we anticipate a vote today or early next week on the budgets in each chamber. Budget Chairs are signaling in discussions that Omnibus will occur as well, once lawmakers return from April Adjournment.

**Weekly Schedule: March 16-20**

*As of March 12, 2020*

*Schedule subject to change.*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Bill No. or Issue</u>
<b>Monday</b>			
8:30 AM	S Commerce	548-S	Action HB2702 decoupling KIT/KIR from HPIP; possible action
8:30 AM	S Transportation	546-S	Possible action on bills previously heard
9:00 AM	H Approps	112-N	Bill intros; Hearing HB2594 Supplemental Approps FY20/FY21; HB2597 Approps FY20/FY21/FY22; possible action
9:00 AM	H Fed & State	346-S	Bill intros; Hearing SB221 allowing clubs/drinking est. to sell beer/beverages for consump off premises; final action
9:00 AM	H RR	582-N	On call
9:00 AM	H FI&I	281-N	On call
9:00 AM	H Loc Govt	218-N	On call
9:30 AM	S Tax	152-S	Hearing SB369 req. marketplace facilitators to collect and remit sales/use/guest taxes
			SB462 prohibiting disclosure by Sec. of Rev. of certain sales and use tax info; possible action on bills previously heard
9:30 AM	S Local Gov	142-S	No mtg

9:30 AM	S FI&I	546-S	No mtg
9:30 AM	S PH&W	118-N	No mtg
10:30 AM	S F&S	144-S	No mtg
10:30 AM	S Judiciary	346-S	No mtg
10:30 AM	S W&M	548-S	Bill intros; Hearing SB487 authorizing bonds to renovate Docking; Possible action on bills previously heard
11:00 AM	HOUSE		
1:30 PM	S Education	144-S	N/A
1:30 PM	S Utilities	548-S	No mtg
1:30 PM	H C&S	346-S	Hearing SB2700 amending provisions concerning the abuse, neglect and financial exploit. adults to update mandatory reporters
1:30 PM	H Commerce	112-N	Info briefing Cont. of EDIF suggestions; Hearing SB251 changing the filing schedule for business entity reports
			SB424 amending provisions regarding business entities and filings with SOS; Final action on bills previously heard
1:30 PM	H Corrections	152-S	N/A
1:30 PM	H Education	218-N	Hearing SB384 req. KS foster care children annual academic report card; final action on bills previously heard
1:30 PM	H HHS	546-S	No mtg
1:30 PM	H Transportation	582-N	No mtg
2:30 PM	SENATE		
3:30 PM	H GGB	281-N	No mtg
3:30 PM	H Judiciary	346-S	Hearing SB253 amending req. for service of process on non-resident drivers; SB293 transferring registration of charitable orgs.
3:30 PM	H K-12 Budget	546-S	No mtg
3:30 PM	SubCmte on 2582	546-S	Discussion on HB2582 creating behavioral health intervention weighting as part of KS school equity act
3:30 PM	H SSB	144-S	No mtg
3:30 PM	H Tax	112-N	Bill intros; Hearing SB294 est. notice and hearing req. prior to approval to exceed revenue neutral rate for property tax
			Possible action on bills previously heard
3:30 PM	H Trans. Budget	142-S	No mtg
3:30 PM	H Insurance	212-N	Hearing SB289 updating version of risk-based capital instructions in effect; SB290 Updating appointment/removal of Securities Com
			SB292 Granting commissioner of insurance flexibility in assessing certain excess lines coverage penalties

			SB402 updating producer licensing statutes; SB304 est. process of reciprocal conversion into a mutual insurance company
<b>Tuesday</b>			
8:30 AM	S Commerce	548-S	Hearing SB498 extending STAR Bonds financing act sunset (Proponents)
8:30 AM	S Transportation	546-S	Possible action on bills previously heard
9:00 AM	H Approps	112-N	Bill intros; Hearing HB2594 Supplemental approps FY20/FY21; HB2597 approps for FY20/FY21/FY22; possible action
9:00 AM	H Fed & State	346-S	Bill intros; final action on bills previously heard
9:00 AM	H RR	582-N	Info hearing: Kansas 2020 Census
9:00 AM	H Telecom	281-N	Info briefing: Securitization; action on bills previously heard
9:30 AM	S Tax	152-S	Hearing HB2516 enacting the first-time homebuyer savings account act; possible action on bills previously heard
9:30 AM	S Local Gov	142-S	On call
9:30 AM	S FI&I	546-S	Hearing HB2480 updating definition of long-term care insurance; HB2619 adjusting frequency of KPERs actuarial study
9:30 AM	S PH&W	118-N	Info briefing Family First Prevention Services Act
10:30 AM	S F&S	144-S	Agenda TBA
10:30 AM	S Judiciary	346-S	Hearing SB469 imposing civil fine for operating a child care facility w/out a license, HB2447 changing two-way electronic
			audio-visual communication is used in courts; HB2587 allowing venue for an agency adoption when the state is the agency
			HB2699 req. court services officers to assist with child in need of care cases; possible action on bills previously heard
10:30 AM	S W&M	548-S	Bill intros; Final action on budget; possible action on bills previously heard
11:00 AM	HOUSE		
1:30 PM	S Education	144-S	Action HB2487 including emotional disability in def of "child w/disabilities"
1:30 PM	S Utilities	548-S	Hearing HB2585 exempting retail sale of electricity for electric vehicle charging stations
1:30 PM	H C&S	346-S	On call

1:30 PM	H Commerce	112-N	Action on HB2529 amending STAR bonds by adding rural redevelopment projects; final action on bills previously heard
1:30 PM	H Corrections	152-S	Final action SB45 enhancing penalties for offenses causing death or serious bodily injury to public safety sector employees
1:30 PM	H Education	218-N	Hearing SB335 req. tuition waiver for foster children who are dually or concurrently enrolled; final action
1:30 PM	H HHS	546-S	On call
1:30 PM	H Transportation	582-N	Hearing SB390 allowing cement trucks/req. dump trucks to display license plates on front of vehicle
2:30 PM	SENATE		
3:30 PM	H GGB	281-N	No mtg
3:30 PM	H Judiciary	346-S	Hearing HB2229 concerning admission into evidence of any tape or recording electronic monitoring in adult care homes
3:30 PM	H K-12 Budget	546-S	On call
3:30 PM	H SSB	144-S	No mtg
3:30 PM	H Tax	112-N	Bill intros; Hearing SB272 prohibiting county appraisers from increasing valuation; SB295 prohibiting property tax valuation
			solely as the result of normal repair; final action on bills previously heard
3:30 PM	H Trans. Budget	142-S	No mtg
3:30 PM	H Elections	212-N	Final action SB256 election laws related to census data for determining district boundaries
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8:30 AM	S Transportation	546-S	Possible action on bills previously heard
9:00 AM	H Approps	112-N	Bill intros; Hearing HB2716 req. info tech security training for state agencies; SB255 approps to KUMC cancer ctr.; possible action
9:00 AM	H Fed & State	346-S	Bill intros; Hearing SB218 req. duly ordained minister of religion to report certain abuse and neglect of children; final action
9:00 AM	H RR	582-N	On call
9:00 AM	H FI&I	281-N	On call
9:00 AM	H Loc Govt	218-N	On call
9:30 AM	S Tax	152-S	Agenda TBA
9:30 AM	S Local Gov	142-S	On call

9:30 AM	S FI&I	546-S	Possible action on bills previously heard
9:30 AM	S PH&W	118-N	Hearing SB493 Amending healthcare stabilization fund coverage req.
10:30 AM	S F&S	144-S	Agenda TBA
10:30 AM	S Judiciary	346-S	Hearing HB2496 authorizing court services officers/community correct. Officer to provide certification of identification
			HB2708 creating drug abuse treatment program for people on diversion and allowing county attorneys to enter into agreements
			Possible action on bills previously heard
10:30 AM	S W&M	548-S	Bill intros; Final action on Budget; Possible action on bills previously heard
11:00 AM	HOUSE		
12:00 PM	LPA	546-S	
1:30 PM	S Education	144-S	Action HB2540 req. moneys attributable to at-risk student weighting expended for at-risk ed programs
1:30 PM	S Utilities	548-S	On call
1:30 PM	H C&S	346-S	On call
1:30 PM	H Commerce	112-N	Hearing HB2642 ext. maximum period of eligibility for unemployment insurance; Discussion on EDIF proviso; final action
1:30 PM	H Corrections	152-S	N/A
1:30 PM	H Education	218-N	Final action on bills previously heard
1:30 PM	H HHS	546-S	Presentation on Brain Injury Waiver; KDHE Palliative Care Program
1:30 PM	H Transportation	582-N	Final action on SB390 license plates for cement/dump trucks; Presentation on KTA by Steve Hewitt
2:30 PM	SENATE		
3:30 PM	H GGB	281-N	No mtg
3:30 PM	H Judiciary	346-S	Possible action on bills previously heard
3:30 PM	H K-12 Budget	546-S	On call
3:30 PM	H SSB	144-S	No mtg
3:30 PM	H Tax	112-N	Bill intros; Hearing SB264 providing notice to be heard before removal of person from county appraiser eligibility list;
			SB266 req. appraisal courses for county appraisers and BOTA members; SB297 compliance with uniform standards of prof
3:30 PM	H Trans. Budget	142-S	No mtg
3:30 PM	H Insurance	212-N	Final action on bills previously heard
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8:30 AM	S Transportation	546-S	Final action on bills previously heard
9:00 AM	H Approps	112-N	Bill intros; Hearing HB2731 creating the wartime veteran and first responder survivor's grant program/fund
			SB131 when township officials take the oath of office and deadline for filing (Contents placed in Sub 130), possible action
9:00 AM	H Fed & State	346-S	Bill intros; final action on bills previously heard
9:00 AM	H RR	582-N	On call
9:00 AM	H Telecom	582-N	Final action SB126 exempting certain public utilities from income tax; SB339 allow CC to approve certain electric contract rates
			SB380 prohibiting municipalities from imposing additional req. on video service providers
9:30 AM	S Tax	152-S	Hearing SB400 authorizing counties to impose an earnings tax; Possible action on bills previously heard
9:30 AM	S Local Gov	142-S	On call
9:30 AM	S FI&I	546-S	Hearing SB495 contingently reinstating the Kansas uninsurable health plan act; possible action on bills previously heard
9:30 AM	S PH&W	118-N	On call
10:30 AM	S F&S	144-S	Agenda TBA
10:30 AM	S Judiciary	346-S	Hearing HB2456 clarifying the definition of the term "possession" in KS criminal code; possible action on bills previously heard
10:30 AM	S W&M	548-S	Bill intros; Final action on budget; possible action on bills previously heard
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