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They're off! Legislators are on the way back to their districts for April Break as the Regular Session concluded after a busy week. This week, dedicated to conference committees, saw the resolution of dozens of lingering bills while tackling the budget and education policy. With the Regular Session over, there is a three week break before Veto Session begins May 3.

Though many issues could arise during Veto Session, the wrap up session is generally aimed at tying up loose ends on the budget, lingering conference committee items and consideration of vetoes from Governor, if any. Before the legislators left, they approved a state budget for the next fiscal year but fell short of passing a comprehensive education policy bill. The education bill contained the funding for K-12 schools as recommended by the Governor but added several controversial policy provisions. The Legislature will have to create a new bill to provide education funding when they return in May.

The comprehensive tax bill, SB 50, was sent to Governor Kelly's desk where her decision to sign or veto is being closely monitored. Though the Senate has passed a sports wagering bill, the issue may be dead for the year, along with medical marijuana, which has not passed either chamber.

After the Senate adjourned on Friday, Majority Leader Gene Suellentrop (R-Wichita) was removed from his post by the GOP caucus with a successor to be determined at a later date. Assistant Majority Leader Larry Alley (R-Winfield) will carry the responsibilities the duties through Veto Session.

The Health Conference Committee met to review their differences between House and Senate bills. Bills considered and approved as conference committee reports include legislation related to pharmacy, rural hospitals, among others. There were no bills related to dental policy in the conference committee.

Substitute for HB 2066, known as the Universal Licensure/Military Spouse Bill, is on the way to the Governor's desk, after a short conference committee. The Kansas Dental Board is subject to the bill's provisions.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions. Please see below for the bill matrix.

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Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 10 Richard Hilderbrand, R-13th	Enacting the right to earn a living act to minimize unnecessary occupational licensing and regulation	In Senate Commerce	01/20/2021 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Wednesday, 1/27, 10:30 AM, Rm 546-S
SB 34 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Sunsetting administrative rules and regulations five years after adoption unless extended by the legislature	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	01/21/2021 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 1/26, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
SB 121 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Updating certain provisions of the Kansas dental practice act	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/02/2021 - Senate Referred to Public Health and Welfare
SB 129 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/10/2021 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Wednesday, 2/17, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S
SB 137 Senate Commerce Committee	Expanding the military spouse and service member's expedited licensure law to all applicants who have established or intend to establish residency in Kansas, providing for licenses in an emergency declared by the legislature, allowing telemedicine by out-of-state healthcare providers and permitting the use of electronic credentials	In Senate Commerce	02/17/2021 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Tuesday, 2/23, 10:30 AM, Rm 546-S
SB 227 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Providing dental benefits for medicaid enrollees and making technical updates to the dental practices act	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/12/2021 - Senate Referred to Public Health and Welfare

HB 2061	Increasing the minimum age to purchase or possess cigarettes and tobacco products from 18 to 21, and prohibiting cigarette vending machines and flavored vaping products	In House Federal and State Affairs	01/14/2021 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs
House Federal and State Affairs Committee			
Sub for HB 2066	Expanding the military spouse and service member's expedited licensure law to all applicants who have established or intend to establish residency in Kansas	Pending enrollment	04/08/2021 - House Conference Committee Report adopted on House bill; Yeas 105, Nays 17
Chris Croft, R-8th			
Related Bills:			
S Sub for HB 2208: Modified language from HB 2066 added to HB 2208 by House Committee			
HB 2129	Providing for tobacco cessation benefits coverage under the state health care benefits program	In House Insurance and Pensions	02/03/2021 - House Scheduled Hearing in Insurance and Pensions: Wednesday, 2/10, 3:30 PM, Rm 218-N
House Insurance and Pensions Committee			
HB 2179	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In House Health and Human Services	01/29/2021 - House Referred to Health and Human Services
House Health and Human Services Committee			
HB 2340	Increasing the minimum age to 21 to purchase or possess cigarettes and tobacco products	On General Orders in House	03/01/2021 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed, by Federal and State Affairs
House Federal and State Affairs Committee			
HB 2370	Prohibiting a criminal conviction from acting as a sole disqualification for occupational licensure and creating guidelines to follow when considering criminal convictions of an applicant for occupational licensure	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	02/12/2021 - House Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee			
HB 2386	Establishing requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan	In House Health and Human Services	02/15/2021 - House Referred to Health and Human Services
House Health and Human Services Committee			

