

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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As the sports world prepares for March Madness, Topeka is preparing for its own version as the legislative calendar consists of critical deadlines for legislation in the process. Next week is the last week most committees will meet, providing an urgent environment to finish hearings and recommend bills out of committee. Most bills must be passed by the second chamber by March 24 while the last week of the month is reserved for conference committees to reconcile any differences between House and Senate versions.

The intense schedule of the next three weeks is interesting enough while many controversial issues are expected to come to a head before the April recess. There is not consensus on whether the state food sales tax rate should be eliminated completely or reduced to some degree, or the specific definition of food that should apply. Several proposed constitutional amendments, particularly on the Senate side, make headlines as one aims to alter the future of tax policy enactment while two others would change how state supreme court justices are appointed. Redistricting maps for state House, state Senate and State Board of Education districts are surfacing while House and Senate continue to piece their budget bill together.

HB 2386, which establishes requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan, will see a hearing on Wednesday morning in the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

As mentioned last week, due to Turnaround deadlines, several dental industry related bills tracked by KDHA are all but officially dead. These include:

- HB 2425, introduced by Kansas Dental Association that aims to define non-covered dental benefits under health insurance plans.
- HB 2546, introduced by Kansas Dental Association that requires health benefits plans that provide dental care services to provide certain information, accept certain claims and not reduce certain payments.

- SB 121, introduced by Kansas Dental Association that proposes to allow the Kansas Dental Board to take disciplinary action against a dental licensee for failing to perform an examination of a patient prior to diagnosing and correcting malpositions of human teeth or initial use of orthodontic appliances.
- SB 227, Providing dental benefits for Medicaid enrollees and making technical updates to the dental practices act.

The House Committee on Federal and State Affairs held a hearing on Substitute for SB 34, which sets up formal reviews of administrative rules every five years for all agencies, including the Kansas Dental Board. The committee is expected to take action soon.

Thank you and please see below for the bill matrix.

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| Bill Number and Sponsor | Bill Subject | Current Status | Last Action |
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| 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 |
| Sub for SB 34 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee | Requiring review of administrative rules and regulations every five years | In House Federal and State Affairs | 03/03/2022 - House Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Wednesday, 3/9, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S |
| SB 121 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee | Updating certain provisions of the Kansas dental practice act | In Senate Public Health and Welfare | 01/19/2022 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Tuesday, 1/25, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S |
| SB 129 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee | Providing for the licensure of dental therapists | In Senate Public Health and Welfare | 02/03/2022 - Senate Scheduled Discussion & Action in Public Health and Welfare: Monday, 2/7, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-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 |

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| 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 | | | |
| 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 Senate Public Health and Welfare | 03/09/2022 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Wednesday, 3/16, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S |
| House Health and Human Services Committee | | | |
| HB 2545 | Defining non-covered dental benefits under health insurance plans | In House Health and Human Services | 02/09/2022 - House Scheduled Hearing in Health and Human Services: Monday, 2/14, 1:30 PM, Rm 112-N |
| House Health and Human Services Committee | | | |
| HB 2546 | Requiring health benefits plans that provide dental care services to provide certain information, accept certain claims and not reduce certain payments | In House Health and Human Services | 01/26/2022 - House Referred to Health and Human Services |
| House Health and Human Services Committee | | | |

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| HB 2672 | Creating the open borders for Kansas jobs act providing that professionals in certain occupations holding credentials from a state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such credentials as Kansas may be issued Kansas licenses or certifications | In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development | 02/10/2022 - House Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development |
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