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As the calendar turns to February, the session Turnaround deadline is on the horizon. Turnaround, which serves as the deadline by which most bills must be passed in their chamber of origin, is set for February 24. The next two weeks will see committees feverishly hold bill hearings and consider action to send proposals to the full House and Senate for consideration.

There is a sense of urgency under the dome as legislative leaders set a projection to end the 2023 legislative session by April 29. In order to accomplish this goal, several items, such as creation and approval of the state budget, will have to be finished by the end of March. Budget subcommittees have started reviewing agency budget requests for eventual recommendation to the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

As it relates to issues impacting KDHA, a new bill proposes to exempt continuing education requirements. HB 2239 would exempt all licensed individuals who work more than 1,000 hours a year. The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Welfare Reform.

Next week the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare will discuss a dental industry bill. SB 103 proposes to update the Kansas Dental Practices Act relating to patient information. The bill will be referred to the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare. A hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7 and there is time designated on Thursday's meeting.

Another dental industry bill now resides in the House Committee on Insurance. Introduced by the Kansas Dental Association, the bill deals with benefits under dental benefit plans.

Thank you and please see below for the bill matrix.

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Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 103 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Updating certain provisions of the Kansas dental practices act relating to dentist information requested by patients, in-person practice requirements in dental office using licensee's name, unprofessional conduct and patient complaints	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/01/2023 - Senate Scheduled Final Action in Public Health and Welfare: Thursday, 2/9, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S
HB 2266 House Health and Human Services Committee	Defining non-covered benefits under dental benefit plans	In House Insurance	02/02/2023 - House Referred to Insurance