

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

***KDHA Kansas Legislative Report***

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The subfreezing temperatures are not slowing down the Kansas Legislature. Over 500 bills have been introduced between the House and Senate with another 500 in the drafting process. Five weeks into session we have had no major interruptions or quarantines as the Legislature continues to limit the number of people in the building, space appropriately, and take other precautions. Video broadcasting of committees has improved each week, allowing new opportunity for stakeholders to see the process from their homes.

Committees continue to move toward the Turnaround deadline (March 5) while the two budget committees piece together the state budget for the next fiscal year. The Senate captured headlines with the passage of a large tax bill. SB 22 began as another attempt to pass a bill responding to federal tax changes that was previously vetoed by Governor Kelly but now includes several new features.

KDHA's Dental Therapy Bill (SB 129) is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee on Wednesday, February 17 at 8:30AM. KDHA will be leading proponent testimony followed by several other stakeholders. SB 129 is essentially identical to the version passed by the Senate 38-0 in 2018. This legislation was a compromise that was publicly supported by both KDHA and the Kansas Dental Association. Though it remains to be seen what official position KDA will take in 2021, KDHA remains supportive of the compromise effort approved by the 2018 Senate. The committee meeting will be broadcast live on "Kslegislature channel" on YouTube.

No hearing has been scheduled for SB 121. SB 121 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.

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
<a href="#">SB 10</a> Richard Hilderbrand, R-13th	Enacting the right to earn a living act to minimize unnecessary occupational licensing and regulation	In Senate Commerce	<b>01/20/2021 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Wednesday, 1/27, 10:30 AM, Rm 546-S
<a href="#">SB 34</a> 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	<b>01/21/2021 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 1/26, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">SB 121</a> Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Updating certain provisions of the Kansas dental practice act	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	<b>02/02/2021 - Senate</b> Referred to Public Health and Welfare
<a href="#">SB 129</a> Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	<b>02/10/2021 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Wednesday, 2/17, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S
<a href="#">SB 137</a> 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	<b>02/04/2021 - Senate</b> Referred to Commerce
<a href="#">HB 2061</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	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	<b>01/14/2021 - House</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs

<a href="#">Sub for HB 2066</a> Chris Croft, R-8th	Expanding the military spouse and service member's expedited licensure law to all applicants who have established or intend to establish residency in Kansas	On General Orders in House	<b>02/03/2021 - House</b> Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed by Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
<a href="#">HB 2129</a> House Insurance and Pensions Committee	Providing for tobacco cessation benefits coverage under the state health care benefits program	In House Insurance and Pensions	<b>02/03/2021 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Insurance and Pensions: Wednesday, 2/10, 3:30 PM, Rm 218-N
<a href="#">HB 2179</a> House Health and Human Services Committee	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In House Health and Human Services	<b>01/29/2021 - House</b> Referred to Health and Human Services
<a href="#">HB 2340</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Increasing the minimum age to 21 to purchase or possess cigarettes and tobacco products	In House Federal and State Affairs	<b>02/11/2021 - House</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">HB 2370</a> House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	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	Introduced	<b>02/11/2021 - House</b> Introduced