

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Warmer weather in Topeka signals spring is on the horizon and the second half of the session is underway. After a short break for Turnaround, legislators returned to the capitol on Tuesday. The Turnaround deadline stopped hundreds of bills, exempting only legislation which has been passed by one chamber or resides in an exempt committee. The next two weeks will see committees work diligently to hold hearings and recommend bills. March 24 marks another deadline in which bills should be passed by the second chamber, reserving the last week of the month for conference committees to reconcile any differences between House and Senate versions.

The coming weeks expect to see both chambers develop and pass a budget while each also choose redistricting maps for their respective districts. Consideration of food sales tax reform continues with signs the recommended product will be more fiscally conservative than initial proposals.

Dental Therapy legislation is now officially on hold as SB 129 is not able to move forward this session due to Turnaround deadlines. SB 129 generated considerable discussion on the bill's merits, with many legislators indicating support or opposition while others had more ideas of how to amend the bill. KDHA will continue to visit with legislators on next steps for the dental therapy effort.

HB 2386, which establishes requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan, has been referred to the Senate after it passed the House last week with a 118-3 vote. The Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare may hold a hearing soon.

Due to Turnaround deadlines, the second half of session will see 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.

Substitute for SB 34, which sets up formal reviews of administrative rules every five years for all agencies, including the Kansas Dental Board, has been sent to the House. The bill now resides in the House Committee on Federal & State Affairs where it is scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday.

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
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
HB 2061 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	01/14/2021 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs
HB 2129 House Insurance and Pensions Committee	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
HB 2179 House Health and Human Services Committee	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In House Health and Human Services	01/29/2021 - House Referred to Health and Human Services
HB 2340 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	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
HB 2370 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	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	02/12/2021 - House Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
HB 2386 House Health and Human Services Committee	Establishing requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	03/02/2022 - Senate Referred to Public Health and Welfare
HB 2545 House Health and Human Services Committee	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

<p>HB 2546</p> <p>House Health and Human Services Committee</p>	<p>Requiring health benefits plans that provide dental care services to provide certain information, accept certain claims and not reduce certain payments</p>	<p>In House Health and Human Services</p>	<p>01/26/2022 - House Referred to Health and Human Services</p>
<p>HB 2672</p> <p>Bill Rhiley, R-80th</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development</p>	<p>02/10/2022 - House Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development</p>