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All eyes are on the Turnaround legislative deadline (February 24) as committees worked hard this week holding hearings and recommending bills. Dozens of bills, recommended by committees, are now awaiting debate by the Senate or House. Next week will provide two more days for committees to meet, with the following three days dedicated to Senate and House general session debates.

With the session nearing its half-way point, pressure continues to mount on lingering issues. Budget bills will continue to be pieced together while other issues like tax proposals see continued discussion through March. The House and Senate have both kept members busy with floor debates as recommended bills arrive. This shortens next week's to-do list and also allows committees to resume work quickly after Turnaround.

The Senate committee is waiting to take action on the Association of Dental Support Organizations' SB 103. Though several organizations supported SB 103 during the hearing, committee members noted receiving concerns from dentists in their districts.

No hearing has been scheduled for the Kansas Dental Association's HB 2266, which defines non-covered benefits under dental benefit plan. The bill resides in the House Committee on Insurance.

For licensure issues applicable to registered dental hygienists, no hearing has been scheduled for the proposal to exempt continuing education requirements. HB 2239 would exempt all licensed individuals who work more than 1,000 hours a year. The bill resides in the House Committee on Welfare Reform where it is subject to Turnaround deadlines.

Another bill related to licensure has emerged but does not alter licensing requirements. HB 2388 relates to the use of electronic licensing records. A hearing was held in the House Committee on Commerce. Pushed by the Alliance for States Providing Interoperable Reciprocity, they contend Kansas still has a decentralized licensing system.

Thank you and please see below for the bill matrix.

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Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
<p>SB 103</p> <p>Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee</p>	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 Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Wednesday, 2/8, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S
<p>SB 235</p> <p>Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee</p>	Expanding limitations to third-party access to provider network contracts and discounts unless certain criteria are met and prohibitions on payment method restrictions and limitations on certain transaction fees from dental services to all healthcare services	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/13/2023 - Senate Referred to Public Health and Welfare
<p>HB 2162</p> <p>Vic Miller, D-58th</p>	Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products	In House Taxation	01/25/2023 - House Referred to Taxation
<p>HB 2239</p> <p>House Welfare Reform Committee</p>	Allowing for exemptions from continuing education requirements for work experience	In House Welfare Reform	02/01/2023 - House Referred to Welfare Reform
<p>HB 2266</p> <p>House Health and Human Services Committee</p>	Defining non-covered benefits under dental benefit plans	In House Insurance	02/02/2023 - House Referred to Insurance
<p>HB 2269</p> <p>House Federal and State Affairs Committee</p>	Amending the Kansas cigarette and tobacco products act to raise the minimum age to 21 years old for the	On General Orders in House	02/16/2023 - House Committee Report recommending bill be

	sale, purchase or possession of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes or tobacco products		passed, by Federal and State Affairs
<p>HB 2388</p> <p>House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee</p>	<p>Requiring that licensing bodies provide verified electronic credentials to credential holders, including military servicemembers and others receiving Kansas credentials based on their credentials from other jurisdictions, and use centralized electronic credential data management systems with instantaneous credential verification and an auditable record</p>	<p>In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development</p>	<p>02/13/2023 - House Scheduled Hearing in Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: Thursday, 2/16, 1:30 PM, Rm 346-S</p>