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Another busy week is in the books as the Turnaround deadline lurks closer. Monday marked the last day most committees could introduce bills but there are still a few paths for new legislation to emerge. Nonetheless, over a thousand bills are currently floating within the process. Activity continues to heat up as next week is the last full week committees can work to consider and recommend bills while the following week will be reserved for day-long debates on the Senate and House floor.

Governor Kelly has already vetoed her first bill of the session, rejecting the congressional redistricting map sent to her desk last month. After a day of scrambling, the Senate provided enough GOP votes to override the veto with the House following suit the next day. This means the congressional map, which takes effect later this year, will now move forward to the typical judicial review process. Meanwhile, the House debated and approved the major Eco Devo Incentive Bill that is on the way to Governor Kelly's desk, since the Senate concurred with the House amendments.

Both health committees are keeping busy as the House Committee on Health and Human Services focuses on dental industry bills and the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare tackles COVID relation legislation.

SB 129, creating dental therapy, is eligible for action by the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare at anytime through February 21. The committee has meanwhile received spotlight for its work on SB 381, related to COVID treatment. The bill is actually now contained in Senate Substitute for HB 2280. The new version of Senate Substitute for HB 2280 was approved by majority vote of the Committee after a series of amendments and action. The bill went to the Senate floor but was unexpectedly sent back to the Committee. The Committee is expected to consider changes to the bill where it may be sent back to the Senate floor.

The Senate committee may also consider action on SB 121. This is a Kansas Dental Association bill introduced last session 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.

On the House side, the committee plans to review HB 2386 and HB 2545 with hearings on Monday. Specifically, the bill establishes requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan while HB 2545 defines non-covered dental benefits under health insurance plans. The bills could be considered for action until February 21. The House committee plans to spend the remainder of the week on a mental health bill that creates the 988 emergency line for mental health service.

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
SB 34 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	01/21/2021 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 1/26, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-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 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
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
HB 2546 House Health and Human Services Committee	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

