

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Another busy week is in the books as the Turnaround deadline draws closer. Monday marked the last day most committees could introduce bills but there are still a few paths for new legislation to emerge. Nonetheless, more than 600 bills are currently floating within the process. Activity continues to heat up as next week is the last full week committees can hear and recommend bills while the following week will be reserved for day-long debates on the Senate and House floor.

Dental industry legislation was discussed in Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare's hearing on SB 103. Introduced by the Association of Dental Support Organizations, SB 103 requires dentists to provide basic information about the dentist and dental practice ownership upon request of a patient. In addition, the bill would remove provisions of the Kansas Dental Practices Act that currently prevent licensed dentists from conducting a dental office with their name attached when they are not personally present in the office operating as a dentist or personally overseeing operations at least 20% of the time patients are being treated in such office. SB 103 would also remove provisions related to requirements for licensee's secondary dental offices.

SB 103's hearing saw support from the Association of Dental Support Organizations, Heartland Dental and the Kansas Dental Association. The Kansas Dental Association, however, noted its neutral stance regarding the removal of 20% rule provisions. Committee members noted they have received calls and emails from dentists noting concerns with the bill. SB 103 was scheduled for action the following day but this was postponed due to the growing concerns.

The Kansas Dental Association introduced HB 2266, which defines non-covered benefits under dental benefit plan. The bill resides in the House Committee on Insurance.

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.

Next week both committees will meet several times to consider action on bills in order to keep them on pace before the Turnaround deadline.

Thank you and please see below for the bill matrix.

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Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
<a href="#">SB 103</a> 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	<b>02/01/2023 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Wednesday, 2/8, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S
<a href="#">HB 2162</a> Vic Miller, D-58th	Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products	In House Taxation	<b>01/25/2023 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2239</a> House Welfare Reform Committee	Allowing for exemptions from continuing education requirements for work experience	In House Welfare Reform	<b>02/01/2023 - House</b> Referred to Welfare Reform
<a href="#">HB 2266</a> House Health and Human Services Committee	Defining non-covered benefits under dental benefit plans	In House Insurance	<b>02/02/2023 - House</b> Referred to Insurance

<p><a href="#">HB 2269</a></p> <p>House Federal and State Affairs Committee</p>	<p>Cigarettes, electronic cigarettes and tobacco products</p> <p><i>CCR Subject: Cigarettes, electronic cigarettes and tobacco products</i></p>	<p>In House Federal and State Affairs</p>	<p><b>02/09/2023 - House</b> Scheduled Discussion &amp; Action in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 2/16, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 2388</a></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><b>02/10/2023 - House</b> Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development</p>