

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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The second week of the 2022 Legislative Session is in the books. Legislators returned on Tuesday after the federal holiday for a short but busy four days. Committees continue to meet and introduce new legislation while several bills saw their first hearings. In addition, the House and Senate worked together to quickly pass a bill that extends the ability for certain healthcare professionals to assist during the pandemic.

Competing ideas are beginning to surface on state food sales tax proposals. The Governor's proposal (SB 342 and HB 2487) for elimination defines 'food' as unprepared food, plus bottled water, candy and food in vending machines. Other proposals are being drafted that may be more aggressive in food-related exemptions. The next week promises more committee action with hearings scheduled and review of bills in committee.

This week the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee received updates from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Most of the discussion was dedicated to Kansas' rankings and questions related to COVID-19.

Next week the Senate committee plans to discuss dental policy with a hearing on SB 121. SB 121 is a 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.

The remaining Senate committee meetings plan to hold informational hearings about off-label use of prescription drugs to prevent and treat COVID-19 infections.

January 26 is KDHA’s Advocacy Day at the Kansas Statehouse. A full program is prepared with dozens of legislative appointments scheduled with key members of the House and Senate health committees and legislators representing KDHA members in their districts.

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>01/19/2022 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Tuesday, 1/25, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S
<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 227</a> 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	<b>02/12/2021 - Senate</b> Referred to Public Health and Welfare
<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="#">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	On General Orders in House	<b>03/01/2021 - House</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed, by 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	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	<b>02/12/2021 - House</b> Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
<a href="#">HB 2386</a> 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	<b>02/15/2021 - House</b> Referred to Health and Human Services