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This week session saw an unexpected turn as the snowstorm shut down the Legislature on Wednesday. The Senate opted to stay closed for the rest of the week while the House returned on Thursday for a handful of committee meetings. Monday and Tuesday saw plenty of action and new bills continue to flood in the doors. Next week promises to offer dozens of committee meetings with packed agendas making up for the snow days and preparing for Turnaround deadlines.

With the calendar officially turned to February, each week grows more intense. Most bills must be passed by the February 24 Turnaround deadline, essentially meaning committees have just two weeks to hold hearings and recommend bills. Meanwhile budget subcommittee continue to review agency budget proposals as the House considers the Economic Development Incentive Bill that was passed by the Senate last week.

The snow closure postponed the scheduled consideration of SB 129 (related to dental therapy) by the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee. SB 129 had a hearing last session and is eligible for action at any time through Turnaround. The committee is expected to reschedule this for Monday, February 7 at 8:30AM.

Likewise, the Senate committee has not taken any 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.

At this time, the House Health and Human Services Committee has not scheduled a hearing for HB 2545 or HB 2546, both introduced by the Kansas Dental Association. HB 2545 aims to define non-covered dental benefits under health insurance plans while HB 2546 requires health

benefits plans that provide dental care services to provide the same benefits regardless if the claim is part of the provider network.

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	02/03/2022 - House Scheduled Hearing in Health and Human Services: Tuesday, 2/8, 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	02/03/2022 - House Scheduled Hearing in Health and Human Services: Tuesday, 2/8, 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