



KANSAS STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 1/11/21

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Re: Weekly Update - Week of January 11, 2021

Please see our report on what we expect to see this week in the Kansas Legislature:

Weekly Report

As in the past, the staff at Federico Consulting will be sending weekly macro reports, bill trackers, and schedules to you all each Friday. We hope you will continue to find these useful as we go throughout the Session.

A Special Note on Finding Bill Language

If you need to find specific language of a bill, type the number in the box under "Bill number:" on the right-hand side of [this](#) webpage. Once you find the bill listed, click that specific bill. You will find the PDF logo under the "Documents" label - click the logo...this will lead you to the text of the bill.

As always, our office is more than happy to send you specific language as well.

Statehouse Prepares for the 2021 Session

With the COVID-19 pandemic still looming large, legislative leadership and staff have been busy making preparations for what will likely be one of the strangest Sessions on record. The Legislative Coordinating Council, which met December 30, detailed the precautions that were being taken, including: providing proper social distancing in committee rooms, holding committee meetings virtually, and limiting large groups of lawmakers or outside citizens.

In short, to the extent possible, Legislative leaders are trying to conduct business that allows full participation and work on bills of importance, while working within the safety protocols they have put in place for the 2021 Session.

COVID Response Bill Hearings Held First Week of Session

With a looming January 26, 2021 expiration date, members of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees will look to extend most of the COVID Response bill that was passed in a Special Session held in June. [HB2016](#) contains several provisions – ranging from the Governor’s Emergency Powers, to liability for businesses and healthcare providers, to how to distribute federal stimulus dollars. While several provisions need to be extended just to deal with the continuing pandemic, lawmakers are also looking to modify, extinguish or permanently put in place others. The Senate plans to look at the bill on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the House will work Wednesday and Thursday.

Health Topics Dominate First Week

In addition to hearings on HB2016, committees such as the House Health & Human Services Committee and the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee will hear updates on other topics such as the COVID vaccine rollout and testing. Please see our updated agenda, below, for more details on the various hearing dates and times.

Governor’s State of the State to be Held Virtually

Governor Laura Kelly’s office announced that the annual State of the State address will be held virtually, in light of the COVID pandemic. The address will take place on Tuesday, January 12 at 7 PM. In addition to local Kansas television stations, the speech can be viewed on the [Governor’s Facebook Page](#).

This Week

The House and Senate will both be in Session all week. They were sworn in on Monday and take up business Tuesday thru Friday.

Weekly Schedule: January 11-15

Schedule subject to change.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DAY/CMTE</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>AGENDA</u>
	<u>TUESDAY</u>		
8:30 PM	S Agriculture	144-S	N/A
8:30 AM	S Public Health & Welfare	142-S	Bill Intros; Presentation: COVID Vaccines & Testing from KDHE
8:30 AM	S Transportation	546-S	Bill Intros
9:00 AM	H Appropriations	112-N	N/A
9:00 AM	H Fed & State	346-S	Bill Intros
9:00 AM	H Water	152-S	N/A
9:00 AM	H Telecom	582-N	Bill Intros
9:00 AM	H Veterans	281-N	Bill Intros
9:30 AM	S Tax	548-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: SB13 - Property Tax Transparency Bill
9:30 AM	S Insurance	546-S	Bill Intros
9:30 AM	S Local Government	142-S	Bill Intros; Update: County CARES Funds, COVID Stress on Rural/Urban Hospitals
10:30 AM	S Commerce	546-S	N/A
10:30 AM	S Fed & State	144-S	Bill Intros; Presentation on KS Lottery - Steve Durrell

10:30 AM	S Judiciary	346-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: SB14 - 2020 HB2016 (Kansas Emergency Mgmt. Act Bill); Possible Action
10:30 AM	S Ways & Means	548-S	N/A
11:00 AM	HOUSE FLOOR		
1:30 PM	S Education	144-S	Bill Intros
1:30 PM	S Utilities	548-S	N/A
1:30 PM	H Ag. Budget	118-N	N/A
1:30 PM	H Children & Seniors	152-S	Bill Intros
1:30 PM	H Commerce	346-S	Bill Intros; Overview: Special Cmte on Eco Recovery
1:30 PM	H Corrections & JJ	546-S	N/A
1:30 PM	H Education	218-N	N/A
1:30 PM	H Health & Human Ser.	112-N	Bill Intros; Discussion of Vaccine Dist. Plan
1:30 PM	H Higher Ed. Budget	281-N	N/A
1:30 PM	H Transportation	582-N	N/A
2:30 PM	SENATE FLOOR		
3:30 PM	H Agriculture	112-N	Bill Intros
3:30 PM	H Judiciary	582-N	Bill Intros
3:30 PM	H K-12 Budget	546-S	N/A
3:30 PM	H Social Services Budget	152-S	Bill Intros
3:30 PM	H Tax	346-S	Bill Intros
3:30 PM	H Transportation Budget	118-N	N/A
3:30 PM	H Elections	218-N	Bill Intros; Post-Election Briefing - SOS Schwab
	WEDNESDAY		
8:30 PM	S Agriculture	144-S	N/A
8:30 AM	S Public Health & Welfare	142-S	Bill Intros; Presentation: Nursing Homes/Adult Care & COVID
8:30 AM	S Transportation	546-S	Bill Intros
9:00 AM	JOINT BUDGET MTG	112-N	Overview of Revenues; Briefing on Gov's Budget Report
9:00 AM	H Fed & State	346-S	Bill Intros
9:00 AM	H Water	152-S	Bill Intros
9:00 AM	H Financial Inst. & Rural	218-N	Bill Intros
9:00 AM	H Local Government	281-N	N/A
9:30 AM	S Tax	548-S	Bill Intros; Hearing: Income Tax Bill (Bill No. TBD); Possible Action
9:30 AM	S Financial Inst.	546-S	Overview of State Bank Commissioner
9:30 AM	S Transparency & Ethics	142-S	Update on 2020 Election - SOS Schwab
10:30 AM	S Commerce	546-S	N/A

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1:30 PM	H Commerce	346-S	Hearing- HB2045- Revisiting the Kansas Angel Investor Tax Credit Act
1:30 PM	H Corrections & JJ	546-S	KDOC Overview
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1:30 PM	H Health & Human Ser.	112-N	Bill Intros; Discussion of COVID Testing & Quarantine Process
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3:30 PM	H Tax	346-S	Bill Intros,
3:30 PM	H Transportation Budget	118-N	N/A
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9:00 AM	H Water	152-S	N/A
9:00 AM	H Telecom	582-N	N/A
9:00 AM	H Veterans	281-N	N/A
9:30 AM	S Tax	548-S	Bill Intros; Possible Action; Overview of 2020 Legislature
9:30 AM	S Insurance	546-S	Overview of KS Insurance Dept. - Commissioner Vicki Schmidt

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