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Kansas Legislative Report

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The 2017 Kansas Legislative Session is in full swing. Despite the short week due to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, committees were active with a heavy dose of hearings, and the Session's first bill was passed and sent to the Governor's desk.

An elections bill (HB 2017), referred to as the Pompeo Bill, was quickly considered and passed by the House and Senate. The bill is a response to the expected vacancy in Kansas' Fourth Congressional District if Mike Pompeo is confirmed for the CIA post. The bill applies to any future vacancy in a congressional seat to speed the replacement process. Moreover, it reduces the number of petition signatures needed by independent candidates to get on the ballot to 3,000. Governor Brownback has signed the bill into law.

An even bigger headline was the House Tax Committee's hearing on eliminating the state income tax exemption for LLCs and other small businesses for Tax Year 2017. The bill is expected to generate \$179M in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 and \$140M in FY 2019. The Department of Revenue does contend the fiscal impact could be well over \$200M. The hearing attracted numerous proponents and opponents. The bill could be debated and a voted on by the House Tax Committee as early as next week.

Dozens of bills were introduced this week, particularly in the House. Notable bills include many health-related initiatives and a proposal to eliminate the property tax lid placed on local governments two years ago. No school finance plans have been introduced but education committees are reviewing the history of school finance.

The Dental Therapy Bill was introduced in the House Health Committee this week. There will be a bill number assigned on Monday. The bill will have the RDH requirement in order to be a Dental Therapist.

The Kansas Dental Project is preparing for their advocacy day on January 25.

Thank you and please let me 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
<p>HB 2023</p> <p>House Taxation Committee</p>	<p>Determination of Kansas adjusted gross income; sunseting certain modifications</p>	<p>In House Taxation</p>	<p>01/11/2017 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Thursday, 1/19, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S</p>

HB 2064 House Health and Human Services Committee	Establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program	In House Health and Human Services	01/18/2017 - House Referred to Health and Human Services
HB 2119 House Health and Human Services Committee	Establishing non-covered services for dental benefits under health insurance	Introduced	01/20/2017 - House Introduced