

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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The 2022 Legislative Session is officially underway. House and Senate members returned to Topeka with most committees meeting at least once to start their work. Governor Kelly outlined her vision for the next year as she delivered her fourth State of the State address. The theme of her address lauded the state's economic strength and the growing surplus collected as revenue continues to exceed expectations. With this in mind, the Governor noted her desire to eliminate food sales tax and provide a \$250 tax rebate to each filer while fully funding other programs such as the State Highway Fund.

The next few weeks will see hundreds of new bills introduced in committees while House and Senate budget committees dissect the Governor's proposed budget before crafting their own. Legislative leaders have similar and other ideas on how to utilize the larger-than-normal ending balance. Meanwhile, the House and Senate Redistricting Committee is meeting to begin drafting district maps which will become effective for the August primary election. Unlike 2021, the setting in the capitol is largely normal, with committees meeting in person and visitors allowed to closely observe the proceedings.

The Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee kicked off the session dedicating three days of discussion on anesthesiologist assistants. The committee has several days scheduled for next week pertaining to the Senior Care Task Force, the Kansas Department of Health & Environment and reviewing the status of committee bills. The House Health Committee plans to discuss mental health issues.

No new dental related legislation has been introduced at this time.

2021 legislation became active again on January 10 and may be considered later this session. These include:

- SB 121, which 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.

- SB 227, which would update the Dental Practice Act, introduced by Oral Health Kansas.
- HB 2386, which would establish requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan.

SB 129, known as the Dental Therapy Bill, is eligible to be considered by the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee.

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	02/02/2021 - Senate Referred to Public Health and Welfare
SB 129 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/10/2021 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Public Health and Welfare: Wednesday, 2/17, 8:30 AM, Rm 142-S
SB 137 Senate Commerce Committee	Expanding the military spouse and service member's expedited licensure law to all applicants who have established or intend to establish residency in Kansas, providing for licenses in an emergency declared by the legislature, allowing telemedicine by out-of-state healthcare providers and permitting the use of electronic credentials	In Senate Commerce	02/17/2021 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Tuesday, 2/23, 10:30 AM, Rm 546-S

SB 227	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
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee			
HB 2061	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
House Federal and State Affairs Committee			
HB 2129	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
House Insurance and Pensions Committee			
HB 2179	Providing for the licensure of dental therapists	In House Health and Human Services	01/29/2021 - House Referred to Health and Human Services
House Health and Human Services Committee			
HB 2340	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
House Federal and State Affairs Committee			
HB 2370	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
House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee			
HB 2386	Establishing requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan	In House Health and Human Services	02/15/2021 - House Referred to Health and Human Services
House Health and Human Services Committee			