

The Moser Minute

Week Three: January 24-28, 2022

General Legislative Activities The talk throughout the Capitol this week was redistricting. Eight regional winners of “Kansas Teacher of the Year” were recognized, and Susanne Stevenson, Dodge City, a 4th grade teacher at Beeson Elementary, was named “Kansas Teacher of the Year.” On January 25th, there were ProLife activities all day in and around the Capitol. At 11:30, ProLife House members took advantage of a short recess in the Congressional Map floor debate to gather on the south steps of the Capitol to greet the crowd of roughly 1000 people, young and old alike, who braved the cold to attend the rally.

Federal & State Affairs Committee heard a briefing by research staff on the Liquor Law Modernization interim committee findings.

Hearings were held on:

- **HB 2267** Creating the Kansas Youth Advisory Council.
- **HB 2502** Authorizing retail liquor stores to sell and deliver alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages to a caterer, public venue, club or drinking establishment located in any county. Current law states that alcohol can only be delivered from an adjacent county, or a county that touches on a corner.

HCR 5022 Passed out of committee on a voice vote. A proposition to amend sections 2 and 5 of article 9 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to require that a sheriff be elected in each county for a term of four years.

Children & Seniors Committee heard a presentation on Early Childhood Trauma and Its Impact on Brain Development as well as an update from the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund. A hearing was held on January 24th on:

- **HB 2490** Authorizing the state treasurer to determine account owners and designated beneficiaries for an ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) savings account, adding who may open such an account and requiring compliance with the federal internal revenue code.

HB 2490 Passed out of committee on a voice vote on January 27th.

Agriculture Committee Heard annual reports from the Kansas Soybean Commission, Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Corn Commission, and the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission. It speaks volumes that these groups, though competitors in a strict sense of the word, work together for the good of all in agriculture, as together we feed the world. Every presenter referenced each organization’s voluntary checkoff program that producers participate in to support research, educate the public and promote their products.

A hearing was held on:

- **HB 2479** Making unlawful the capture or possession of ornate box turtles. There was a great deal of discussion upon the completion of Dr. Benjamin Reed’s testimony. Dr. Reed is an assistant professor of biology at Washburn University. He has spent his life

studying turtles, especially the ornate box turtle. Their population is being threatened by poaching.

Action on the House Floor

- **SB 355/HB 2522** After four and a half hours of floor debate on Tuesday, January 25th, the House voted on Wednesday to approve the Ad Aspera 2 Congressional Map, which had been approved earlier by the Senate. The vote was 79 Yes/37 Nay/2 Present but Not Voting.

In addition to meeting with lobbyists from the Kansas Water Authority, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Disability Rights Center of Kansas, and the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners, I took part in two Zoom meetings concerning Rural Mental Health and Child Care in Kansas. I participated in a Kansas Housing Resources Corporation luncheon that highlighted the need for and potential funding for affordable rural housing. Look for more forthcoming information on this vital subject. At a County Appraiser reception, I visited with Washington County Appraiser Lance Leis. Marysville City Council Woman Colleen Behrens came by my office as she was in the Capitol for Local Government Day. Other visitors were Olivia Richardson and her parents, Michael and Brooke Richardson, and her grandparents, Linda Price and David and Mary Richardson. Olivia, a 7th grader at Marysville Junior High School, won the Northeast Regional “My City, My Home” essay contest and the family was in Topeka for her award ceremony.

You can follow the session on the Legislature’s website: www.kslegislature.org . Click on the audio/video tab in the upper right corner. Legislative hotline is **1-800-432-3942** and is open 8-5 on weekdays.

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