

The Moser Minute

Week Four: January 31-February 4, 2022

General Legislative Activities SB347, known as the “Apex Bill” was debated this week by the House Commerce Committee after passing out of the Senate on Thursday, January 27th. There are many moving parts to this bill and there is much concern about transparency, Kansas’ funding output required to attract a mega billion-dollar company, where it will be located and the specific tax incentives that will accompany the offer. A large balloon amendment and others will be presented in committee on Monday, February 7th. More to come on this pending legislation.

Federal & State Affairs Committee heard an overview of the Alcohol & Beverage Control Division by Director Debbi Beavers.

Committee Action:

SB 181 Creating the elevator safety act to require inspections of elevators and licensure for elevator installation and repair. This passed out of committee on voice vote, and will now go “below the line,” for consideration for debate on the House floor.

Children & Seniors Committee

Hearings were held on:

- **HB 2525** Removing the non-cooperation with child support from requirements for food and childcare assistance eligibility and exempting adults enrolled in school from the 20 hour-per-week work requirements for childcare assistance eligibility for a limited time.
- **HB 2524** Requiring the secretary for aging and disability services to regulate supplemental nursing services agencies in the state of Kansas. The committee room was standing room only for this hearing. There is passionate debate on both sides of this issue. I spoke briefly with Haely Ordoyne, Washington, chairwoman of the Kansas Adult Care Executives Association on her way out of the hearing. We will continue our conversation in the near future. She testified on behalf of KACE as a proponent of HB 2524.

Committee Action:

HB 2525 passed this bill out favorably by voice vote and for House floor consideration after an amendment was added during the committee meeting addressing an aspect of the “non-cooperation with child support” portion of the bill.

Agriculture Committee

Hearings were held on:

- **HB 2560** Extending certain penalties, fees and maximum amounts of fees and the expiration dates of certain programs of the Kansas Department of Agriculture.
- **HB 2559** Creating the Kansas cotton boll weevil program and requiring the program to levy an assessment upon Kansas produced cotton and monitor and mitigate the risk of boll weevils.

No committee action this week.

There was no House Floor action this week.

A forecast of frigid temperatures, a howling wind and snow coming in Tuesday evening resulted in leadership of the House and Senate canceling all activities at the State House on Wednesday. I attended the State Association of Kansas Watersheds luncheon in the Capitol on Tuesday, and visited briefly with local representatives from Nemaha, Marshall, Jackson, Brown and Pottawatomie counties.

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.

I represent you. Please reach out to me about issues that are concerning. I can be reached at lisa.moser@house.ks.gov ; Capitol office number 785.296.7637; cell number 785.456.3876. Please leave a message if I don't answer. Thank you for your support and interest in the legislative process. State Representative Lisa M. Moser, House District 106