

The Moser Minute

Week Seven: February 21 – 25, 2022 and **Week 8: February 28 – March 4, 2022**

“Turnaround Week” brings the end of most committee meetings. Turnaround is the deadline for non-exempt bills to be considered in their house of origin. We spent two days on the floor working bills.

Federal & State Affairs: Hearing on **HB2462**-Removing the standing committee membership requirements for members of the joint committee on state-tribal relations.

Children & Seniors: No meetings held.

Agriculture: No meetings held.

On the House floor: Thirty-six bills and resolutions were debated and approved. Highlights include:

HB 2110 Requiring insurance coverage for PANS and PANDAS by the state health care benefits program and requiring the state employee health care commission to submit an impact report on such coverage to the legislature.

HB 2299 Allowing a search warrant to be executed within 10 days from the date of issuance.

HB 2386 Establishing requirements for the payment and reimbursement of dental services by a dental benefit plan.

HB 2456 Establishing the Kansas kids’ lifetime combination hunting and fishing license.

HB 2483 Providing for the daughters of the American revolution distinctive license plate.

HB 2508 Requiring retention of fingerprints by the Kansas bureau of investigation for participation in the federal rap back program.

HB 2516 Requiring an offender who raises error in such offender's criminal history calculation for the first time on appeal to show prejudicial error, requiring the journal entry used to establish criminal history to be attached to the criminal history worksheet and authorizing the court to correct an illegal sentence while a direct appeal is pending.

HB 2517 Transferring the responsibility to certify drug abuse treatment providers that participate in the certified drug abuse treatment program from the department of corrections to the Kansas sentencing commission.

HB 2529 Allowing veteran license plate applicants to use either a DD214 form, a military veteran identification card or veteran health identification card for proof of veteran status.

HB 2547 Authorizing technology-enabled fiduciary financial institution insurance companies within the captive insurance act and providing for the requirements and operations thereof.

HB 2559 Creating the Kansas Cotton Boll Weevil Act, providing for a Board of Directors to oversee a program that will monitor the presence of boll weevils in Kansas and to mitigate their infestation if found. An assessment will be collected upon Kansas produced cotton at the time it is delivered at the gin.

HB 2563 Concerning the Kansas seed law and the commercial industrial hemp act; relating to labeling; seeds treated with certain substances; definitions; labeling; unlawful actions; certain registrations; inspections; live plant dealers; and testing services.

HB 2567 Increasing certain registration and title fees on vehicles for services performed by county treasurers and the division of vehicles and decreasing certain fees related to administrative costs and disposition of such fees.

HB 2579 Requiring electronic filing of campaign reports by candidates for state office unless an exemption is granted for cause.

HB 2605 Increasing the rural population requirement maximum for the veterinary training program for rural Kansas and creating a food animal percentage requirement that may be fulfilled in lieu thereof.

HB 2607 Clarifying the time limitations for habeas corpus claims.

HB 2654 Providing guidance to determine how offenders under the supervision of two or more supervision agency can have supervision consolidated into one agency.

HB 2688 Requiring that licensed farm wineries be issued a cereal malt beverage retailer license if the statutory requirements for such retailer license are satisfied.

HB 2703 Making changes to employment security law provisions regarding the employment security fund and employer contribution rates, the definition of employment to conform with federal law and various updates to the “my reemployment plan” program, including making the program mandatory with certain exceptions, and providing that the secretary of commerce may require participation by claimants in reemployment services.

HCR 5014 Proposing a constitutional amendment that provides for legislative oversight of rules and regulations adopted by executive branch agencies and officials.

HCR 5022 Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring that a sheriff be elected in each county, exception for Riley County.

HCR 5030 Recognizing the growing problem of antisemitism in the United States.

Sunday evening, February 21st, I dined with 4-H members from the River Valley District which includes the counties of Clay, Cloud, Republic, and Washington. I later watched them perform legislative functions on the House floor that evening. Charlie Warders and Everson Parker, seventh graders at Valley Heights, were pages for me on Tuesday, February 22nd. US 4th District Congressman Ron Estes stopped at the Capitol to see his wife, who also happens to be a fellow freshman and my officemate Representative Susan Estes. He spent some time on the House floor greeting people. I consider myself blessed to serve with Susan and to know Ron as well. The “Rural Schools for Quality Education” had an interesting exhibit at the Capitol this week. Haely Ordoyne, Washington, was a visitor in my office. On Saturday, February 26th, Senator Elaine Bowers and I held legislative forums in Belleville and in Washington.

Week Eight: February 28 – March 4, 2022

Federal & State Affairs: Hearings on:

- **HB 2710** Increasing the percentage of alcohol by volume allowed to not more than 16% for domestic table wine and the domestic fortified wine threshold to more than 16% alcohol by volume. Passed out on voice vote.
- **HB2715** Establishing a certification program for county election officials to be developed by the Secretary of State and the Kansas County Clerks & Election Officials Association.

- **HB 2706** Specifying that final hemp products may contain a delta-9 THC concentration of not more than 0.3% and allowing certain prohibited hemp products to be manufactured, marketed, sold, or distributed.
- **HB 2708** Establishing standards for laboratory licenses that test medical marijuana and requiring the director of Alcohol Beverage Control to adopt rules and regulations regarding testing laboratories. The is considered a “trailer bill” to SB 158, the medical marijuana bill that passed out of the House during the spring 2021 session. I did not support SB 158.

Committee Action on bills previously heard:

- **HB 2677** Prohibiting persons in charge of a building from requiring off-duty police officers carrying a concealed handgun from providing certain personal information or wearing anything identifying such persons as a law enforcement officer or as being armed. Passed out on voice vote.
- **HB 2462** Tribal committee membership requirements. Passed out on voice vote.
- **HB 2611** Home delivery of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages by a licensed retailer, including deliver through a third-party service. This bill was tabled by committee on March 4th.

Children & Seniors: No meetings held

Agriculture: Continued working **HB 2531** Allowing certain persons to use the right-of-way of any county road or township road to install, maintain and operate one or more pipelines for agricultural activities.

Rural Caucus: As elected chair of the Rural Caucus, I presided over my first Rural Caucus noon hour luncheon and meeting on March 3rd. The Kansas Hospital Association sponsored a meal for approximately 55 rural legislators. Presentations on wellness vaccination programs and SB 454 Amending the “Advanced Practice Registered Nurse authorized scope of practice” were discussed.

On the House floor: Three bills were up for debate and vote. All passed.

- **SB 358** Allowing financing from the Public Water Supply Loan Fund for public water supply projects that acquire water through a water transfer.
- **H Sub SB101** Approving the operation and use of electric-assisted bicycles and regulating the use thereof.
- **SB 62** Amending the standards for school-administered vision screening for students and establishing the Kansas Children’s Vision Health & School Readiness Commission.

This week I participated in the “Blind Immersion” demonstration, learning the very basics to help the blind navigate should they request help while in public. I also worked on planning for students coming to Federal & State Affairs next week to testify on HB2644, a proposal to make the Sandhill Plum the state fruit. Reading to a six-month-old girl and a preschooler, I was also lucky to meet a service dog in training from the KSDS Assistance Dogs in Washington when I participated in “Read with a Child” on March 2nd in the first floor of the rotunda. The Manhattan High School Choir provided unbelievably amazing music in the same location later in the week.

Please join Senator Elaine Bowers and me at Landoll Lanes in Marysville at 9:30AM, Saturday, March 19th to discuss the 2022 session.

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