



## **Community Bankers Association of Kansas**

### **Kansas Legislative and Policy Report**

#### **2026 Session Week 2 Update**

**January 26, 2026**

#### **Overview**

Session is moving quickly and for the most part committees are wasting very little time debating both budget and policy issues. We have surpassed most of the introductory briefings and are now in the midst of policy hearings and most major state agency budget debates. Both the House and Senate plan to have their budget bills finalized toward the end of January/early February, so until then, the rapid pace continues. Thus far, the focus has been mostly in committees, with very little debate on any major policy issues in either chamber, but that will certainly follow in a few weeks.

As for this week, budget committees will continue hearing and, in many cases, finalizing their budget recommendations. We also expect the Senate to perhaps debate SCR 1616 (capping assessed valuations) on the Senate floor, but do not expect it to advance further in the House. The schedule will be full during the next three weeks of the usual hearing schedule, leading up to several long days of floor debate in both chambers in mid-February.

#### **Financial Institutions Updates**

This week will be very busy, between a hearing on the crypto kiosk bill in the House, in addition to hearings on TEFFI bills in the Senate. On the property tax front, the Senate Tax Committee advanced SCR 1616, capping property tax assessed value increases, but it is unlikely to advance once it reaches the House. It is possible the full Senate could debate the topic next week.

#### **Legislation of Interest**

- New bills shown in **bold**.

#### **Fraud & Consumer Protection**

- [\*\*HB 2515\*\*](#): Enacting the virtual currency kiosk consumer protection act, providing definitions, establishing requirements for virtual currency kiosk operators, imposing certain limits on virtual currency kiosk transaction amounts and charges and authorizing

the attorney general and any law enforcement agency to investigate reports of fraudulent money transmission and report to OSBC.

- Hearing in House FI&P Wednesday, 1/28.

#### OSBC bills

- [SB 316](#): Authorizing the state bank commissioner to establish a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of Kansas to provide charitable consumer financial education initiatives in Kansas.
  - Hearing in Senate FI&I Thursday, 1/29.
- [SB 248](#): (From 2025 Session). Updating the fingerprinting language for OSBC for money transmitters and earned wage access services providers and authorizing the state gaming agency and attorney general to have access to more criminal history record information.
  - Hearing set for 1/20 was postponed.

#### TEFFI

- [HB 2417](#)/SB 301: Authorizing OSBC to revoke a TEFFI charter, subject to approval by the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC).
  - Possible hearing on SB 301 in Senate FI&I Thursday, 1/29.
- [HB 2418](#)/SB 300: Prohibiting OSBC or any other state agency from becoming a receiver for a TEFFI that becomes insolvent or declares bankruptcy.
  - Hearing on SB 300 in Senate FI&I Monday, 1/26.

#### Other

- [HB 2497](#): Prohibiting the assessment of a prepayment penalty against any party more than six months after the execution of a note evidencing a home loan made primarily for personal, family or household purposes secured by a real estate mortgage.
  - Hearing in House FI&P Monday, 1/26.

### **Upcoming Activities**

- The legislative schedule of hearings is updated regularly throughout the week and can be found in the House and Senate calendars on the Legislature's [website](#).
- All hearings are available online live and archived. You can find those hearings on the Legislative [YouTube](#).

#### Monday, January 26

##### House FI&P. 9:00 AM.

- Hearing on HB 2497: Prohibiting the assessment of a prepayment penalty against any party more than six months after the execution of a note evidencing a home loan made primarily for personal, family or household purposes secured by a real estate mortgage.
- Review of TEFFI and Joint KPERS Committee reports.

##### Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance. 9:30 a.m.

- Hearing on SB 300: Prohibiting OSBC from becoming a receiver for a TEFFI that becomes insolvent/declares bankruptcy.

##### House Taxation. 3:30 PM.

- Hearing on HB 2430: Enacting the insurance savings account act, allowing individuals and corporations to establish insurance savings accounts with certain financial

institutions, providing eligible expenses, requirements and restrictions for such accounts and establishing addition and subtraction modifications under the Kansas income tax act.

Tuesday, January 27

Senate Tax. 9:30 AM.

- Informational briefing on property tax exemptions, Legislative Post Audit.

Senate FI&I. 9:30 AM.

- Hearing on SB 352: Creating the bitcoin and digital assets reserve fund and providing definitions, procedures, and requirements for abandoned digital assets.

Senate Local Government, Transparency, and Ethics. 9:30 AM.

- Hearing and deliberation on OSBC and KDCU budgets.

Wednesday, January 28

House Financial Institutions. 9:00 AM.

- Hearing on HB 2515 crypto kiosk consumer protection act.

Thursday, January 29

Senate FI&I. 9:30 AM.

- Hearing on SB 316: Authorizing OSBC to establish a nonprofit organization incorporated under Kansas laws to provide charitable consumer financial education initiatives in Kansas.
- Potential hearing on SB 301: Authorizing OSBC to revoke a TEFFI charter, subject to approval by the Legislative Coordinating Council.
- Possible final action on bills.

Friday, January 30

Senate Ways & Means. 10:30

- OSBC and KDCU budget report-out/recommendations.

**Wrap Up**

Let us know if you have any questions.

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