



Community Bankers Association of Kansas

Kansas Legislative and Policy Report

2026 Session Week 10

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Overview

We are now less than one week away from First Adjournment on Friday. The Legislature left town Thursday, the Senate after a long day of debate and the House hours earlier, after abruptly adjourning to everyone's surprise, leaving over 15 bills on General Orders with unknown futures. As often happens in the final days of Session, tensions are high, negotiations are happening behind the scenes, and the dynamic between leadership and legislators can become tense. Certainly, adjourning abruptly going into the final week makes for some tenuous dynamics as we head into the last week. So, what's in store this next, and final, week?

- Conference committees (six members, made up of House and Senate Chair, Vice Chair, and Ranking Member) meet to negotiate differences in bills that have passed at least one chamber. They will meet throughout the week, and then both chambers will vote on the negotiated conference committee reports (CCRs). As a reminder, CCRs, unlike regular bills, are non-amendable, so what passes out of the conference committee is exactly what is voted on, not subject to floor amendments.
- The Tax Conference Committee in particular will be busy, as the Legislature has still not arrived at any agreement. HB 2745, the local government property tax lid, was sent back to Tax Committee, where it remains. The House, on the other hand, revisited a concept from last year, SCR 1603, a constitutional amendment that would provide for the taxable value of certain property to be the lesser of the fair market value or the average fair market value (essentially last year's HCR 5011). It would also allow the Legislature to freeze or limit valuations of residential property for qualifying seniors. If approved by voters (and should it also pass the Senate with a two-thirds majority), it would take effect in Tax Year 2028. This gives the 2027 Legislature the time to establish the number of years to be considered for the rolling average and to establish valuation adjustments for new construction or improvements, changes in property use or property description, and property listed as escaped/omitted property.
 - SCR 1603 Summary here:
https://kslegislature.gov/li/b2025_26/measures/documents/supp_note_scr1603_04_0000.pdf
 - Passed the House [84-40](#).
- SCR 1603 is very different from the property tax relief outlined in HB 2745, and it is unclear how the Senate may respond, but it's clear they are two very different

proposals, and it will be a lengthy conference process to come to some type of property tax relief package (should they reach agreement).

- An additional, last-minute House property tax package that then failed to reach the floor would have made some significant policy changes, including taxes on sports wagering and sunseting dozens of sales tax exemptions.
- The Budget Conference met Thursday evening for the first few rounds of negotiations and continued their work on Friday to work out differences in the State Budget. They will likely wrap up their work by Monday or Tuesday, so that the Budget can then run in both chambers before Friday. The Governor then has the ability to line-item provisions in the budget once it reaches her desk.
- Earlier in the week, the House passed [HB 2793](#), which provides a sports authority for the new Chiefs stadium and practice facility. The bill creates a board with members appointed by the Governor and legislative leadership (as well as the mayors of Kansas City and Olathe) and outlines how the authority operates. Presumably, the issue will be resolved in conference.
- In other sports-related news, the Senate ([very narrowly](#)) passed [SB 393](#), allowing World Cup fans to buy alcohol for 23 hours a day, seven days a week during the World Cup. That bill heads to conference committee, too.
- With so many issues left unresolved, including the budget and property taxes, it is highly likely the Legislature returns as usual for a Veto Session, this one scheduled to begin Thursday, April 9th.

Financial Institutions Updates

Both financial institutions committees on Monday held an informational hearing on HB 2648, the social media and telecommunications fraud accountability act, likely setting up the issue for an interim and further discussion during the 2027 session. The bill would prohibit social media companies and telecoms from falsely identifying names or numbers on telephone caller ID systems and the unauthorized use of a bank name in electronic advertisements or solicitations.

[KBA testified in support](#) of the bill, along with representatives from YouMail (app that filters spam) and Capitol Federal. Though it was an informational briefing and not an actual hearing, Cox testified as neutral and both [CCIA](#) and [CTIA](#) testified in opposition to the bill from the communications/technology firms and wireless provider perspective. [Cox's neutral stance](#) on the issue stems from their experience in Nebraska on a similar bill where they were able to secure an amendment that would exempt information service providers, local exchange carriers, telecommunications carriers, and cable providers.

This week, the Financial Institutions conference committee will work out the few remaining differences in bills before advancing the final products to both chambers. Most issues below remain in play for the conference process.

Legislation of Interest

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.
 - Passed the House [118-5](#).

- Senate FI&I [amended](#) the transaction amounts, from \$2,000 to \$1,000 for the initial transaction and \$10,000 to \$5,000 for the total transaction maximum.
- Passed the Senate unanimously.
- Will be in conference.
- [HB 2591](#): Authorizing financial institutions to report suspected financial exploitation of an adult account holder to a designated agency, notify any adult designated as a trusted contact by such account holder of suspected financial exploitation and place a temporary hold on certain transactions or disbursements.
 - Amended on the House floor to prevent unintended consequences and adds guardrails to ensure that a temporary hold is not solely based on age, the transaction amount, or an individual’s refusal to provide information. Additionally, the temporary hold must be signed off by management and reported to authorities if it results in a freeze of funds.
 - [Summary](#) of bill as amended.
 - Passed the House unanimously.
 - Senate FI&I amended the bill so that “designated agency” could mean any law enforcement agency *or* DCF, rather than both entities.
- [HB 2648](#): Enacting the social media and telecommunications fraud accountability act, requiring social media platforms to exercise reasonable care in preventing the dissemination of fraudulent advertisements, prohibiting falsely identifying names or numbers on telephone caller ID systems and the unauthorized use of a bank name in electronic advertisements or solicitations and making violations of the act an unconscionable act or practice under the Kansas consumer protection act.
 - Informational hearing on 3/16.
 - Nebraska and at least fourteen other states introduced legislation this year to address fraud through social media and scam calls.
 - Anticipate this as a 2027 Session issue.

OSBC bills

- [SB 410](#): Providing that earned wage access service registrants are subject to the Kansas financial institutions information security act.
 - Passed both chambers.
 - Conference eligible.

TEFFI

- [SB 300](#): Prohibiting OSBC or any other state agency from becoming a receiver for a TEFFI that becomes insolvent or declares bankruptcy.
 - Passed the Senate unanimously.
 - Passed the House 122-0.
 - Conference eligible.

Other

- [SB 524](#): Requiring banks to enter into a written agreement with the state treasurer to be a depository of public moneys, increasing the market value of securities necessary to secure the deposit of public moneys, providing procedures for when a depository fails to follow the requirements of the state treasurer, modifying certain definitions, authorizing the state treasurer to assess a fee to operate the public moneys pooled method, creating the public moneys fee fund and providing exceptions to the public moneys pooled method if accounts are subject to conflicting federal law.
 - Senate FI&I amended and passed the bill out; awaits Senate floor debate. Amendment specifies the fee assessed by the State Treasurer would be used solely

- to operate the public moneys pool, and the fee amount to be adopted through rules and regulations.
 - Passed the Senate unanimously.
 - Conference eligible.
- [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.
 - Passed the House 87-37 and Senate 36-4.
 - Conference eligible.
- [HB 2590](#): Enacting the Kansas community property trust act to authorize the use of community property trusts during the marriage of settlor spouses and amending the Kansas uniform trust code to allow trustees to reimburse settlors of grantor trusts, authorize the use of designated representatives for trusts and permit the terms of a governing instrument to expand, restrict or eliminate certain general rules applicable to fiduciaries, trusts and trust administration.
 - Passed the House 123-1 and Senate 40-0.
 - Conference eligible.
- SB 39: Establishing the Kansas legal tender act and providing for an income tax subtraction modification for sales of specie.
 - SB 39 passed out of House FI&P as [amended](#).
 - The committee amended the bill to remove specie legal tender from being subject to the Kansas Money Transmission Act.
- HB 2378 (from 2025 Session): Establishing the removal of squatters act, providing a procedure to remove a squatter from a dwelling unit, requiring owners or agents of dwelling units to provide an affidavit to the county sheriff, requiring notice to vacate by the sheriff, establishing the crime of providing a false affidavit and establishing a civil cause of action for wrongful removal of a person from a dwelling unit, allowing attorney fees and punitive damages.
 - Passed the House 114-8 on Thursday, March 6th, 2025.
 - The House further amended the bill to remove language from the legislative findings regarding whether squatting is considered a crime and removed language that would allow law enforcement to arrest persons found in a dwelling unit for certain crimes or for an outstanding arrest warrant.
 - [Bill summary](#) as amended.
 - Passed the Senate 39-1.
- [SB 375](#): Enacting the proxy advisor transparency act, requiring proxy advisors to make certain disclosures when recommending an action against company management, authorizing the attorney general to investigate and take enforcement actions against violators.
 - Passed the Senate 31-9.
 - Passed out of House FI&P with an amendment clarifying that banks and savings and loans with 10% or less proxy advisory services are exempt from the bill (amendment requested by the KBA).
 - [Summary](#) of the bill as amended.
 - [State Treasurer](#) is in support.
 - Passed the House 84-40.

Tax Policy

- [Senate Sub for HB 2745](#). Property tax lid and protest petition. Current status:
 - The Senate modified the House version to include schools, cap budgets, and remove the prior bond payments exemption.

- Sub HB 2745 caps city, county, and school budget increases based on a Midwest urban CPI. If a local government wants to exceed that threshold, a protest petition that garners 10 percent of the total number of registered voters on January 1 of the election year, will overturn the majority vote of the elected body.
- Bond payments are not excluded from the budget growth cap.
- The recent budget transparency provisions known as the Revenue Neutral Rate process was eliminated in the House bill, but the Senate restored it.
- Moreover, the public notice required to inform property taxpayers of the RNR will also serve as a petition that can be signed and returned to endorse the protest petition.
- The Senate failed to debate the bill on the floor, and it was sent back to Senate Tax. While the Tax Committee discussed some changes (i.e., election instead of petition), the Committee took no further action on the bill, and it remains in Committee.
- SCR 1616: Limit assessed value increases by 3% (or less) annually.
 - Passed the Senate 30-10.
 - Failed in the House on voice vote March 12th.

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, March 23rd

- 9:00 House FI&P and Senate FI&I Conference Committee on all bills in conference.

Monday-Friday, March 23rd-27th

- Conference committees negotiate differences and both chambers review and vote on Conference Committee Reports.

Wrap Up

Let us know if you have any questions.

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