



Daily Legislative Update

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

17th Day of 90th General Assembly




TODAY AT THE CAPITOL

House convenes at 1:30 p.m.

Senate convenes at 1:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

JOINT

7:30 AM	Room B, MAC	JBC-SPECIAL LANGUAGE	Agenda	
8:00 AM	Room B, MAC	JBC-PERSONNEL	Agenda	
9:30 AM	Room A, MAC	JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE	Agenda	

HOUSE

10:00 AM	Room 130	AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE & MILITARY AFFAIRS- HOUSE	Agenda
10:00 AM	Room B, MAC	CITY, COUNTY & LOCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE- HOUSE	Agenda
10:00 AM	Room 138	AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- HOUSE	Agenda
10:00 AM	Room 151	STATE AGENCIES & GOVT'L AFFAIRS- HOUSE	Agenda
12:00 PM	Room B, MAC	HOUSE RULES	Agenda

SENATE

8:00 AM	Room 272	PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE - SENATE	Agenda
Upon Adjournment of Senate	Room 207	EDUCATION COMMITTEE - SENATE	Agenda
Upon Adjournment of Senate	Room 171	JUDICIARY COMMITTEE - SENATE	Agenda

SB 96 by Sen. Jim Hendren, which would create the “Health Reform Legislative Task Force, was amended again yesterday. The second amendment adds language specifying that “Medicaid expansion recipients” include the current Medicaid expansion population in the eligibility category created by Section 1902(a) of the Federal Social Security Act. The amended bill is expected to be presented in today’s Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee.

STATE CHAMBER/AIA BILL TRACKING

To date, the House has filed 187 bills and the Senate has filed 150 bills.

The State Chamber/AIA is tracking 61 bills and resolutions.

New bills added to State Chamber/AIA tracking today:

HB 1173	Womack, Richard (R)	Reissues the expired tax credit under the County and Regional Industrial Development Act, authorizing entities to claim the credit during calendar years 2015-2019 and carry forward the credit for three years.
HB 1176	Ballinger, Bob (R)	Expands the property tax exemption for disabled veterans, surviving spouses, and dependent children to apply once eligibility is established regardless of the original date of the lien and regardless of where the person's homestead is located.
HB 1178	Pitsch, Mat (R)	Exempts the lessee of an intermodal authority from sales tax if the property or service purchased by the lessee is used or consumed within the intermodal facility.
HB 1181	Copeland, Donnie	Repeals the Health Care Independence Act of 2013 and provides for a phase-out period in which individuals may

	(R)	be eligible for temporary coverage using federal funds.
HB 1185	Leding, Greg (D)	To create the Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Recovery and Treatment Act. (Shell bill)
HB 1186	Leding, Greg (D)	Prohibits casualty insurance for aircraft to exclude or deny coverage because an aircraft is operated in violation of a law, ordinance or regulation; authorizes specific exclusions that a carrier may include in an aircraft policy.
HB 1187	Leding, Greg (D)	Creates a \$1,500 income tax credit that qualified small businesses may claim for each veteran hired who has recent combat experience.

For the complete, searchable list of bills being tracked, please visit our [tracking site](#). The full text of each bill is available at the site.

TOMORROW AT THE CAPITOL

Committee Meetings for Thursday, January 29, 2015

JOINT

7:30 AM	Room B, MAC	JBC-PERSONNEL
9:00 AM	Room A, MAC	JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

HOUSE

10:00 AM	Room 130	PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE	Agenda
10:00 AM	Room B, MAC	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION- HOUSE	Agenda
10:00 AM	Room 138	EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE	Agenda
10:00 AM	Room 149	JUDICIARY COMMITTEE- HOUSE	Agenda
10:00 AM	Room 151	REVENUE & TAXATION- HOUSE	Agenda

SENATE

10:00 AM	OSC	STATE AGENCIES & GOVT'L AFFAIRS-SENATE	Agenda
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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

Governor Hutchinson presented his proposed balanced budget to the Joint Budget Committee yesterday morning. The \$5.196 billion FY 2016 budget calls for a 3 percent increase in state spending. The proposal includes an increase for Human Services funding, the General Education fund, Department of Corrections funding, state agency funding, a \$2-per-day increase for county jail reimbursements, a 1 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) for state employees over the next two years and the reclassification of revenue tied to the natural gas severance taxes.

Roby Brock with [Talk Business & Politics](#) reported "one-time monies will plug various aspects of the budget, including a new computer science initiative, funding for adequate school facilities, and Medicaid funding." The article provides additional details on the proposal.

YESTERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

SB6 by Senate President Jonathan Dismang and House Speaker Jeremy Gillam, which contains the Governor's middle class income tax reduction, received a Do Pass as Amended from the House Revenue and Taxation Committee yesterday. The amendment contains the compromise 40 percent capital gains tax cut starting February 1 of this year. The bill will likely be debated on the House floor this week.

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