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Below please find the list of bills introduced during the 2015 Legislative Session. These bills have been identified as issues which may impact the interest to WIBA members. Within the bill tracker you will find the bill number and its subject matter as well the current status of the bill and whether there is pending committee action on the bill. You may access the full text of the bill by holding down your computer control key and clicking on the bill number in the report. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the bills below, please do not hesitate to contact our lobbyist, Marlee Carpenter, at marlee@brightcarpenter.com or 785-213-0185.

Judicial selection:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HCR 5003 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Constitutional amendment; extend recall elections to elected judicial officers	In House Judiciary	01/16/2015 - House Referred to Judiciary	judicial selection
HCR 5004 House Judiciary Committee	Constitutional amendment revising article 3, relating to the judiciary; providing for direct partisan election of supreme court justices and court of appeals judges; abolishing the supreme court nominating commission	In House Judiciary	01/21/2015 - House Referred to Judiciary	judicial selection

Local government:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 10 David Haley, D-4th	Cities; filling vacancies in governing body	In Senate Elections and Local Government	01/28/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Ethics and Elections: Wednesday, 2/4/2015, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S	local government
HB 2003 Michael Houser, R-1st	Cities; annexation of non-adjointing land	On General Orders in House	01/29/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Local Government	local government

Patent trolling:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 38 2014 Special Committee on Judiciary	Bad faith assertions of patent infringement	In Senate Judiciary	01/21/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Judiciary: Tuesday, 1/27/2015, 10:30 AM, Rm 346-S	patent trolling

Schools:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HB 2035 House Education Committee	Amending the tax credit for low income students scholarship program act	In House Education	01/21/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Education: Monday, 1/26/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 112-N (REMOVED FROM AGENDA)	schools

Taxes:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 29 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Removal of community improvement district sales tax administration fund aggregate cap	On General Orders in Senate	01/28/2015 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Assessment and Taxation	taxes
SB 31 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Permitted use of tax information in certain tax actions and proceedings; tax liens upon personal property; tax warrants; time for returns and payment of tax; liability for persons responsible for collection of sales or compensating tax	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	01/28/2015 - Senate Scheduled Discussion and Action in Assessment and Taxation: Tuesday, 2/3/2015, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S	taxes
HB 2001 Steven R. Brunk, R-85th	Property taxation; distribution of taxes paid under protest	In House Taxation	01/13/2015 - House Referred to Taxation	taxes
HB 2019 House Vision 2020 Committee	Property tax levy for the Kansas educational building fund	In House Taxation	01/28/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Wednesday, 2/4/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N	taxes
HB 2076 James Todd, R-29th	Sales tax holiday	In House Taxation	01/28/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N	taxes
HB 2174 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Tax credit for low income students scholarship program act amendments	In House Education Budget	01/30/2015 - House Referred to Education Budget	taxes
HB 2178 House Taxation Committee	Increasing the Kansas standard deduction of an individual	In House Taxation	01/30/2015 - House Referred to Taxation	taxes
HB 2070 House Taxation Committee	Property exempt from taxation; allowing counties to exempt certain property	In House Taxation	01/22/2015 - House Referred to Taxation	property tax
HB 2071 House Taxation Committee	Property taxation; market study analysis, persons eligible to be appointed appraiser	In House Taxation	01/28/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Tuesday, 2/3/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N	property tax

Workforce development:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 80 Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Enacting the Kansas working families pay raise act	In Senate Commerce	01/27/2015 - Senate Referred to Commerce	workforce development
SB 93 Senate Education Committee	Career technical education performance-based funding requirements	In Senate Education	01/29/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Education: Monday, 2/2/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 144-S	workforce development
HB 2012 Jim Ward, D-86th	Enacting the Kansas working families pay raise act	In House Appropriations	01/13/2015 - House Referred to Appropriations	workforce development

Firearms:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 65 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Carrying of concealed handguns by public employees while engaged in employment	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	01/23/2015 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs	firearms

Courts:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HB 2114 House Judiciary Committee	Relating to subpoena of nonparty business records	In House Judiciary	01/28/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Judiciary: Tuesday, 2/3/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 112-N	Courts
HCR 5004 House Judiciary Committee	Constitutional amendment revising article 3, relating to the judiciary; providing for direct partisan election of supreme court justices and court of appeals judges; abolishing the supreme court nominating commission	In House Judiciary	01/21/2015 - House Referred to Judiciary	Courts

Civil Procedure:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HB 2130 House Judiciary Committee	Relating to wrongful death actions; increasing the amount of damages that may be awarded	In House Judiciary	01/28/2015 - House Referred to Judiciary	civil procedure

Budget:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HB 2133 House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions and supplementals for FY 2015 and FY 2016 for various state agencies	In House Appropriations	01/29/2015 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Appropriations: Monday, 2/2/2015, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N	budget

State Contracting:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HB 2153 House Appropriations Committee	Taxpayer empowerment, accountability and transparency in state contracting act	In House Appropriations	01/29/2015 - House Referred to Appropriations	state contracting