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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.

Arts & Culture:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HB 2368 House Taxation Committee	Establishing arts and cultural districts for the promotion of arts and culture	In House Federal and State Affairs	02/25/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 3/5, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S	arts & culture

Budget:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 234 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	State finances; relating to state general fund tax receipts and expenditures; providing a tax amnesty; creating a budget stabilization fund, tax reduction fund; ending balances; income tax rates, itemized deductions; reports to the legislature	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/18/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Wednesday, 3/25, 1:00 PM, Rm 548-S	budget
HB 2307 House Taxation Committee	State finances; relating to state general fund tax receipts and expenditures; providing a tax amnesty; creating a budget stabilization fund, tax reduction fund; ending balances; income tax rates, itemized deductions; reports to the legislature	In House Taxation	02/25/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Wednesday, 3/4, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N	budget

Business Filings:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 276 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Integrating certain statutes pertaining to business filings and limited liability companies	Passed in Senate	03/19/2015 - Senate Emergencied to Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 38, Nays 0	business filings

Charitable Gaming:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 262 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Charitable gaming; regulation of bingo and raffles	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	03/18/2015 - Senate Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 3/19, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S	charitable gaming
HB 2291 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Charitable gaming act; regulation of bingo and raffles	In House Federal and State Affairs	02/18/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Monday, 2/23; Tuesday, 2/24, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S	charitable gaming
Sub for HB 2383 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Creating the Kansas charitable bingo and raffle act	On General Orders in House	02/26/2015 - House Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed by Federal and State Affairs	charitable gaming

Courts:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HB 2411 House Appropriations Committee	Abolishing the court of appeals; establishing the court of criminal appeals and the court of civil appeals; changing appellate court jurisdiction	In House Judiciary	03/16/2015 - House Referred to Judiciary	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	On General Orders in House	02/17/2015 - House Committee Report recommending resolution be adopted by Judiciary	Courts judicial selection

Economic development:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 192 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Kansas expanded lottery act; racetrack gaming changes	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/25/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 3/5, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S	economic development
HB 2248 House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Tax increment financing eligibility for projects involving very old buildings and adjacent vacant or condemned lots	In House Taxation	02/13/2015 - House Withdrawn from Commerce, Labor and Economic Development; referred to Taxation	economic development
HB 2405 House Taxation Committee	Extending the sunset on the angel investment tax credit program	In House Taxation	03/12/2015 - House Referred to Taxation	economic development
HB 2406 House Taxation Committee	Urban core economic development tax-based incentives for housing, opportunity zones and individual development	In House Taxation	03/12/2015 - House Referred to Taxation	economic development
HB 2408	Repealing certain sales tax exemptions	In House	03/12/2015 - House	economic

House Taxation Committee		Taxation	Referred to Taxation	development
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Employee Negotiations:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
S Sub for HB 2326 House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Amending the professional negotiations act	On General Orders in Senate	03/19/2015 - Senate Committee Report recommending substitute be passed by Education	employee negotiations

Employment Discrimination:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 207 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Prohibiting retaliation or discrimination by an employer against a parent for taking time off to attend certain court proceedings involving children	In Senate Commerce	02/12/2015 - Senate Referred to Commerce	employment discrimination

Employment:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HB 2357 House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Department of labor; employment security; disqualification for benefits, administrative review, personnel carrying our act, filing of wage reports	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	03/05/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: Tuesday, 3/10, 1:30 PM, Rm 346-S	employment

Excise Tax:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HB 2401 House Taxation Committee	Imposing an excise tax on ethanol production and electricity generated by renewable resources	In House Taxation	03/11/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Wednesday, 3/18, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N	excise tax

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	On General Orders in Senate	03/18/2015 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Federal and State Affairs	firearms

Immigrants' rights:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 166 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Rule of law restoration act; immigration	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/06/2015 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs	Immigrants' rights
HB 2294 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Requiring the use of e-verify by employers	In House Federal and State Affairs	02/11/2015 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs	Immigrants' rights workforce development
HB 2384 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Rule of law restoration act; immigration	In House Judiciary	02/23/2015 - House Referred to Judiciary	Immigrants' rights

Judicial selection:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
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	On General Orders in House	02/17/2015 - House Committee Report recommending resolution be adopted by Judiciary	Courts judicial selection

Income Tax:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 286 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Requiring social security numbers for tax credit eligibility	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/16/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation	income tax
SB 287 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Making refundable income tax credits nonrefundable	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/16/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation	income tax

Local government:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HB 2003 Michael Houser, R-1st	Cities; annexation of non-adjointing land	In Senate Local Government	02/12/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Local Government: Tuesday, 2/17, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S	local government

Patent trolling:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
Sub for SB 38 2014 Special Committee on Judiciary	Bad faith assertions of patent infringement	Pending motion to concur	03/20/2015 - House Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 115, Nays 0	patent trolling

Property tax:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 178 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Valuation of agricultural land	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	02/11/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation	property tax
SB 257 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Ten-year limit on property tax exemption for renewable resources or technologies	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/11/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Monday, 3/16, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S	property tax
SB 258 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Eliminating property tax exemption from statewide school levy for property used for residential purposes to the extent of \$20,000 of its appraised valuation	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/04/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Wednesday, 3/11, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S	property tax
SB 259 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Computation of amount of personal property tax on motor vehicles	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/11/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Wednesday, 3/18, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S	property tax
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	property tax taxes
HB 2070 House Taxation Committee	Property exempt from taxation; allowing counties to exempt certain property	On General Orders in House	03/13/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Taxation	property tax
HB 2071 House Taxation Committee	Property taxation; market study analysis, persons eligible to be appointed appraiser	On General Orders in House	03/13/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Taxation	property tax
HB 2400 House Taxation Committee	Repealing the local ad valorem tax reduction fund	In House Taxation	03/11/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Tuesday, 3/17, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N	property tax
HB 2404 House Taxation Committee	Allowing counties to submit question to voters to eliminate county property taxes and replace revenues with increased sales taxes	In House Taxation	03/11/2015 - House Referred to Taxation	property tax sales tax
HB 2409 House Taxation Committee	Eliminating property tax exemption from statewide school levy for property used for residential purposes to the extent of \$20,000 of its appraised value	In House Taxation	03/17/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Thursday, 3/19, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N	property tax

Public-Private Partnerships:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HB 2407 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	State infrastructure projects; allowing for public private agreements	In House Federal and State Affairs	03/12/2015 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs	public-private partnerships

Rural Opportunity Zones:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HB 2367 House Taxation Committee	Including Miami county as a rural opportunity zone	In House Taxation	03/05/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Wednesday, 3/11, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N	rural opportunity zones

Sales Tax:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 261 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Imposing sales tax on sales of gas, electricity, heat and other fuel sources for production of heat and lighting for residential premises and agricultural use	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/11/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Thursday, 3/19, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S	sales tax
SB 263 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Providing a sales tax exemption for fresh fruit and vegetables upon adoption of necessary amendments to the streamlined sales and use tax agreement	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	02/24/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation	sales tax
SB 264 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Eliminating sales tax exemption for farm machinery and equipment	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	02/24/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation	sales tax
SB 291 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Providing sales tax exemption for certain purchases by hope ranch for women inc and contractors providing services thereto	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/19/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation	sales tax
HB 2399 House Taxation Committee	Increasing sales and compensating use tax rates to 6.3%	In House Taxation	03/11/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Tuesday, 3/17, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N	sales tax
HB 2404 House Taxation Committee	Allowing counties to submit question to voters to eliminate county property taxes and replace revenues with increased sales taxes	In House Taxation	03/11/2015 - House Referred to Taxation	property tax sales tax

Sin Tax:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 233 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Increasing rates of taxation on cigarettes, tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/18/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Tuesday, 3/24, 1:00 PM, Rm 548-S	sin tax

STAR Bonds:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 283 Senate Ways and Means Committee	STAR bonds; economic impact study; base year for additions of area to project districts; financing in excess of approved amounts	In Senate Commerce	03/18/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Thursday, 3/19, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S	STAR Bonds
HB 2402 House Taxation Committee	STAR bonds; definition of STAR bond project, pledge of tax increment revenue, limitations, distribution of sales tax revenue, creating the department of commerce STAR bond administration fund and the department of revenue STAR bond administration fund	In House Taxation	03/06/2015 - House Referred to Taxation	STAR Bonds
HB 2410 House Appropriations Committee	STAR bonds; economic impact study; base year assessed valuation for additions of area to project districts; financing in excess of approved amounts	In House Taxation	03/13/2015 - House Referred to Taxation	STAR Bonds

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

State OSHA:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
HB 2299 House Appropriations Committee	Directing the secretary of labor to submit a statewide plan for state enforcement of OSHA standards	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	02/18/2015 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: Tuesday, 2/24, 1:30 PM, Rm 346-S	State OSHA

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	In House Taxation	03/04/2015 - House Referred to 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	On General Orders in Senate	02/04/2015 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Assessment and Taxation	taxes
SB 135 Garrett Love, R-38th	Option to exempt aviation fuel from city sales tax	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	02/03/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation	taxes
SB 199 Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Income tax credit for expenses paid for household and dependent care services necessary for gainful employment	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	02/12/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation	taxes
SB 203	Cigarette and tobacco products acts, amendments;	In Senate	03/12/2015 - Senate	taxes

Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	authorizing governor to enter into compacts with native american tribes	Judiciary	Withdrawn from Assessment and Taxation; referred to Judiciary	
SB 251 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Reducing amount and limiting credit to tax liability of taxpayer of the Kansas earned income tax credit	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	02/19/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation	taxes
SB 260 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Modifications to Kansas adjusted gross income relative to passive income for Kansas income tax purposes	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/04/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Thursday, 3/12, 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	property tax 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	On General Orders in House	03/11/2015 - House Committee of the Whole: Be passed over and retain a place on the Calendar	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 2240 House General Government Budget Committee	Removing prohibition against board of tax appeals employees serving as hearing officers	On General Orders in House	03/16/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Taxation	taxes
HB 2306 House Taxation Committee	Increasing rates of taxation on cigarettes, tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	In House Taxation	02/12/2015 - House Scheduled Hearings in Taxation: Wednesday, 2/18; Thursday, 2/19, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N	taxes
HB 2308 House Taxation Committee	Sales tax exemption for sales of certain machinery and equipment used for automated ice vending machines	In House Taxation	02/12/2015 - House Referred to Taxation	taxes
HB 2354 House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Project-related sales tax exemptions for certain businesses that create jobs	In House Taxation	02/16/2015 - House Referred to Taxation	taxes
HB 2377	Providing for a property tax averaging payment plan and a property tax installment payment plan	In House Taxation	02/20/2015 - House Referred to Taxation	taxes

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HB 2379 House Taxation Committee	Income tax deduction for net gain from sale of business assets	In House Taxation	02/20/2015 - House Referred to Taxation	taxes
HB 2389 House Taxation Committee	Income tax treatment of net operating loss carryback on the sale of certain hotels	In House Taxation	03/17/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Thursday, 3/19, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N	taxes
HB 2392 House Taxation Committee	Modifications to Kansas adjusted gross income relative to passive income for Kansas income tax purposes	In House Taxation	03/05/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Thursday, 3/12, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N	taxes

Unemployment insurance:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 154 Senate Commerce Committee	Amending unemployment insurance benefits determination; employer classification and contribution rates	On General Orders in House	03/19/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	unemployment insurance
HB 2261 House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Amending unemployment insurance benefits determination; employer classification and contribution rates	In House Taxation	02/17/2015 - House Withdrawn from Commerce, Labor and Economic Development; referred to Taxation	unemployment insurance

Wages:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 212 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Strengthening protection of public employee paychecks	In Senate Commerce	03/18/2015 - Senate Scheduled Final Action in Commerce: Thursday, 3/19, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S	wages

Workforce development:

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	Group(s)
SB 93 Senate Education Committee	Career technical education performance-based funding requirements	In House Education	03/18/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Education: Thursday, 3/19, 1:00 PM, Rm 112-N	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
HB 2294 House Federal and State Affairs	Requiring the use of e-verify by employers	In House Federal and State Affairs	02/11/2015 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs	Immigrants' rights workforce

Committee				
HB 2317 Brandon Whipple, D-96th	Requiring employment of Kansas workers for certain state contracts and tax incentives	In House Taxation	02/13/2015 - House Withdrawn from Commerce, Labor and Economic Development; referred to Taxation	workforce development