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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 | 02/17/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation | 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 |

Charitable Gaming & Raffle:

| 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 | 03/04/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Wednesday, 3/11, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S | charitable gaming |

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| 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 raffle |

Courts:

| 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 |

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 |

Employee Negotiations:

| Bill Number and Sponsor | Bill Subject | Current Status | Last Action | Group(s) |
|---|--|---------------------|---|-----------------------|
| HB 2326 House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee | Contract negotiations for certain professional employees | In Senate Education | 03/04/2015 - Senate Referred to 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 | 03/06/2015 - House Referred to Taxation | 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 | In Senate Federal and State Affairs | 02/11/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 2/19, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S | 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 |

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 | In House Judiciary | 03/05/2015 - House Referred to Judiciary | 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 | 02/23/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation | 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 | 02/23/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation | 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 | In House Taxation | 02/11/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Monday, 2/16, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N | 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 |
| HB 2400 | Repealing the local ad valorem tax reduction | In House | 03/06/2015 - House | property |

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| House Taxation Committee | fund | Taxation | Referred to Taxation | tax |
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Rural Opportunity Zones:

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|---|--|-------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 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 | 02/24/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation | 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 |
| HB 2399 House Taxation Committee | Increasing sales and compensating use tax rates to 6.3% | In House Taxation | 03/06/2015 - House Referred to Taxation | sales tax |

Sin Tax:

| Bill Number and Sponsor | Bill Subject | Current Status | Last Action | Group(s) |
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| SB 233 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee | Increasing rates of taxation on cigarettes, tobacco products and alcoholic beverages | In Senate Assessment and Taxation | 02/17/2015 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation | sin tax |

STAR Bonds:

| Bill Number and Sponsor | Bill Subject | Current Status | Last Action | Group(s) |
|---|---|-------------------|---|------------|
| 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 |

State Contracting:

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| 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 |
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State OSHA:

| Bill Number and Sponsor | Bill Subject | Current Status | Last Action | Group(s) |
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| 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 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee | Cigarette and tobacco products acts, amendments; authorizing governor to enter into compacts with native american tribes | In Senate Assessment and Taxation | 02/25/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Thursday, 3/5, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S | taxes |
| 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 | taxes |

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| 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 | 02/20/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Education | 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 | In House Taxation | 02/18/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Tuesday, 2/24, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N | 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 House Taxation Committee | 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 |
| 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 | 02/23/2015 - House Referred to Taxation | 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) |
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| SB 154 | Amending unemployment insurance benefits | In House Commerce, Labor and Economic | 03/05/2015 - House Referred to Commerce, | unemployment insurance |

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| Senate Commerce Committee | determination; employer classification and contribution rates | Development | Labor and Economic Development | |
| 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 | 03/05/2015 - Senate Scheduled Final Action in Commerce: Friday, 3/13, 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 | 03/05/2015 - House Referred to Education | 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 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 |
| 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 |