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Legislative BIO BUZZ

Week of February 16 – 20, 2009

This week's legislative update addresses the final stages of approval for the Kansas FY09 Budget. Late yesterday the Governor signed the bill. The KBA funding was capped at \$35 million, which was a figure the KBA agreed was acceptable in light of the state's current budget deficit. KTEC also received cuts, but not as severe as was once feared. Now the legislature will focus on the FY10 Budget. KansasBio will continue to monitor budget cuts to the KBA, KTEC and the Department of Commerce. Each of these groups is included in our legislative agenda and provides support for the bioscience industry in Kansas.

KansasBio Legislative BioBuzz will continue to provide updates about the FY10 Budget, including:

1. what action is taken by the legislature and the administration
2. what it means to our industry, and
3. what you can do!

During our KansasBio board meeting on Thursday, we will provide additional detail about how the FY09 Budget impacts our legislative agenda. We will also discuss our strategy for working with policy makers to achieve our FY10 industry goals.

Attached is the Governor's news release related to the FY09 Budget and below are related news posts from across the state.

At least \$12M in state tax returns suspended By Tim Carpenter, *The Capital-Journal*, Published Tuesday, February 17, 2009:

A cash-flow crisis sparked bitter partisan feuding Monday between Democratic Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and Republican legislative leaders that jeopardizes the next paycheck for 41,000 state employees and froze at least \$12 million in state tax returns.

http://www.cjonline.com/stories/021709/kan_389785312.shtml

Budget deal saves salaries, refunds By Jeannine Koranda, *The Wichita Eagle*, Eagle Topeka bureau, Posted on Wed, Feb. 18, 2009:

TOPEKA - A standoff that halted state tax refunds and threatened to delay state paychecks ended Tuesday when Gov. Kathleen Sebelius approved \$300 million in budget cuts sought by Republican legislators. Sebelius, a Democrat, used her line-item veto to lessen cuts to public schools, trimming \$7 million statewide instead of \$32 million.

<http://www.kansas.com/news/story/703417.html>

Sebelius signs Kansas budget bill, ending impasse, By David Klepper, *The Kansas City Star*, Posted on Tue, Feb. 17, 2009 10:15 PM

Kansas state workers will get paid and tax refunds will go out after Gov. Kathleen Sebelius ended a political standoff Tuesday by approving \$300 million in budget reductions. However, Sebelius didn't accept all the Republican-controlled Legislature's proposed cuts. She vetoed a provision that would have slashed school spending by \$32 million. Instead, she cut that to \$7 million statewide for K-12 education.

<http://www.kansascity.com/news/politics/story/1039873.html>

2/15/09 Week in Review

2009 Budget Rescissions

The House and Senate approved the conference committee report for Senate Bill 23, the bill that mandates government cuts for the final few months of the 2009 fiscal year. The bill is needed to lessen the amount of cuts needed for the 2010 fiscal year (starting July 1, 2009) and starts addressing the near \$1 billion shortfall the Kansas state government is facing. A joint House/Senate conference committee negotiated the differences in versions approved by each chamber. The Governor now has the bill on her desk that reduces expenditures by \$325million. The bill limits the Kansas Bioscience Authority's spending to \$39million and accepted the Senate position restoring \$1.9million to KTEC allowing the agency to fulfill its contractual obligations for fiscal year 2009. The Governor can either sign the bill, line item veto certain sections, or veto the bill.

KTEC Deliberations

The House Agriculture Budget Committee reviewed and received a presentation from KTEC regarding the 2010 budget. The Governor has proposed that KTEC be folded into the Department of Commerce effectually eliminating the agency's ability to effectively execute its mission and terminating existing staff. KTEC has vigorously defended its track record and considerable accomplishments. The Governor's budget director testified on behalf of the Governor downplaying the effects of the transfer and emphasized the cost savings resulting. The committee will continue its deliberations this week and submit its recommendation to the full appropriations committee for consideration.

Energy Bill

The House Utilities Committee approved House Bill 2014, legislation that clarifies the air permitting process and ensures that all Kansas businesses be treated fairly by the state government. The bill establishes state policy that the regulation of air quality is in accordance with the federal Clean Air Act. The bill will be slated for floor action on Wednesday and final action on Thursday. The Senate is holding hearings next week on a similar bill next week and we anticipate rapid action on that bill as well. Support for the bill stems from the Governor's denial last year of the of an air quality permit for the Holcomb coal fire power plant expansion last year and subsequent vetoes of legislation to rectify her decision.

Coming this Week

Next week is the "turn around" cut-off date in which all bills that are not exempt from deadlines must be approved by their chamber of origin or are dead for the session. This will entail hearings in most committees wrapping up by Wednesday and the remainder of the week (and into Saturday) spent debating bills in each chamber. This is a time when things get fast and furious and we will work vigilantly to keep an eye out for detrimental policy amendments to bills.

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action	
SB 13 Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Kansas Bioscience authority; regarding membership on the board	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	01/13/2009 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs	bio
SB 16 Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations	Pharmacy Act of the State of Kansas; declaring certain acts not to be in violation of said act	In House Health and Human Services	02/12/2009 - House Referred to Health and Human Services	bio
H Sub for Sub for SB 23 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	Pending enrollment and presentation to the Governor	02/12/2009 - Senate Adopted Conference Committee Report on Senate bill; Yeas 27, Nays 11	bio
SB 120	Kansas Investments in Major Projects	In Senate	02/11/2009 - Senate	bio

Senate Commerce Committee	and Comprehensive Training; relating to the Secretary of Commerce; authorizing the funding of certain economic development projects	Commerce	Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/17/2009, 8:30 AM, Rm 545-N	
SB 121	Health care; relating to reform in funding and structure of the federal and state programs	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/11/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/17/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 136-N	bio
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee				
SB 202	Abortion	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/05/2009 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs	bio
Mark Taddiken, R-21st				
SB 223	Emergency medical services board; subpoena authority	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/10/2009 - Senate Withdrawn from Judiciary; referred to Federal and State Affairs	bio
Senate Ways and Means Committee				
SB 248	Controlled substances; creating a statewide electronic logging system for sale of methamphetamine precursor	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/11/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/17/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 136-N	bio
Senate Ways and Means Committee				
SB 249	Pharmacists; relating to substitution of drug product	On General Orders in Senate	02/12/2009 - Senate Committee Report: Be passed by Public Health and Welfare	bio
Senate Ways and Means Committee				
SB 250	Workers compensation; relating to benefits	In Senate Commerce	02/10/2009 - Senate Referred to Commerce	bio
Senate Ways and Means Committee				
HB 2011	Abortion	In House Federal and State Affairs	02/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/10/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 143-N	Bio
Arlen H. Siegfried, R-				

15th				
HB 2022	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, and June 30, 2010, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In House Appropriations	01/21/2009 - House Scheduled Hearings: Monday, 1/26/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N; Tuesday, 1/27/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N; Wednesday, 1/28/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N; Thursday, 1/29/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N; Friday, 1/30/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N	bio
House Appropriations Committee				
Sub for HB 2081	Milk and dairy products; relating to certain fees fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture	On General Orders in House	02/12/2009 - House Committee Report: Substitute be passed by Agriculture and Natural Resources	bio
House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee				
HB 2093	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In House Appropriations	01/28/2009 - House Referred to Appropriations	bio
House Appropriations Committee				
HB 2094	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012, June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, for the Department on Aging, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and the Department of Health and Environment – Division of Health; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In House Aging and Long-Term Care	02/12/2009 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; referred to Aging and Long-Term Care	bio
House Appropriations Committee				

HB 2166 Steve Huebert, R-90th	Abortion; relating to late-term and partial birth abortion	In House Federal and State Affairs	02/09/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 2/11/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 143-N	bio
HB 2236 House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee	Crimes, criminal procedure and punishments; concerning drug crimes; recodification of certain statutes	On General Orders in House	02/11/2009 - House Committee Report: Be passed as amended by Corrections and Juvenile Justice	bio
HB 2295 House Taxation Committee	Milk and dairy products; relating to labels for such products	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources	bio
HB 2317 House Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight Committee	State government; requiring certain agencies to submit a budget	In House General Government Budget	02/09/2009 - House Referred to General Government Budget	bio