



Legislative BioBuzz: Week of March 22 – 26, 2010

Note: Bioscience Caucus meeting scheduled for April 1 is cancelled and will be rescheduled to another date during wrap-up. This is due to the likelihood that regular session will end this week.

Angel investor Tax Credit and Transferability Bill Updates

[SB 430](#), the tax credit bill that includes Kansas Bio's provision allowing for the carry forward of angel investor tax credits now resides in a conference committee of House and Senate members to negotiate difference between House and Senate versions of the bill. It should be finalized early this week. Conferees for the Senate are Senators Les Donovan, Derek Schmidt and Tom Holland. House Conferees are Representatives Richard Carlson, Jeff King and Julie Menghini. Kansas Bio staff is communicating with conferees to remind them of the importance of the angel investor credit.

Also eligible for a conference committee is [HB 2621](#), the bill that allows for the electronic transfer of angel investor tax credits. The bill originally eliminated the transferability of the credit, but Kansas Bio and KTEC were able to work with the Kansas Department of Revenue to find acceptable language to amend the bill. Kansas Bio staff will keep you informed of the latest developments.

Ethanol Blending Bill

The Kansas Association of Ethanol Processors and the Petroleum Marketers were successful in obtaining Senate approval [Sen Sub HB 2058](#), the ethanol blending bill language that was inserted into a House bill by the Senate Agriculture Committee. This bill will allow for gas retailers to continue to blend ethanol. The bill now becomes eligible for being debated in a joint House Senate Conference Committee should the Speaker of the House not rule it materially altered (this is a power that he has should the substance of the bill differ substantially from the original bill the provisions were inserted into). Should the bill be eligible for conference, this is the best chance of obtaining a fair debate on the merits of the bill in the House. SB 425 was stricken from General Orders on the House Calendar by the Speaker. SB 425 was the first blending fuels bill that was gutted by House Commerce Committee and replaced with unemployment insurance language. By striking it from the calendar, House leadership effectively eliminated any chance of the bill being brought up for debate through parliamentary tactics. The question is whether the Speaker will allow the bill to be debated on its merits or squelch debate at the request of well funded special interests.

Regular Session Nearing End – Heavy Lifting Pending

The Kansas Legislature is nearing the end of the regular session with still much to be accomplished. Committees have wrapped up most work on bills and Monday through Wednesday was spent in each chamber debating and amending an abundance of bills. The remainder of the week was spent with conference committees meeting and negotiating differences between House and Senate versions of the bill. Next week will entail conference committees continuing to meet and House and Senate bills voting on conference committee agreements. The House and Senate leadership plan to resolve as many legislative issues as possible before tackling budget items at the beginning of the wrap up session. With an estimated half billion dollar budget shortfall, legislators are waiting for the April revenue numbers to come in order to have the most accurate snapshots of the state's financial situation. The wrap up session will begin April 28 and usually lasts a week to ten days. However, this year's may go much longer.

Tax Bills Referred to Ways and Means Committee

Using the "there are more than one way to skin a cat" brand of legislating, Senate leadership referred the tax bills rejected last week by the Senate Tax Committee to the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The Ways and Means Committee deals with all spending matters and has a makeup that is more open to tax increases and to follow the direction of Senate leadership. In order to find revenue to fund the estimated half billion dollar revenue shortfall, these bills raise the state sales and cigarette tax ([SB 516](#)), raise the tax on sweetened beverages or concentrate ([SB 567](#)), and raise the tax on alcohol ([SB 569](#)). It is feasible to predict that Ways and Means will approve these tax increases in some shape or form in the future allowing for full debate in the Senate.

Displaying records 1 through 73 of the 73 bills in your tracking list			
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
H Sub for SB 22 Senate Ways and Means Committee	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, reducing compensation for state officers and employees, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements, procedures and acts incidental to the foregoing (Omnibus)	On General Orders in House	05/01/2009 - House Committee Report: Substitute be passed by Appropriations; Committee of the Whole: Committee Report recommending substitute bill be adopted; be amended; motion to recommend for passage, failed; Yeas 53, Nays 62

SB 202	Abortion	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/05/2009 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs
Mark Taddiken, R-21st			
SB 223	Emergency medical services board; subpoena authority	In House Judiciary	01/13/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/21/2010, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 244	Economic Revitalization and Reinvestment Act; relating to eligible businesses	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/04/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/12/2009, 10:30 AM, Rm 535-N
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee			
SB 248	Controlled substances; creating a statewide electronic logging system for sale of methamphetamine precursor	On General Orders in House	03/19/2009 - House Committee Report: Be passed as amended by Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 249	Pharmacists; relating to substitution of drug product	In House Health and Human Services	02/20/2009 - House Referred to Health and Human Services
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 250	Workers compensation; relating to benefits	In Senate Business and Labor	01/15/2010 - Senate Withdrawn from Commerce; referred to Business and Labor
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 295	Blind and visually impaired persons; establishing the Motor Vehicle and Safe Mobility Committee; powers and duties thereof	In Senate Transportation	01/14/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 1/19/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 296	State finance; establishing a process to evaluate and implement federal funding	In Senate Ways and Means	03/06/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing:

Senate Ways and Means Committee	available for state agencies under the federal American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009		Wednesday, 3/11/2009, 10:30 AM, Rm 545-N
SB 303	Abolishing the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation and Kansas, Inc. and transferring the powers and duties thereof to the Department of Commerce	In Senate Ways and Means	03/06/2009 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
SB 304	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, 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 Senate Ways and Means	03/16/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/19/2009, 10:30 AM, Rm 545-N
SB 308	State agencies; relating to the administrative fee charged to agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	02/02/2010 - Senate Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Ways and Means
SB 309	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending 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 Senate Ways and Means	03/16/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/19/2009, 10:30 AM, Rm 545-N
Sub for SB 311	State budget; state general fund and special revenue fund expenditures, transfers and ending balance requirements; reduction and allotment procedures	On General Orders in House	03/22/2010 - House Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be further amended; motion recommend for passage, failed

SB 317 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Abolishing the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation and transferring the powers and duties thereof to the Department of Commerce and the Board of Regents	In Senate Ways and Means	03/17/2009 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
SB 334 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Taxation; relating to estate tax rates; franchise tax rates	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	04/30/2009 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation; Scheduled Hearing: Friday, 5/1/2009, 10:00 AM, Rm 545-N
SB 335 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Taxation; relating to income taxation; deductions; determination of Kansas adjusted gross income; credits	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	04/30/2009 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation; Scheduled Hearing: Friday, 5/1/2009, 10:00 AM, Rm 545-N
SB 350 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In Senate Ways and Means	01/13/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 1/19/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 351 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Regulating traffic; prohibiting text messaging while operating a moving motor vehicle	In House Transportation	02/24/2010 - House Referred to Transportation
SB 390 Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee	Health insurance; concerning genetic testing by insurance and health entities; providing reimbursement for orally administered anticancer medications	In House Insurance	03/17/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/18/2010, 3:30 PM, Rm 152-S
H Sub for SB 425 Senate Agriculture Committee	Employment security law; relating to contribution rates and penalties and interest	Stricken from Calendar	03/08/2010 - House Committee Report: Substitute be passed by Commerce and Labor

SB 430	Income taxation; relating to credits, limitations	In Conference Committee	03/19/2010 - House Acceded; appointed Carlson, King and Menghini
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee			
SB 472	Income taxation; relating to certain credits; prohibiting future transferability thereof; repealing certain credits	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	02/05/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 2/10/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 152-S
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee			
SB 476	Sales taxation; relating to imposition of tax on certain services; exemptions, repealed; fund-raising sales	In Senate Ways and Means	03/15/2010 - Senate Scheduled Continued Hearing: Tuesday, 3/16/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee			
SB 477	Property taxation; relating to exemptions; newly constructed building or other structure on residential property; procedures; duties of county or district appraiser	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	02/10/2010 - Senate Scheduled Committee Final Action: Wednesday, 2/17/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 152-S
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee			
SB 492	Property valuation; regarding appeals; leased commercial and industrial property	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	02/01/2010 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee			
SB 529	Employment security law; pertaining to the maximum weekly benefit	In Senate Business and Labor	02/11/2010 - Senate Scheduled Committee Final Action: Wednesday, 2/17/2010, 8:00 AM, Rm 548-S
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 530	Sales taxation; relating to exemptions; repealing all sales tax exemptions	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/08/2010 - Senate Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Assessment and Taxation
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee			

SB 545	Employment security law; relating to benefits and employer contributions	In Senate Business and Labor	02/12/2010 - Senate Referred to Business and Labor
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 551	Employment security law; creating an assessment for the payment of interest on advances received from the federal government	In Senate Business and Labor	02/23/2010 - Senate Referred to Business and Labor
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 552	employment security law; pertaining to payment of benefits; pertaining to negative account balance employers; pertaining to amount of employer contributions	In Senate Business and Labor	02/23/2010 - Senate Referred to Business and Labor
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 555	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012, 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 Senate Ways and Means	03/03/2010 - Senate Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action: Thursday, 3/11/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S; Friday, 3/12/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 556	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012, June 30, 2013, June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2015, 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 Senate Ways and Means	03/03/2010 - Senate Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action: Thursday, 3/11/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S; Friday, 3/12/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 559	Kansas Taxpayer Transparency Act	In House Taxation	03/12/2010 - House Referred to Taxation
Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee			

SCR 1624	Establishing a three-year moratorium on the granting of new tax exemptions, tax credits or economic development incentive programs involving employer withholding taxes	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	01/28/2010 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee			
SCR 1625	Urging the United States Congress to fund the construction of the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility (NBAF) and the Department of Homeland Security to advance the sale of Plum Island Animal Disease Center and fully fund	In House Transportation and Public Safety Budget	03/24/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 3/29/2010, 1st Adjournment, Rm 142-S
Joint Committee on Kansas Security			
SCR 1627	To amend Article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas by adding a new section thereto, concerning a budget stabilization fund in the state treasury	In Senate Ways and Means	02/17/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/23/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
Laura Kelly, D-18th			
SR 1805	Urging the leaders of the state of Kansas and the United States to address global climate change while safeguarding American jobs and America's global competitiveness	In Senate Utilities	01/21/2010 - Senate Referred to Utilities; Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/28/2010, 1:30 PM, Rm 548-S
Senate Utilities Committee			
SR 1809	Opposing the United States Environmental Protection Agency's greenhouse gas regulation by rulemaking	Adopted	03/23/2010 - Senate Final Action: Adopted as amended; Yeas 34, Nays 3
Senate Natural Resources Committee			
HB 2011	Abortion	On General Orders in House	03/22/2010 - House Committee of the Whole: Be passed over and retain a place on the Calendar
Arlen H. Siegfried, R-15th			
Sub for HB 2022	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,	On General Orders in House	04/29/2009 - House Committee Report: Substitute be adopted by Appropriations
House Appropriations Committee			

	and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements, procedures and acts incidental to the foregoing		
Sub for HB 2022	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, procedures and acts incidental to the foregoing	On General Orders in House	04/29/2009 - House Committee Report: Substitute be adopted by Appropriations
House Appropriations Committee			
HB 2076	Abortion; regarding the Woman's Right-to-know Act	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 2/11/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 143-N
Lance Kinzer, R-14th			
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
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 ó 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	02/18/2009 - House Scheduled Hearings: Tuesday, 3/3/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 711 DSOB; Thursday, 3/5/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 711 DSOB
House Appropriations Committee			
HB 2166	Abortion; relating to late-term abortion	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	03/24/2010 - Senate Referred to Federal and State

Steve Huebert, R-90th			Affairs
HB 2358	Enacting the Investment in Kansas Employment Act	In House Economic Development and Tourism	03/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 3/9/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 711 DSOB
House Taxation Committee			
HB 2360	State budget; relating to preparation and submission of budget estimates and recommendations by the Governor to the Legislature	In Senate Ways and Means	03/30/2009 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
House Appropriations Committee			
HB 2361	State finance; establishing a process to evaluate and implement federal funding available for state agencies under the federal American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009	In House Appropriations	03/04/2009 - House Referred to Appropriations
House Appropriations Committee			
HB 2401	Kansas Bioscience Authority; relating to the bioscience development and investment fund	In House Appropriations	04/30/2009 - House Referred to Appropriations
House Appropriations Committee			
HB 2407	Taxation; relating to rates and continuation of estate tax; income tax credits; time of payment and returns of mineral severance tax; rates and continuation of franchise tax	In House Taxation	05/04/2009 - House Referred to Taxation
House Appropriations Committee			
HB 2416	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In House Appropriations	01/12/2010 - House Referred to Appropriations
House Appropriations Committee			
HB 2441	Crimes and punishment; prohibiting text messaging while operating a moving motor vehicle	In House Transportation	01/14/2010 - House Referred to Transportation
House Appropriations			

Committee			
HB 2442	Establishing the Kansas Streamlining Government Commission; providing for an independent review of state agencies of the executive branch of state government; prescribing powers, duties and functions for the commission and certain other state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	02/24/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 3/2/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
House Appropriations Committee			
HB 2463	Taxation; establishing the committee on simplified state tax structure; prescribing membership, duties and responsibilities thereof	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/18/2010 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation
House Taxation Committee			
HB 2465	Income taxation; relating to credits, limitations	On General Orders in House	03/16/2010 - House Committee of the Whole: Be passed over and retain a place on the Calendar
House Taxation Committee			
HB 2527	Abortion; regarding reports on late term abortions	In House Federal and State Affairs	01/26/2010 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs
Lance Kinzer, R-14th			
S Sub for Sub for HB 2538	Economic development; pertaining to the Promoting Employment Across Kansas Act; pertaining to qualifications for benefits under such act; duties of secretary of revenue; reporting requirements	Pending motion to concur or nonconcur	03/24/2010 - Senate Committee of the Whole: Committee Report recommending substitute bill be adopted; be amended; substitute be passed as amended; Emergenced to Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 40, Nays 0
House Taxation Committee			
HB 2549	Sales taxation; relating to exemptions, coin-operated laundry services	On General Orders in House	03/16/2010 - House Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be further amended; discussion postponed until May 3, 2010
House Taxation Committee			

HB 2621 House Taxation Committee	Income taxation; relating to certain credits; repealing certain credits; angel investor tax credit, procedure	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/18/2010 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation
HB 2644 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Employment security law; regarding contribution rates, penalties and interest	In House Commerce and Labor	02/08/2010 - House Scheduled Hearings: Wednesday, 2/10/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 784 DSOB; Hearing and Possible Action: Thursday, 2/11/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 784 DSOB
HB 2658 House Appropriations Committee	State Fair Board; authorizing the purchase of workers compensation insurance	In House Commerce and Labor	03/11/2010 - House Scheduled Committee Final Action: Monday, 3/15/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 784 DSOB
HB 2687 House Taxation Committee	Income taxation; relating to refunds; penalties	In House Taxation	03/10/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/18/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2687 House Taxation Committee	Income taxation; relating to refunds; penalties	In House Taxation	03/10/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/18/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2687 House Taxation Committee	Income taxation; relating to refunds; penalties	In House Taxation	03/10/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/18/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2705 House Appropriations Committee	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012, 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	03/10/2010 - House Scheduled Hearings: Wednesday, 3/17/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S; Thursday, 3/18/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S

HB 2706 House Appropriations Committee	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012, June 30, 2013, June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2015, 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	03/10/2010 - House Scheduled Hearings: Wednesday, 3/17/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S; Thursday, 3/18/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S
HB 2743 House Taxation Committee	Income taxation; relating to retention of Kansas payroll withholding taxes by certain employers; requirements and procedures	In House Taxation	03/17/2010 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2746 House Taxation Committee	Sales taxation; relating to imposition of tax on certain services; exemptions, repealed; rate of taxation; establishing the special sales tax exemption revenue fund	In House Taxation	03/29/2010 - House Referred to Taxation
HCR 5028 House Taxation Committee	Establishing a three-year moratorium on the granting of new tax exemptions, tax credits or economic development incentive programs involving employer withholding taxes	In House Taxation	02/03/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/8/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB
HCR 5028 House Taxation Committee	Establishing a three-year moratorium on the granting of new tax exemptions, tax credits or economic development incentive programs involving employer withholding taxes	In House Taxation	02/03/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/8/2010, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB
HR 6005 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Establishing targets for energy development, consumption and costs	In House Energy and Utilities	01/20/2010 - House Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 1/25/2010, 9:15 AM, Rm 785 DSOB