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1) Legislature Off to Slow Start

The 2011 Legislative Session has seen very little action taken to date. In part, this is a result of the reorganization after the November elections and the subsequent appointments and office shifting. In addition, the Legislature installed new software the week prior to the session which has caused a backlog in the production of new bills. Some information is available on the Legislature's website at <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>. However, we are being told it could be sometime in February before the site is fully functional. These delays may mean that most of the work of the session will be compressed into a few short weeks in February and March so stay tuned for breaking news and alerts.

Also, please plan to attend City Hall Day and make an appointment to visit with your legislators about key municipal issues. To register, go to <http://www.lkm.org/legislative/cityhallday/>.

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2) Join Us for City Hall Day

Don't forget to register for LKM's 2011 City Hall Day! This annual event, which will be on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, is designed to bring city officials together with state leaders to discuss issues of importance to city officials. Contact your House and Senate members in advance to schedule meetings to discuss issues of concern to your city along with the LKM Action Agenda. City Hall Day will be free of charge to all city officials and legislators, but please sign up [here](#) so that we can get an accurate headcount. For more information, click [here](#).

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3) Legislative Activities-January 24-28, 2011

Monday, January 24

Time	Committee	Location	Bill No.	Topic	Activity
9:00	H,PB	142-S		Funding Projections: Glenn Deck, Executive Director, KPERS	Presentation
9:30	S,Ju	548-S	SB 24	Reorganization of domestic relations statutes	Hearing
1:30	H,CJJ	144-S	HB 2022	Allowing venue to be transferred back to the jurisdiction where the crime occurred when a defendant is to be conditionally released	Hearing
	S,Ut	548-S		Chanute Broadband Initiative: J.D. Lester, City Administrator	Presentation

Tuesday, January 25

Time	Committee	Location	Bill No.	Topic	Activity
8:30	S,Tr	152-S		Don Moler, Executive Director, League of Kansas Municipalities	Presentation
9:00	H,EUt	DSOB 785		Smart Metering: Current and Future Installations - Westar, BPU, KCP&L, KEC	Informational Hearing
	H,EUt	DSOB 785		Net Metering: Discussion of regulations - KCC; Status of implementation - Westar, KCP&L, Empire, KEC	Informational Hearing
9:30	S,Ju	548-S	SB 23	Jury trial for juvenile offenders	Hearing
	S,Ju	548-S	SB 9	Amendments to the code of civil procedure	Hearing
	S,Ju	548-S	SB 35	Attorney-client privilege and work-product protection	Hearing
10:30	S,AT	152-S	SB 10	An act concerning sales taxation; relating to countywide retailers' sales tax	Hearing
1:30	H,CJJ	144-S	HB 2049	Amending the controlled substances schedule regarding tetrahydrocannabinols and related substances.	Hearing
	H,FSA	346-S	HB 2013	Repealing statutes relating to the sale and purchase of certain firearms	Hearing
	H,Tr	DSOB 783	HB 2033	Registration of certain fleet motor vehicles	Hearing

	S,Ut	548-S	SB 30	911 emergency services; prepaid wireless fees, collection and distribution	Hearing
3:30	H,Ju	346-S	HB 2030	Continuation of certain exceptions to disclosure under the open records act	Hearing
	H,LG	144-S		Kris W. Kobach, Kansas Secretary of State	Briefing

Wednesday, January 26

Time	Committee	Location	Bill No.	Topic	Activity
9:00	H,PB	142-S		Other States Pension Legislation: Julian Efirid Legislative Research Department	Presentation
	H,PB	142-S		Impact of Joint Committee Recommended Bills and Comparison of KPERS Benefits and Funding to Other States: Glenn Deck, Executive Director, KPERS	Presentation
	H,PB	142-S		Recommendations by the Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments & Benefits	Presentation
9:30	S,Ju	548-S	SB 7	Driving under the influence - Proponents	Continuation of hearing
10:30	S,FSA	144-S	SB 25	Authorizing temporary licenses for on-premises sales of cereal malt beverage	Hearing
1:30	H,ANR	142-S		Review of water meters: Division of Water Resources, Department of Agriculture	Presentation
	H,FSA	346-S	HB 2013	Repealing statutes relating to the sale and purchase of certain firearms	Possibly work on
	H,Tr	DSOB 783	HB 2034	Raising speed limit on certain roadways to 75 mph	Hearing
	S,Ut	548-S		Nex-Tech Broadband Expansion Activities: Jeff Wick	Presentation

Thursday, January 27

Time	Committee	Location	Bill No.	Topic	Activity
8:30	S,NR	159-S		Kansas Water Authority members; Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Office	Presentation
	S,Tr	152-S		Mike Floberg, Chief of Transportation Safety and Technology, Signage	Presentation
9:00	H,EUt	DSOB 785		Trans-Canada	Presentation
	H,EUt	DSOB 785	HCR 5005	Establishing targets for energy development, consumption and costs.	Hearing
9:30	S,EE	159-S		Kris W. Kobach, Kansas Secretary of State	Presentation
	S,Ju	548-S	SB 7	Driving under the influence - Opponents and Neutral Parties	Continuation of hearing
1:30	S,Ut	548-S		Comprehensive 911 legislation - bill number not available	Staff Explanation
3:30	H,Ju	346-S	HB 2010	Offenses and conduct giving rise to forfeiture	Hearing

Friday, January 28

Time	Committee	Location	Bill No.	Topic	Activity
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9:30

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548-S

SB 7 

Driving under the influence

Committee
discussion
and possible
action

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4) EPA Grants Available

Funds are available for eligible entities through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) competitive grant program. CARE is a community-based, community-driven, multimedia demonstration program designed to help communities understand and reduce risks due to toxic pollutants and environmental concerns from all sources.

The CARE grant program works with applicants and recipients to help their communities form collaborative partnerships, develop an understanding of the many local sources of toxic pollutants and environmental risks, set priorities, and identify and carry out projects to reduce risks through collaborative action at the local level. CARE's long-term goal is to help communities build self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve human health and local environments into the future. Please click [here](#) for more information. The grant RFP can be found [here](#).

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5) Get Involved in the *Let's Move Cities and Towns Initiative*

Let's Move is a comprehensive initiative, launched by the First Lady, dedicated to solving the problem of obesity within a generation so that kids born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams. Every city and every town is different, and each requires a distinct approach to this issue. Let's Move Cities and Towns emphasizes the unique ability of communities to solve the challenge locally, aided by the crucial leadership of mayors and elected officials to provoke action. To learn more and to access tools and resources visit: <http://www.letsmove.gov/officials-step-1.php>. Fact sheets can be found [here](#).

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6) JRJ Grant Available for Government Prosecutors and Public Defenders

The John R. Justice (JRJ Grant) Program provides loan repayment assistance for local, state, and federal government public defenders and local and state government prosecutors who commit to continued employment as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three (3) years. For more information, please click [here](#).

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7) Register for MLAs

There's still time to register for the January MLA, Finance Planning and Policy Concepts, which will be in Lansing on Saturday, January 22. This elective course will offer participants a better understanding of municipal finance issues in Kansas. Finance Planning and Policy Concepts has been designed to complement the themes covered in the core MLA municipal finance class. Prior participation in Municipal Finance is not required. To register or for more information, please click [here](#).

February's MLA, Ethics, will be in Shawnee on February 11, Dodge City on February 25, and El Dorado on February 26. This core course will provide an overview of the law as it relates to local government ethics and will offer strategies that your city can follow to encourage ethical behavior. Click [here](#) for registration and more information.

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