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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, K.S, Friday, February 9, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

The House met session pro forma pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Hawkins in the chair.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2785, AN ACT concerning state agencies; relating to early childhood; consolidating the children's cabinet and other child services under the Kansas office of early childhood; transferring the administration of child care facility licensing, child care subsidy and the parents as teachers program to the office; establishing the children's cabinet as a division in the office; amending K.S.A. 38-1901, 38-2103, 65-503, 65-504, 65-508, 65-512, 65-531, 72-4162, 72-4163, 72-4164 and 72-4166 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-516 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care.

HB 2786, AN ACT concerning economic development; relating to international trade; establishing the Kansas-Ireland trade commission to advance, promote and encourage business and other mutually beneficial activities between Kansas and Ireland; creating the Kansas-Ireland trade commission fund, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

HB 2787, AN ACT concerning property and casualty insurance; relating to the Kansas insurance guaranty association act; updating certain definitions, terms and conditions thereto; establishing continuity of guaranty fund coverage when a policy is transferred from one insurer to another and of guaranty fund coverage related to cybersecurity insurance; authorizing the commissioner of insurance to reduce the number of members of the association's board of directors; amending K.S.A. 40-2903, 40-2905, 40-2906 and 40-2910 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Insurance.

HB 2788, AN ACT concerning government transparency; requiring cities and counties to report certain local economic development incentive program information to the secretary of commerce; defining such programs; requiring the secretary of commerce to post such information on the economic development incentive program database maintained by the secretary and requiring certain other changes to that database regarding the presentation of search results; providing for a summary report by the secretary of commerce to summarize economic development incentive program data from the several statutorily-required reports on such programs; directing the secretary of

administration to include on the Kansas taxpayer transparency act website certain information concerning grants, grant awardees and grant applications; amending K.S.A. 74-72,123 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-50,226 and 74-50,227 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

HB 2789, AN ACT concerning abortion; establishing the pregnancy compassion program and the pregnancy compassion public awareness program; providing services that promote childbirth to women facing unplanned pregnancies; establishing requirements and penalties for failure to fulfill program contract requirements; promoting public awareness of such services; establishing the pregnancy compassion fund; making transfers to such fund; prescribing guidelines for the expenditure of moneys credited thereto; relating to license plates; establishing a fee on the In God We Trust license plate and the choose life license plate and using such fees to provide additional revenue for the alternatives to abortion program; amending K.S.A. 8-1,160 and 8-1,183 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2790, AN ACT concerning labor and employment; relating to professional employer organizations; transferring registration requirements, related compliance oversight and enforcement authority for such organizations from the commissioner of insurance to the secretary of labor; requiring the filing of initial and renewal registration applications, reports, financial statements and other assurance documents with the secretary; providing for fees to be submitted to the secretary and granting the secretary responsibility over the professional employer organization fee fund; ensuring that welfare benefit plans offered by professional employer organizations to employees and covered employees are treated as a single employer welfare benefit plan for purposes of state law; amending K.S.A. 44-1702, 44-1704, 44-1705, 44-1706, 44-1708, 44-1709 and 44-1710 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

HB 2791, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to healthcare of minors; enacting the forbidding abusive child transitions act; prohibiting healthcare professionals from treating a child whose gender identity is inconsistent with the child's sex; authorizing a civil cause of action against healthcare professionals for providing such treatments; restricting use of state funds to promote gender transitioning; prohibiting professional liability insurance from covering damages for healthcare providers that provide gender transition treatment to children; authorizing professional discipline against a physician who performs such treatments; amending K.S.A. 65-2837 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-1120 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2792, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to transgender care services; prohibiting gender transition surgeries on minors; authorizing professional discipline against a physician who performs such surgeries; adopting a standard of care for gender transition care services; amending K.S.A. 65-2837 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2793, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to children and minors; prohibiting a healthcare provider from performing a healthcare service on a minor patient without parental consent; repealing K.S.A. 38-123 and 65-2892a, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2794, AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to sales tax exemptions; providing an exemption for pet shelters and rescue network managers; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2795, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to tax levy rates; requiring notices to be sent on forms provided by the director of accounts and reports; granting taxing subdivisions the option to hold hearings on the same day and at the same location as other taxing subdivisions within a county; excluding the state mandated 20 mills levied by a school district from the revenue neutral rate; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-2988 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Child Welfare and Foster Care: **HB 2772**.

Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: **HB 2766, HB 2770, HB 2774, HB 2775, HB 2776**.

Education: **HB 2769, HB 2771**.

Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications: **HB 2768**.

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2783**.

Health and Human Services: **HB 2777, HB 2778, HB 2779, HB 2784**.

Judiciary: **HB 2767, HB 2780, HB 2781, HB 2782**.

Taxation: **HB 2763, HB 2764, HB 2765, HB 2773**.

Transportation: **HB 2762**.

Veterans and Military: **HB 2758, HB 2759, HB 2760, HB 2761**.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Education** recommends **HB 2567** be amended on page 1, in line 27, after the third comma by inserting "Washburn university"; also in line 27, after "or" by inserting "an";

On page 2, in line 4, by striking "shall" and inserting "may"; in line 36, by striking "financial" and inserting "or institutional tuition";

On page 3, in line 6, by striking "72" and inserting "48"; in line 17, by striking "The"; by striking all in lines 18 through 26; in line 34, by striking "24" and inserting "48"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2482** be amended on page 1, in line 35, by striking "subsection (a)" and inserting "K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto,"; On page 2, following line 9, by inserting:

"New Sec. 2. (a) On and after January 1, 2025, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less or motorcycles, who is a resident of the state of Kansas, and who submits satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles that such person is a recipient of the Army of occupation medal or the Navy occupation service medal, upon compliance with the provisions of this section, may be issued one armed services occupation medal license plate for each such passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle. Such license plates shall be issued for the same period of time as other license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee as provided in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

(b) Any person who is a recipient of the Army of occupation medal or the Navy occupation service medal may make application for such distinctive license plates, not less than 60 days prior to such person's renewal of registration date, on a form prescribed and furnished by the director of vehicles, and any applicant for the distinctive plates shall furnish the director with proof as the director shall require that the applicant is a recipient of the Army of occupation medal or the Navy occupation service medal. Application for the registration of a passenger vehicle, truck or motorcycle and issuance of the license plates under this section shall be made by the owner or lessee in a manner prescribed by the director of vehicles upon forms furnished by the director.

(c) No registration or distinctive license plates issued under the authority of this section shall be transferable to any other person.

(d) Renewals of registration under this section shall be made annually, upon payment of the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. No renewal of registration shall be made to any applicant until such applicant has filed with the director a form as provided in subsection (b). If such form is not filed, the applicant shall be required to comply with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, and return the distinctive license plates to the county treasurer of such person's residence.";

Also on page 2, in line 28, after "1" by inserting "or 2";

On page 4, in line 16, after "section 1" by inserting "or 2";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, after "division" by inserting "and the armed services occupation medal"; also in line 2, by striking "plate" and inserting "plates"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2501** be amended on page 1, following line 7, by inserting:

"Sec. 2. The Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad is hereby designated as the official heritage railroad of the state of Kansas.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 2, after "locomotive" by inserting "and the Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad as the official state heritage railroad"; and the bill be passed as amended.

REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

HB 2522, HB 2578 reported correctly engrossed February 8, 2024.

On motion of Rep. Croft the House adjourned pro forma until 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*