

Journal of the House

SIXTEENTH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

HB 2620, AN ACT concerning public utilities; relating to the state corporation commission; extending the timelines for the state corporation commission to make a determination regarding rate-making treatment for electric generating or transmission facilities; establishing a rebuttable presumption that a fossil fuel-fired electric generating unit shall not be retired; prohibiting the commission from authorizing the retirement of such an electric generating unit unless the utility overcomes such presumption with sufficient evidence; requiring the commission to report annually on requests to retire such units; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 66-1239 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

HB 2621, AN ACT concerning public utilities; relating to eminent domain; prohibiting public utilities from exercising eminent domain for the siting or placement of solar facilities; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 66-104 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

HB 2622, AN ACT amending the Kansas indoor clean air act; prohibiting smoking on the gaming floor of a lottery gaming facility or racetrack gaming facility; amending K.S.A. 21-6110 and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Donohoe, Buehler, Carlin, Carr, Highberger, Howe, Humphries, Lewis, Minnix, Neelly, Pickert, Ruiz, S., Schlingensiepen, Seiwert and Waggoner.

HB 2623, AN ACT concerning veterans and military; updating the veterans claims assistance program to include references to veterans affairs medical centers and cross-accreditation requirements; amending K.S.A. 73-1234 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Veterans and Military.

HB 2624, AN ACT concerning veterans and military; relating to disabled veterans; requiring that federal disability determinations be probative; prohibiting state agencies and municipalities from reconsidering a veteran's disability determination, by Committee on Veterans and Military.

HB 2625, AN ACT concerning veterans and military; relating to disabled veterans; prescribing documentation requirements to determine eligibility for benefits derived from a service-connected disability. , by Committee on Veterans and Military.

HB 2626, AN ACT concerning cemeteries; authorizing the disorganization of the Clearwater cemetery district; conveying certain real property and transferring assets and other property of such district, by Representative Bergkamp.

HB 2627, AN ACT concerning public assistance; reorganizing sections of the public assistance statute; updating cross references; amending K.S.A. 39-757 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 39-709 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Welfare Reform.

HB 2628, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to child fatality records; requiring the secretary for children and families to release certain information related to a child fatality when criminal charges are filed with a court alleging that a person caused such fatality; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 38-2212 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care.

HB 2629, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to the state child death review board; replacing sudden infant death with sudden unexplained infant death; requiring the secretary for health and environment to provide a death certificate to the state child death review board; listing requirements for notification of a deceased child; increasing the number of members appointed by the state board of healing arts to the state child death review board; allowing for compensation for board members; providing for the disclosure of certain records to certain persons for securing grants; directing that records be kept for 15 years after a case is closed; amending K.S.A. 22a-242, 22a-243 and 22a-244 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care.

HB 2630, AN ACT concerning the rules of evidence; relating to extrinsic policies affecting admissibility; evidence of other crimes or civil wrongs; allowing evidence of previous domestic violence offenses to be admitted during a prosecution of a domestic violence offense; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 60-455 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

HB 2631, AN ACT concerning roads and highways; relating to tolls on turnpike projects; directing the Kansas turnpike authority to establish a toll exemption program for current members of the armed forces whose orders direct a permanent place of duty within Kansas, by Representatives Butler, Blex, Bloom, Buehler, Collins, Dodson, M., Ellis, Goddard, Hill, Howe, Howerton, T. Johnson, McDonald, Miller, D., Neelly, Penn, Poskin, Proctor, Ruiz, S., Sanders, Schlingensiepen, Smith, C., Thompson, Turk, Underhill and White.

HB 2632, AN ACT concerning the law enforcement memorial advisory committee; expanding the membership thereof; amending K.S.A. 75-2251 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2633, AN ACT concerning water; relating to the certification of operators of water supply systems and wastewater treatment facilities; providing for additional sources of revenue for the water program management fund; requiring fees for operator certification examinations to not exceed the cost of such examinations; eliminating the ability of the secretary of health and environment to certify operators through a correspondence course rather than classroom instruction; amending K.S.A. 65-166b, 65-4513 and 65-4514 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 65-4506, by Committee on Water.

HB 2634, AN ACT concerning water; relating to groundwater management districts; providing an additional corrective control provision for the chief engineer to consider when issuing orders of designations for local enhance management areas and intensive

groundwater use control areas; amending K.S.A. 82a-1038 and 82a-1041 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Water.

HB 2635, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to exemptions; establishing a property tax exemption for homestead property of certain disabled veterans, by Representative Ohaebosim.

HB 2636, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to the homestead property tax refund act; including homestead renters as eligible to participate in certain homestead property tax refund claims; amending K.S.A. 79-4501, 79-4511 and 79-4522 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-4502, 79-4508 and 79-4509 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

HB 2637, AN ACT concerning hospitals; relating to rural emergency hospital licensure; expanding eligibility to facilities that meet criteria between January 2015 and December 2020; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-484 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and concurrent resolution were referred to committees as indicated:

Education: **HB 2613**.

Elections: **HB 2616**, **HB 2617**, **HB 2618**, **HCR 5024**.

Financial Institutions and Pensions: **HB 2619**.

Legislative Modernization: **HB 2614**, **HB 2615**.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Commerce, Labor and Economic Development** recommends **HB 2545** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on **Health and Human Services** recommends **HB 2596** be passed.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker pro tem Carpenter announced the appointment of Rep. Hoheisel to replace Rep. Delperdang on Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget January 30, 2024.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Highberger to replace Rep. Martinez on Committee on Judiciary.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Carr to replace Rep. Woodard on Committee on Appropriations on February 1, 2024.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Howerton to replace Rep. Howell on Committee on Elections on February 1, 2024

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks*.

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk*.

