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1) Governor Supports Property Tax Lid in State of the State

The property tax cap on cities and counties is the top legislative priority for the League. Judging by comments and activity this first week, it will be a priority for the legislature, as well. Sen. LaTurner, author of last year's amendment that created the cap, has introduced [SB 316](#). This legislation moves the effective date of the cap from January 2018, to July 1 of this year. The bill, which is supported by the Kansas Association of Realtors, Americans for Prosperity, and others, also proposes removal of several exemptions that were allowed in the law. Governor Brownback also weighed in on the issue in his State of the State address, saying, "I would welcome legislation that strengthens the property tax lid by closing the existing loopholes and puts it in place sooner."

The League, the Kansas Association of Counties, and other groups will be seeking a repeal of the property tax lid. Yesterday, Rep. Don Hineman introduced a repeal bill in the House Taxation Committee. Please continue reaching out to your state representatives and senators, and also be visiting with your local citizens and businesses about the implications of imposing a tax lid on local governments.

2) State Budget Update

Wednesday morning, Governor Brownback provided his budget proposal to the

legislature. The proposal may be accessed online [here](#).

League staff conducted a quick review of the more than 800-page proposal to determine its impact on local governments. So far we have not noted any adverse treatment of local government. We will continue reviewing the Budget Report and update you if anything of an adverse nature is found.

3) Hearing to be Held on Bill Concerning Firearms in Public Buildings

On Wednesday, January 20, the House Federal and State Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on [HB 2440](#). Under current law, cities must provide adequate security to an entire public building to prevent the conceal carry of firearms in any portion of that building. [HB 2440](#) would allow cities to make it unlawful to carry concealed firearms in certain areas of a public building as long as adequate security exists in those areas. For example, cities could allow the conceal carry of firearms in city hall, but prohibit them in council chambers as long as adequate security for the council chambers exists. The League is testifying in support of this bill. If you have any questions or would like to provide testimony concerning [HB 2440](#), please contact [Eric Smith](#).

4) Local Government Day Quickly Approaching

The League is proud to co-present Local Government Day with the Kansas Association of Counties on January 27, 2016. Don't miss out on this opportunity to network with fellow city and county officials for an exciting and informative day! Contact your county (for KAC) officials and carpool together to Topeka and share local priorities with state officials. To see the full schedule of events and to register, click [here](#).

5) Upcoming Hearings

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Legislative Activities-January 18-22, 2016

Tuesday, January 19

Time	Committee	Location	Bill No.	Topic	Activi
9:30	S, LG	159-S		Current bills in committee	Briefi
1:30	H, LG	281-N	HB 2438	Fire districts; city territory adjoining a fire district to be added	Hear
3:30	H, Ju	112-N	SB 133	Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverage by minor; immunity from criminal prosecution for minor seeking medical assistance	Hear
	H, Tax	582-N		Interim Report from the Special Committee on Taxation	Briefi

Wednesday, January 20

Time	Committee	Location	Bill No.	Topic	Activi
8:30	S, Com	548-S		Update on Revenue Receipts and the Kansas Economy by Secretary Nick Jordan, Kansas Department of Revenue	Upde
	S, Tr	546-S		Agency Update: Mike King, Department of Transportation	Upde

9:00	H, EE	582-N		Update of Seismicity, Rex Buchanan, Interim Director, Kansas Geological Survey; Ryan Hoffman, Director-Conservation Division, Kansas Corporation Division	Update
	H, FSA	346-S	<u>HB 2440</u>	Personal and family protection act; regulating concealed carry in portions of public buildings	Hear
	H, PB	152-S		Update on \$1.5 Billion Pension Obligation Bonds	Infor briefi
9:30	S, CJJ	118-N	<u>HB 2049</u>	Amending penalty for first and second marijuana possession convictions; creating a program to research industrial hemp; authorizing hemp treatments for seizure disorders	Hear (prop
10:30	S, Ju	346-S	<u>SB 22</u>	Municipal court; notice of expungement of certain records and notice of disposition of appeals	Hear
	S, WM	548-S		Special Revenue Funds, Legislative Research Staff	Upda
	S, WM	548-S		Consensus Revenue Estimate Update, Chris Courtwright, J G Scott, Legislative Research Department	Upda
1:30	H, CLED	346-S		Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Industry in Kansas, John Ferguson, CEO, SkyNet UAV's; Mike King, Secretary of Transportation	Pres
	H, EI	281-N		Review of 2015 House Elections legislation	Briefi
	H, Tr	582-N		Department of Transportation by Secretary Mike King	Upda
	S, Ut	548-S		State of the Oil and Gas Industry, Ed Cross, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association	Pres
3:30	H, ANR	346-S		New Federal Regulations regarding Agricultural Use of Drones	Briefi
	H, Tax	582-N		Update on Revenue Receipts and the Kansas Economy by Secretary Nick Jordan, Kansas Department of Revenue	Infor briefi

Thursday, January 21

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8:30	S, Com	548-S		Labor Market Overview by Justin McFarland, Kansas Department of Labor	Pres
9:30	S, CJJ	118-N	<u>HB 2049</u>	Amending penalty for first and second marijuana possession convictions; creating a program to research industrial hemp; authorizing hemp treatments for seizure disorders	Hear (opp
1:30	H, LG	281-N		2015 Local Government legislation	Briefi
3:30	H, Ju	112-N	<u>HB 2466</u>	Prohibiting the adoption of sanctuary ordinances and resolutions by municipalities	Hear

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