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Legislative News Update

Week of March 6, 2026

After all the dust settled on a busy deadline week, there are just over 1,500 live bills and joint resolutions for the remainder of the legislative session. Approximately 3,700 are now dormant after yesterday's deadline.

Reminder statewide spring break will be March 16-20. The legislature typically works a few days that week, but it will be a much lighter week of floor work.

Trump says Oklahoma Sen. Markwayne Mullin will replace Kristi Noem as DHS secretary

President Donald Trump has named Oklahoma Sen. Markwayne Mullin to become the nation's next Secretary of Homeland Security, replacing Kristi Noem, who faced harsh questioning by members of Congress in an oversight hearing this week.

Mullin, 48, won his first election in 2012 to represent eastern Oklahoma in the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2022, following the death of longtime U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe, Mullin won a special election for the seat. He would have stood for re-election in 2026.

Gubernatorial appointee would become Oklahoma's next U.S. senator until voters

Gov. Stitt will have 30 days to appoint a new U.S. Senator should Mullin resign to accept the Homeland Security Secretary position. U.S. Senate confirmation of Mullin's nomination is required.

According to the U.S. Constitution, those seeking a U.S. Senate seat must be at least 30 years old, be a U.S. citizen for nine years and live in the state they seek to represent.

Oklahoma law puts additional rules on the position, requiring that the person be a registered voter in Oklahoma for five years and be from the same party as the person leaving the job early.

Voters will select a permanent replacement during the upcoming election cycle. Primary elections are June 16, followed by Aug. 25 runoffs. The general election is Nov. 3.

Related articles:

- [nondoc.com: Trump taps Markwayne Mullin for Cabinet, sets up uncertain Senate race](#)

- Oklahoman: [Trump fires Noem, taps Oklahoma's Markwayne Mullin for Homeland Security](#)
- Quorum Call: [Hilbert, Paxton created process by which US Senate vacancy will be filled](#)
- Tulsa World: [U.S. Sen. Markwayne Mullin's resignation shakes up Oklahoma politics](#)
- AP: [Trump's pick for DHS secretary leaves US Senate vacancy in deep-red Oklahoma](#)
- Press Release: [Governor Stitt Congratulates Markwayne Mullin on DHS Nomination](#)
- Press Release: [Speaker Hilbert Congratulates Sen. Mullin on Appointment to U.S. Cabinet](#)



Official State Press Releases

- March 2: [Bill Increasing Access to Mental Health Care Clears Committee](#)
- March 2: [Organized Crime Leader Transferred to Oklahoma to Face Felony Charges](#)
- March 2: [Bullard Bill to Make 'Grooming' a Felony Crime Awaits Senate Floor Vote](#)
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- March 5: [AG Drummond Applauds President Trump's Selection of Sen. Mullin for Home Sec.](#)
- March 5: [Rep. Fetgatter Announces He Will Not Seek Re-Election](#)



Gov. Stitt wants to freeze property tax in final year in office. Others aren't sure

Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt is calling on lawmakers to unite behind his proposal to freeze or cap Oklahomans' property taxes. [Read more.](#)

Stitt signs ODMHSAS, Choosing Childbirth supplemental funding bills

Gov. Stitt signed two bills Monday that provide supplemental appropriations. [Read more.](#)

Hilbert files Oklahoma state sports, athletics shell bill

House Speaker Kyle Hilbert suggested Thursday lawmakers needed a plan if legislative action was going to be taken concerning the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activity Association (OSSAA). [Read more.](#)

Lawmakers hear from teachers, retirees about education funding

State lawmakers haven't officially gone back to the drawing board, but they have been asked to rethink a proposal to divert taxpayer dollars away from a pension fund for teachers to pay for current classroom priorities. [Read more.](#)



Worry for teacher pensions prompts criticism of Oklahoma education funding plan

An Oklahoma Senate plan to fund education initiatives with money designated for teacher pensions has drawn mixed reactions in the week since Republican leaders unveiled it. [Read more.](#)



Lawmakers advance resolution that appears to conflict with Oklahoma open primaries state question

Despite concerns it could directly conflict with a voter-initiated state ballot question, Oklahoma lawmakers advanced their own resolution that asks voters to overhaul state, federal and partisan county elections. [Read more.](#)



Proposed state question that could roll back Medicaid expansion clears House committee

House lawmakers advanced a measure Thursday that would ask voters to give lawmakers the option to roll back Medicaid expansion. [Read more.](#)



Narrow majority passes measure lessening taxes for broadband providers

Sen. Dave Rader expressed some annoyance Thursday during his debate for SB1122. [Read more.](#)

Changing Oklahoma property valuation structure would create disparities, critics say

A Senate panel on Wednesday passed a measure to reduce the caps on property valuations despite concerns it could create huge disparities in property tax payments. [Read more.](#)

After years of stalemate, lawmakers advance bail reform proposals

Bail reform has long been a sore subject at the state Capitol. [Read more.](#)

Lawmakers move to protect Oklahoma ratepayers from effects of data centers

Oklahoma ratepayers' energy bills would be unaffected by new data centers under a bill advancing through the House. [Read more.](#)

Oklahoma lawmakers advance bill limiting ability to consider religious practices

Lawmakers advanced a resolution Tuesday that asks Oklahoma voters to limit the ability of courts to consider religious practices despite concerns that it could amount to discrimination against some religions. [Read more.](#)

House lawmakers try again to reform Oklahoma tobacco settlement trust board, spending

Measures that could lead to the dissolution of a voter-created tobacco trust governing board and redirect public opioid settlement money to college scholarships cleared a House committee on Thursday. [Read more.](#)

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Two Oklahoma bills aimed at reducing grocery costs die in committee

Two bills introduced in the Oklahoma House by House Democratic Leader Cyndi Munson, D-Oklahoma City, aimed at addressing high grocery costs have failed to make it out of committee, according to a release from Munson's office. [Read more.](#)

Bipartisan bill requiring annual mental health screenings by Oklahoma providers advances

A bill that would require certain providers to screen patients for mental health conditions passed the Senate Health and Human Services committee Monday. [Read more.](#)

Oklahoma repeals rules allowing driver's license change based on sex transition

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt has repealed state administrative rules allowing people to obtain replacement driver's licenses if they undergo a sex change. [Read more.](#)

Oklahoma Turnpike Authority audit finds no laws broken

Oklahoma Voice: Oklahomans paying for turnpike agency's questionable practices, but no laws broken, audit finds

While an investigative audit found that the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority had broken no laws, the Legislature needs to slap some guardrails on the agency, State Auditor and Inspector Cindy Byrd said Wednesday. [Read more.](#)

nondoc.com: Turnpike audit: Byrd finds no 'egregious wrongdoing,' but legislators vow regulatory 'action'

An investigative audit of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority did not find any violations of the law, but State Auditor and Inspector Cindy Byrd called on

legislators to begin regulating the OTA's "extensive" authority and "revisiting" laws that define the OTA's powers. [Read more.](#)

Amid spike in roadway fatalities, Oklahoma Transportation czar asks motorists to slow down

Oklahoma has seen a 106% spike in the number of work zone fatalities, Oklahoma's transportation secretary said Monday. [Read more.](#)

State Medicaid budgets will decline by \$665 billion under new federal law, report finds

State Medicaid budgets will be reduced by a total of \$665 billion over the next decade, after President Donald Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act cuts federal investment in the health insurance program, according to a new analysis. [Read more.](#)

Judge declines to confirm Osage Nation reservation, but offers path forward

An Oklahoma federal judge ruled he can't rule the Osage Nation's reservation is still intact, denying a legal maneuver to resurrect an old lawsuit. [Read more.](#)

Judge weighs immediacy vs. efficacy in Oklahoma poultry waste settlement proposal

Oklahoma could be one step closer to ending its decades-long court battle with poultry companies over pollution in the Illinois River Watershed. A federal judge heard attorneys' thoughts on a settlement agreement with one poultry company on Friday and will hear more on agreements with other companies this week. [Read more.](#)

Group fails to collect necessary signatures to make Oklahoma ballot, will try again

The Sooner State Party said that it will try again after failing to secure enough signatures to become the state's fourth recognized political party. [Read more.](#)

Bills Signed Into Law This Session

- **HB 1085** - Adams, Stacy Jo (F)(R)/Coleman, Bill(R): Adjusts the fee assessed to service warranty associations under the Service Warranty Act.
- **HB 1484** - Johns, Ronny(R)/Weaver, Darrell(R): Requires schools to provide instruction on fentanyl abuse prevention and drug poisoning awareness meeting certain standards; EMERGENCY.

- **HB 2786** - Caldwell, Trey(R)/Hall, Chuck(R): Makes an appropriation from the Rate Preservation Fund to the Dept. of Mental Health for Title XIX Services; EMERGENCY.
- **HB 2787** - Caldwell, Trey(R)/Hall, Chuck(R): Makes an appropriation to the Dept. of Health from the Rate Preservation Fund to pay legacy contracts associated with the Choosing Childbirth Program; EMERGENCY.
- **HJR1032** - West, Kevin(R)/Bergstrom, Micheal(R): Directs the repeal of certain permanent rules of Service Oklahoma.
- **SB 397** - Bergstrom, Micheal(R)/Kendrix, Gerrid(R): Extends the sunset of the Board of Behavioral Health Licensure; EMERGENCY.
- **SB 743** - Gollihare, Todd(R)/Lawson, Mark(R): Sets penalty provisions for individuals who disturb or interrupt assembled religious worship, including the passing of a leaflet, display of a sign, or oral protest within 100 ft of a gathering; EMERGENCY.

Bills Considered in the House This Week

HB 2937: Olsen, Jim (R). Permits the carry of firearms in vessels in public waterways and lakes.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 80/N: 12)

HB 2947: Grego, Jim (R). Expands Medicaid Plans to cover master and doctoral level behavioral health clinical interns and sets oversight standards for such personnel.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 81/N: 8)
- 3- 4-26 Title stricken

HB 2951: Hardin, David (R). Adjusts references in statute to certain correctional facilities operated by the Dept. of Corrections and removes

Legislative authority to set the salary ranges for correctional facility deputy directors.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 91/N: 2)

HB 2960: Hardin, David (R). Expands certain liability protections for firearms manufacturers and sellers to also include firearm components, even those which may be used for aftermarket modifications.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 83/N: 10)

HB 2979: Banning, Chris (R). Creates the Talyn Bain Act which establishes standards for school zone speed limits on state highways meeting certain conditions for proximity to school facilities.

- 3- 3-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 85/N: 0)
- 3- 3-26 Title stricken

HB 2980: Banning, Chris (R). Permits officers checking certain motor vehicle insurance information to bypass the use of a digital check if they are satisfied that physical proof presented meets necessary standards.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 93/N: 0)

HB 3082: Kelley, Mike (F) (R). Prohibits registered sex offenders from acting as or being hired as firefighters, volunteer or permanent salaried.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 96/N: 0)

HB 3142: Cornwell, Rusty (R). Grants the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board the right to investigate certain incidents involving petroleum gas accidents or fires and adjusts various powers and responsibilities of the Board.

- 3- 3-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 65/N: 22)

HB 3148: Gise, Emily (F) (R). Adjusts various provisions related to motor vehicle sales, salvage pools and related inspections.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 83/N: 11)

HB 3152: Grego, Jim (R). Grants officers of the Corporation Commission certain general criminal law enforcement authority in charge of state law enforcement under particular circumstances.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 80/N: 14)

HB 3262: George, John (R). Increases limits on Sheriff's service fees for serving process in criminal and juvenile court proceedings.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 77/N: 17)

HB 3466: Boles, Brad (R). Removes the Corporation Commission petty cash fund.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 94/N: 0)

HB 3269: George, John (R). Lets judges approve arrest warrants by phone or electronic communication if the process is recorded and documented.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 94/N: 0)

HB 3378: Ranson, Trish (D). Adjusts the term length for members of the Science and Technology Research and Development Board to be two years for certain members, then return to the previous length, staggering the replacement of membership; EMERGENCY.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 92/N: 2)

HB 3463: Boles, Brad (R). Adjusts certain provisions related to financial oversight of municipalities, directing them to operate with the State Auditor via agreed-upon-procedures engagements and deliver certain documents within six months; EMERGENCY.

- 3- 3-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 89/N: 0)

HB 3519: Marti, T.J. (R). Removes the bond requirement paid by medical marijuana business licensees and instead requires a land reclamation fee, to be paid into a new fund created under the OMMA to be used to assist in land reclamation projects.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 92/N: 0)

HB 3522: Marti, T.J. (R). Directs the ABLE Commission to make an annual report of revoked and suspended licenses, including the reasons for such actions, and the total amount of tickets assessed.

- 3- 2-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 95/N: 0)

HB 3644: Stinson, Preston (R). Directs hospitals to adopt blood clot prevention procedures and report data to a statewide registry; EMERGENCY.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 71/N: 24)

HB 3661: Dempsey, Eddy (R). Removes the expiration of certain timber agricultural sales tax exemptions.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 89/N: 3)

HB 3790: Adams, Stacy Jo (F) (R). Creates the Oklahoma Homeowner Repair Contract Protection Act and allows homeowners to cancel certain home repair contracts within five days.

- 3- 3-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 82/N: 4)

HB 3882: Cantrell, Josh (R). Creates a Lake and Industrial Access Fund within the Dept. of Transportation for grants through the Lake Access or Industrial Access programs; EMERGENCY.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 84/N: 9)

HB 3996: Worthen, Rande (R). Clarifies applicability of post-conviction provisions and updates statutory language while requiring expert support in capital cases.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 87/N: 6)
- 3- 4-26 Title stricken

HB 4140: Manger, Robert (R). Aligns larceny and stolen property statutes with current felony classes and clarifies penalty ranges.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 85/N: 11)

HB 4142: Manger, Robert (R). Updates the rules and definitions for crimes involving bombs and explosive devices.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 92/N: 0)

HB 4143: Manger, Robert (R). Reduces accident reporting by raising the damage amount that requires a written report.

- 3- 3-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 80/N: 10)

HB 4300: Pae, Daniel (R). Revises child care licensing procedures by modifying when and how criminal history record searches are conducted and reviewed.

- 3- 2-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 94/N: 0)

HB 4335: Moore, Anthony (R). Authorizes counties and municipalities to impose certain regulations on retail pet stores.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 68/N: 26)

Bills Considered in the Senate This Week

HB 2115: Osburn, Mike (R). Transfers responsibility of the Energy Assistance Fund and Weatherization Revolving Fund from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Human Services.

- 3- 4-26 Senate appointed a conference committee: Thompson, Rosino, Stanley, Haste, Coleman, Dossett

SB 206: Woods, Tom (R). Declares emergency medical services to be essential services solely for the purposes of eligibility for certain federal funding; EMERGENCY.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 42/N: 5)

SB 893: Howard, Brent (R). Creates the Military Installation & Military Operating Areas and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act which prohibits principals from foreign adversary countries from owning, having interest in, or acquiring agricultural land.

- 3- 4-26 Senate appointed a conference committee: Howard, Gollihare, Rosino, Jech, Boren

SB 1122: Rader, Dave (R). Requires the State Board of Equalization to conduct an assessment of property used to provide wired broadband service.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 28/N: 19)
- 3- 5-26 Floor substitute adopted

SB 1216: Rader, Dave (R). Modifies eligibility for offenders to participate in certain drug court reviews based on the charge in question.

- 3- 2-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 44/N: 4)

SB 1317: Dossett, Jo Anna (D). Modifies career teacher definitions to permit recognition of prior qualifying service when a teacher is employed by a different school district; EMERGENCY.

- 3- 3-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 43/N: 0)

SB 1426: Daniels, Julie (R). Relates to legal protections for vulnerable adults and associated legal processes by limiting certain disclosures of information to substantiated findings.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 44/N: 0)

SB 1457: Bergstrom, Micheal (R). Extends the sunset of the Construction Industries Board; EMERGENCY.

- 3- 3-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 40/N: 3)

SB 1465: Bergstrom, Micheal (R). Extends the sunset of the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors; EMERGENCY.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 43/N: 2)

SB 1531: Haste, John (R). Authorizes the Dept. of Aerospace and Aeronautics to invest in infrastructure, partner with industry and other states, and support statewide integration of unmanned aircraft and advanced air mobility.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 33/N: 12)

SB 1533: Stanley, Brenda (R). Updates veteran burial assistance laws to base eligibility on state residency instead of place of death.

- 3- 3-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 43/N: 0)

SB 1561: Howard, Brent (R). Updates ambulance service violation provisions and Commissioner enforcement powers.

- 3- 5-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 46/N: 0)

SB 1589: Gollihare, Todd (R). Clarifies criminal liability for conducting or supporting online casino gambling using digital devices and platforms.

- 3- 2-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 48/N: 0)

SB 1597: Gollihare, Todd (R). Limits statutory reliance on national CASA standards and revises oversight language for court-appointed special advocates.

- 3- 2-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 41/N: 7)

SB 1641: Daniels, Julie (R). Requires various business entities to submit a company email address along with other identifying information when making an application to the state.

- 3- 2-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 48/N: 0)

SB 1642: Frix, Avery (F) (R). Adjusts certain standards related to the prescribing and distribution of opioid painkillers.

- 3- 2-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 48/N: 0)

SB 1732: Daniels, Julie (R). Increases and revises professional licensing and renewal fees under the Construction Industries Board.

- 3- 3-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 35/N: 9)

SB 2065: Bullard, David (R). Names several insects as official state symbols.

- 3- 2-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 48/N: 0)
- 3- 2-26 Floor amendment(s) adopted: One by Bullard

SB 1771: Thompson, Kristen (R). Permits the Workforce Commission to collect certain data and employ outside counsel.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 35/N: 11)
- 3- 4-26 Title restored on the floor

SB 2110: Murdock, Casey (R). Allows direct sales of ungraded eggs and sets a monthly limit on ungraded egg sales.

- 3- 4-26 Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 44/N: 2)
- 3- 4-26 Floor amendment(s) adopted: One by Murdock

Appropriations

House Appropriations - March 3

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 1242 – Substitute: Strom, Judd (Murdock, Casey). Modifies the livestock tax exemption to include cervidae. - Do Pass by Substitute – **Title Struck on Substitute**
- HB 1250 – Substitute: Ford, Ross. Creates a Public Safety Technology Revolving Fund for certain tech expenses incurred by law enforcement. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute**
- HB 1590 – Substitute: Lepak, Mark. Creates the Oklahoma Education Infrastructure Linked Deposit Program Act to provide funding for certain education delivery entities to enhance educational opportunities; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 1752 – Substitute: Harris, Erick. Exempts the Attorney General's Office and the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council from state motor

vehicle requisition requirements. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute ;Title Struck Also Struck**

- HB 1979 – Substitute: Ranson, Trish. Creates the Early Childhood Task Force, providing for the membership, compensation, requirements, and authority its members. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 1983: Ranson, Trish (Weaver, Darrell). Requires media literacy and cybersecurity to be taught in schools. - **Failed to Pass**
- HB 2952 – Substitute: Grego, Jim. Adjusts calculation for certain motor vehicle taxes to be based on the actual price of the vehicle after discounts, reductions and trade-ins; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 2961 – Substitute: Hildebrant, Derrick (F) (Woods, Tom). Provides a full tuition and fee waiver for higher education and career technology center schools in the state to the children of Gold Star recipients killed in the line of duty and meeting certain residency requirements; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 2967: West, Rick (Jett, Shane). Exempts legal guardians who are not parents to a child and grandparents from certain excise taxes on the transfer of ownership of motor vehicles. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Strike is the Substitute**
- HB 2973 – Substitute: Hays, Neil. Requires school districts to report the expenditure of any state-appropriated funding for any purpose via a new accounting code; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 2988 – Substitute: Dobrinski, Mike. Creates the Harmful Woody Species Removal Tax Credit Act which provides tax incentives for the removal of invasive woody species. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**

- HB 3031: Lowe, Dick (Pugh, Adam). Directs the Dept. of Education to develop and implement a common course number system to be used statewide. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3047 – Proposed: Tedford, Mark. Directs agency reports statutorily required to be sent to the Legislature to be digitally submitted to LOFT; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute**
- HB 3052 – Substitute: Stewart, Ron (F). Creates the Child Protection and Family Notification Act which directs the Dept. of Human Services to conduct certain child safety reviews when a second or subsequent drug-exposed infant is born. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3066 – Substitute: Pogemiller, Ellen (F) (Seifried, Ally). Authorizes the Healthcare Workforce Training Commission to receive state and federal funds as well as donations and establishes a related Rural Health Transformation Fund to store such funds; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 3086 – Substitute: Hardin, David. Adjusts various powers and duties of the Board of Corrections, requiring that the Board be notified of annual budget work program details and of any inmate deaths while in DoC custody. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute**
- HB 3175 – Substitute: Archer, Nick. Establishes a Governor-led nuclear energy office, permitting coordination, and reimbursement grants to encourage advanced nuclear development. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 3177: Archer, Nick (Howard, Brent). Authorizes the Corporation Commission to set salaries for its court reporters based on qualifications, experience, and duties. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3178: Archer, Nick (Howard, Brent). Requires county assessors to apply a fixed annual depreciation schedule to determine the taxable value of farm equipment and tractors. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3240 – Substitute: Hasenbeck, Toni. Requires public schools and charter schools to adopt policies providing a daily period of prayer

and religious text reading with written consent and liability waivers;
EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**

- HB 3404: Grego, Jim (Murdock, Casey). Changes Oklahoma prescribed burn indemnity law by renaming the fund, revising coverage limitations, updating burn plan requirements and notifications, and revising reimbursements. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3429 – Substitute: Wilk, Jonathan (F). Authorizes the Development Finance Authority to issue bonds for the Career Technology Business Partnership Pool and requires certain financial literacy course offerings for participating districts; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3548 – Substitute: Maynard, Cody. Creates the Youth Entrepreneurs Promotion and Development Act which sets standards, taxation guidelines and registration exemptions for business owners under 18 years of age who meet certain standards. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 3638 – Substitute: Gise, Emily (F). Requires Oklahoma to participate in the federal Summer EBT program for eligible children and creates a related Fund under the Dept. of Human Services. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 3671 – Substitute: Provenzano, Melissa. Adjusts standards for designation as a career teacher, permitting persons working in multiple subsequent districts upon approval by the relevant school board to be considered as such; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3704 – Substitute: Crosswhite-Hader, Denise. Formally moves the state to participate in certain federal income tax credits for contributions to scholarship granting organizations; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Amendment to the Substitute Also Adopted**

- HB 3759: Turner, Tim (F) (Hamilton, Warren). Revises temporary appropriation procedures by imposing a fiscal year deadline for school districts. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3831 – Substitute: May, Stan. Designates Oklahoma Task Force 1 as the official deployment asset and emergency rescue team of the state and makes related appropriations to the Dept. of Emergency Management; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 3904 – Substitute: Hefner, Ellyn. Requires Medicaid to cover depression screening, flexible maternity payments, and technology-enabled prenatal and postpartum services. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute**
- HB 3920 – Substitute: Stinson, Preston. Adds a sales tax exemption for independent nonprofit organizations and subsidiaries supporting organ and tissue donation activities. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 3944: Kane, John (Haste, John). Adjusts various provisions related to the State Finance Act and the reporting of budget information to the Legislature. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3969: Caldwell, Trey (Kern, Spencer (F)). Adjusts certain standards referencing prison facilities. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3973 – Substitute: Caldwell, Trey. Directs the Office of Juvenile Affairs to plan and execute a strategy to re-establish a presence at a former facility in Manitou and establishes a fund for such purposes; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 3975: Caldwell, Trey (Hall, Chuck). Creates the Oklahoma Rural Health Transformation Program, designates the State Department of Health as lead agency, and establishes a revolving fund; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**

- HB 3976: Caldwell, Trey (Hall, Chuck). Creates the Rural and Small Hospital Grant Program and establishes a revolving fund to support eligible hospitals. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3978: Caldwell, Trey (Howard, Brent). Changes how rural job investments and related tax credits are defined and capped. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Strike is the Substitute**
- HB 3983: Caldwell, Trey (Paxton, Lonnie). Cuts cigarette taxes in half for products that are heated instead of burned. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Strike is the Substitute**
- HB 3984: Caldwell, Trey (Coleman, Bill). Establishes a state grant program to help cities, counties, and nonprofits attract households relocating to Oklahoma. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Strike is the Substitute**
- HB 4092 – Substitute: Norwood, Kevin (F). Sets standards and coordination requirements for 988 crisis services and creates a trust fund to support statewide crisis response. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 4118 – Substitute: West, Tammy (Hall, Chuck). Includes mileage standards under tax credit expense eligibility for the Family Caregiver Tax Credit. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute – Title Also Struck**

House A&B Committee advances bill restructuring, breaking down OMES

The House Appropriations and Budget Committee quickly advanced a bill without debate Wednesday night proposing to break down and restructure the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES). [Read more.](#)

House Appropriations - March 4

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 1261 - Substitute: Hays, Neil (Frix, Avery (F)). Creates the Wrecker Services Division in the Department of Public Safety to investigate consumer complaints related to overcharging for nonconsensual towing, recovery, and storage fees and other violations. - Do Pass by Substitute – **Title Also Struck**
- HB 1581 - Proposed: Lawson, Mark. Modifies various provisions related to the Oklahoma Children's Code, removing certain entities and replacing them with new ones, and creates the Oklahoma Multidisciplinary Team Council. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 1782 - Proposed: Moore, Anthony. Creates the Education Reform Act. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 2059 - Substitute: Stinson, Preston. Directs the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to pay the University of Oklahoma Health and Sciences Center for medication provided to specified detainees and inmates. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute**
- HB 3016 - Proposed: Dobrinski, Mike. Directs the Dept. of Education and Dept. of Health to develop and implement a binocular vision screening pilot program for school children; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3025 - Proposed: Lowe, Dick. Exempts gifts and donations from school general fund calculations for one year following the receipt of such donations; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3029 - Substitute: Kerbs, Dell. Directs the Dept. of Education to establish a comprehensive four-year plan for addressing needs and development in public education. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute**
- HB 3261 - Proposed: Hildebrant, Derrick (F). Directs the Dept. of Education to develop and manage a database of school support employees; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

- HB 3372 - Proposed: Hall, Rob (F). Establishes a Revolving Loan Fund Program for Charter School Capital Expenditures to provide limited financial assistance to charter schools. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3403 - Proposed: Patzkowsky, Kenton. Creates the Oklahoma Biosolids Land Application Research Pilot Program administered by DEQ and Oklahoma State University. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3590 - Substitute: Lepak, Mark. Makes various adjustments to the Opportunity Scholarship Program, adjusting reporting to the Tax Commission and adjusting eligibility. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute**
- HB 3595 - Substitute: Lepak, Mark. Makes a one-time appropriation to all counties for the purchase of public safety and traffic barrier equipment. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute**
- HB 3698 - Substitute: Pogemiller, Ellen (F). Creates a Student Eviction Assistance Fund under the Dept. of Education to provide support for students whose living situations are complicated by housing instability, to be operated as a pilot program. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute**
- HB 3705 - Proposed: Caldwell, Chad. Increases the total limit of credits available under the Parental Choice Tax Credit Act and creates a mechanism for future increases if the credits are utilized to at least 90%; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Struck – Amendment to the Substitute Also Adopted**
- HB 3710 - Substitute: Caldwell, Chad. Creates a District Realignment Commission to examine school districts and make potential recommendations on school district consolidation; EMERGENCY. - Do Pass by Substitute – **Amendment to the Substitute Also Adopted**
- HB 3718 - Substitute: Caldwell, Chad. Establishes a time limit on school districts to process certain requests under the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship Act for special education services assessments; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

- HB 4129 - Proposed: Fetgatter, Scott. Broadly restructures the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, splitting it into separate units based on certain functions and adjusting related responsibilities; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4141 - Substitute: Manger, Robert. Appropriates funds to the District Attorneys Council to hire a SANE Statewide Coordinator; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4146: Hasenbeck, Toni. Lets school employees qualify for paid maternity leave based on statewide school service, not just one district; EMERGENCY. - **Not Heard**
- HB 4159 - Substitute: Hasenbeck, Toni. Expands certain dyslexia screening requirements for school districts and permits parents to request such a screening at any time. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4178 - Proposed: Staires, Clay. Expands sales tax exemptions to include qualifying sales to certain public trusts with a municipality as beneficiary; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 4191 - Substitute: Chapman, Mark (F). Revises administration of the Small Employer Quality Jobs Incentive Act by expanding Dept. of Commerce review and verification requirements; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 4199 - Substitute: Schreiber, Suzanne. Directs DHS to establish a Tri-Share Workforce Pilot Program to share child care costs between employers, employees, and the state. - **Do Pass by Subcommittee Substitute**
- HB 4215 - Substitute: Staires, Clay. Lowers the threshold for certain expenditures by projects to qualify for the Filmed in Oklahoma Act; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4268 - Substitute: Johns, Ronny. Creates the Teacher Effectiveness and Excellence Act establishing growth-based teacher compensation and National Board certification bonuses and making

appropriation; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Struck – Amendment to the Substitute Also Adopted**

- HB 4280 - Proposed: Miller, Nicole. Increases apportionment to the Rebuilding Oklahoma Access and Driver Safety Fund for roads and bridges; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Struck – Amendment to the Substitute Also Struck**
- HB 4285 - Proposed: Miller, Nicole. Creates the Perinatal Quality Improvement Revolving Fund within the Dept. of Health; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Amendment the Substitute Also Adopted**
- HB 4301 - Proposed: Blair, Jason (F). Requires enforcement of rules returning earnest money to veterans in certain home purchases; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4304 - Substitute: Worthen, Rande. Extends tax exemptions available to certain political subdivisions to any contracted entity doing work specifically for that political subdivision; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 4305 - Proposed: Blair, Jason (F). Changes how some affordable housing properties are valued for property taxes. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 4326 - Proposed: Moore, Anthony. Expands Oklahoma's Promise eligibility and revises income, custody, and certified teacher qualification rules; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4331 -: Moore, Anthony. Adjusts provisions of the Teachers' Retirement System, setting rules for athletic trainers to participate in the System, for Superintendents with previous participation in the system to receive benefits, and other adjustments. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4333 - Proposed: Moore, Anthony. Adjusts various provisions related to the management of funds and property by the Commissioners of the Land Office, permitting them to purchase vehicles as necessary for their operations and setting standards for

investments; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Amendments to the Substitute Also Adopted**

- HB 4337 - Proposed: Moore, Anthony. Creates the Quality Events Amendments Act. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 4340 - Proposed: Moore, Anthony. Provides a sales tax exemption on sales of frack water; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4344 -: Moore, Anthony. Allows the Regents for Higher Education to reduce certain fund allocations to institutions for annual obligations set in statute. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4346 -: Archer, Nick. Declares that certain out-of-state agriculture tax exemption permits shall be valid and considered affirmative proof of eligibility for comparable in-state exemptions. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Strike is the Substitute**
- HB 4392 - Substitute: Miller, Nicole. Requires annual reporting, rulemaking, and Department ownership of funded assets under new aviation investment program. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4413 - Substitute: Blancett, Meloyde. Establishes environmental oversight by mandating emissions monitoring plans, reporting, and caps on certain waste incineration. - **Title Struck then Bill Failed to Pass**
- HB 4420 - Substitute: Hilbert, Kyle. Makes major changes to early reading instruction, testing, intervention, and third-grade promotion rules. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4476 - Substitute: Townley, Tammy. Creates the Community Music Infrastructure and Events Development Act to establish a grant program and revolving fund for music venues and festivals; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Amendment to the Substitute Also Adopted**
- HB 4478 - Substitute: Deck, Jared. Changes how often schools must deposit activity fund money; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

- HB 4490 - Substitute: Townley, Tammy. Creates the Oklahoma Families Thriving Everywhere Now program and appropriates funds for maternal and parenting support services; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4491 - Proposed: Kane, John. Allows certain charter, virtual charter, and nontraditional students to participate in public school extracurricular activities; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Amendment to the Substitute Also Adopted**

Senate Appropriations approves two components of Senate Republicans' education plan

Two more components of the Senate Republican leadership's education proposal passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on Tuesday. [Read more.](#)

Senate Appropriations

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Legislation Considered:

- SB 175 – Substitute: Woods, Tom (Hays, Neil). Creates an Uninsured Commercial Vehicle Recovery fund under the Corporation Commission to reimburse wrecker and tower operators providing nonconsensual towing services to uninsured vehicles and directs certain fees to the fund; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Strike is the Amendment**
- SB 201 – Substitute: Pugh, Adam. Establishes a new pay scale for certified school personnel and sets standards for qualifying prior experience to advance up the scale; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

- SB 1290 – Substitute: Dossett, Jo Anna. Makes an appropriation to the Dept. of Human Services for the maintenance of a 2-1-1 hotline; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pas by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- SB 1332 – Substitute: Kirt, Julia (Lawson, Mark). Establishes the THRIVE Communities Program within the Water Resources Board to provide zero-interest loans for housing-related water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure projects and creates a dedicated revolving fund. - **Do Pass as Amended**
- SB 1369 – Substitute: Stanley, Brenda (Norwood, Kevin (F)). Directs state funding to maintain and enhance the 9-8-8 suicide and crisis hotline administered by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- SB 1379 – Substitute: Reinhardt, Aaron (F) (Lawson, Mark). Expands allowable expenditures of the Victims of Human Trafficking and Prevention Revolving Fund to include grants to qualified nonprofit organizations; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Also Struck**
- SB 1381 – Substitute: Rader, Dave (Harris, Erick). Creates the Pretrial Procedures Modernization Act which adjusts and updates various procedures, responsibilities and timelines for pretrial release of criminal defendants. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 1386 – Substitute: Gillespie, Christi (F) (Hildebrant, Derrick (F)). Mandates standardized audio and video recording systems in courts, including public access, retention, and technical quality requirements. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 1390 – Substitute: Jech, Darcy (Newton, Carl). Amends gross production tax law to adjust revenue distributions, update fund references, and establish revised effective timelines; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- SB 1428 – Substitute: Mann, Mark (F) (Miller, Nicole). Creates a centralized office within the Dept. of Health to coordinate

Alzheimer's disease and dementia services, data collection, education, and caregiver support. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Strike is the Amendment**

- SB 1584: Burns, George (Provenzano, Melissa). Requires law enforcement and crime laboratories to process sexual assault evidence kits on accelerated timelines. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Strike is the Amendment**
- SB 1696 - Substitute: Coleman, Bill (Caldwell, Trey). Creates a Talent Attraction and Relocation Revolving Fund under the Dept. of Commerce to be used for grants to talent agencies to encourage relocation of personnel into the state. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1778 – Substitute: Pugh, Adam (Hilbert, Kyle). Revises the Strong Readers Act to require a single screening instrument and mandates transitional placement and third-grade retention for students not meeting reading targets; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1794 – Substitute: Stanley, Brenda (Roe, Cynthia). Directs the Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to create and maintain a statewide behavioral health vacancy registry. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute – Additional Amendment Also Adopted**
- SB 1806 – Substitute: Paxton, Lonnie. Directs the Dept. of Human Services to implement extension of foster care to persons entering adulthood under certain circumstances; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1836: Kirt, Julia (West, Josh). Requires physicians to provide certain mental health screening instruments to patients during routine check-ups at least once annually. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Strike is the Amendment**

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Senate Ag, Wildlife Committee advances bill allowing for the sale of raw milk in OK

A bill allowing for the sale of raw milk and raw milk products received a do pass recommendation from the Senate Agriculture and Wildlife Committee on Monday morning. [Read more.](#)

Senate Agriculture & Wildlife

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Legislation Considered:

- SB 1573: Frix, Avery (F). Allows Rural Economic Action Plan Water Projects money to be used by the Water Resources Board for assistance to irrigation districts and rural water districts; EMERGENCY. - **Not Heard**
- SB 2028 – Substitute: Wingard, Jonathan (F) (Hardin, David). Repeals provisions requiring licensure for the sale of certain raw milk products and makes unlawful the sale of such products without informing the consumer in advance of the unregulated and untested nature of such product; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Struck and Amendment to the Substitute Also Adopted**
- SB 2117 – Substitute: Murdock, Casey. Updates the short title of the Cooperative Marketing Association Act and revises financial statement provisions to refer to associations. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 2127: Murdock, Casey (Moore, Anthony). Creates the Advisory Council on Product Classification within the Dept. of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry. - **Do Pass**
- SB 2134 – Substitute: Murdock, Casey (Newton, Carl). Creates procedures for humane treatment of livestock and poultry involved in vehicular accidents. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

- SB 2173 – Substitute: Boren, Mary. Creates a new Extension Service program funded by renewable energy fees to support landowner education and stewardship; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**

Business, Commerce & Economic Development

House Oversight: Commerce & Economic Development - March 3 Morning Meeting

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 2929: Norwood, Kevin (F) (Haste, John). Prohibits the cancellation or increase of premiums for home insurance policies by insurers when such actions are based on single large flood-related claims or claims older than five years. - **Do Pass**
- HB 2955 – Proposed: Blair, Jason (F). Adjusts and expands various provisions related to insurers throughout statute, particularly with regards to captive insurance companies and protected cells.- **Not Heard**
- HB 2956: Norwood, Kevin (F) (Reinhardt, Aaron (F)). Adjusts certain standards related to the Appraisal Management Company Regulation Act, requiring cause for disciplinary action to be taken by the Real Estate Appraiser Board. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3128 – Substitute: West, Kevin. Creates an Actionable Response for Industry Skills and Excellence in Oklahoma Task Force to study and make recommendations on workforce improvements in the state. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

- HB 3880: Cantrell, Josh (Mann, Mark (F)). Allows tourism magazine staff to earn commissions on a wider range of print, digital, and promotional sales. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4294 – Substitute: Pae, Daniel (Stanley, Brenda). Requires equal health insurance coverage for individuals diagnosed with epilepsy. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

Sneed lays over apprentice plumber bill

Rep. Chris Sneed laid over his bill Tuesday designed to expedite when an apprentice plumber can take the journeyman examine. [Read more.](#)

House Oversight: Commerce & Economic Development - March 3 Afternoon Meeting

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 2471 – Substitute: Hill, Brian. Expands the Workforce Commission by adding appointed private sector members and adjusts quorum standards. - **Discussed then Laid Over**
- HB 2970: Rosecrants, Jacob (Bullard, David). Declares the Sauroposeidon Proteles the state fossil. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3338 – Substitute: Banning, Chris (Logan, Bryan (F)). Creates the Pool Contractor Licensing Act which establishes standards for the licensure and oversight of pool contractors by the Construction Industries Board. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3443: Wilk, Jonathan (F) (Frix, Avery (F)). Authorizes DOT to adjust oversize and overweight permit fees and increases multiple transportation-related permit fees. - **Do Pass**

- HB 3783 – Proposed: Sneed, Chris. Creates the Endorsed Plumbing Apprentice license for apprentices who pass the journeyman exam. - **Discussed then Laid Over**
- HB 3800 – Substitute: Sneed, Chris (Coleman, Bill). Revises the Roofing Contractor Registration Act to regulate residential roofers and require residential roofer endorsements. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3818 – Substitute: Sneed, Chris (Coleman, Bill). Allows for owners of certain property to create a tax deductible qualified insured loss savings account to be utilized in the event of loss due to damage, disaster, or accidents. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

House Oversight: Commerce & Economic Development - March 5

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 2471 – Substitute: Hill, Brian. Expands the Workforce Commission by adding appointed private sector members and adjusts quorum standards. - **Substitute Adopted then Bill Laid Over**
- HB 2955 – Substitute: Blair, Jason (F). Adjusts and expands various provisions related to insurers throughout statute, particularly with regards to captive insurance companies and protected cells. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3127 – Substitute: West, Kevin (Alvord, Jerry). Adjusts certain restrictions on employers related to medical marijuana, allowing employers to prohibit the use and influence of medical marijuana by employees while working under certain conditions. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute – Amendment Also Adopted**

- HB 3781 – Substitute: Adams, Stacy Jo (F). Extends advance rate filing deadlines for insurers in competitive and noncompetitive markets. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3783 – Substitute: Sneed, Chris. Creates the Endorsed Plumbing Apprentice license for apprentices who pass the journeyman exam. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3802: Sneed, Chris. Prohibits insurers from increasing motor vehicle liability premiums solely due to removal of a deceased spouse from a policy. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4488 – Substitute: Townley, Tammy. Defines appraiser qualifications, sets cost-sharing rules, and limits timing of appraisal demands in motor vehicle total loss claims. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

Senate Business, Insurance Committee discuss safety regulations and liability

Members of the Senate Business and Insurance Committee passed two measures Thursday that lessen regulations, but Sen. Michael Brooks, D-Oklahoma City, in particular, expressed concern about the language in both measures. [Read more.](#)

Senate Business & Insurance

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Legislation Considered:

- SB 592 - Substitute: Reinhardt, Aaron (F). Removes standards prohibiting the sale of spirits or wine by wholesalers to retail alcohol licensees on certain holidays. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**

- SB 992: Reinhardt, Aaron (F). Prohibits civil liability from applying to any injury or property damage arising from the criminal act of another person except for criminal accomplices; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1241 - Substitute: Coleman, Bill (Fetgatter, Scott). Establishes statewide rules for ticket sales and resale, including bot bans, price transparency requirements, resale limits, and refund obligations. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- SB 1242: Hamilton, Warren. Increases the minimum bond required for medical marijuana businesses engaged in commercial growing. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1442 - Substitute: Dossett, Jo Anna. Sets a new minimum threshold for the standard alcoholic beverage distiller license and creates a new micro distiller license. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Also Struck**
- SB 1592 - Substitute: Rosino, Paul. Expands Insurance Commissioner authority over homeowners' insurance rates and strengthens notice rules for policy cancellations. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- SB 1623 - Substitute: Daniels, Julie. Significantly broadens credit union authority by increasing investment limits, expanding membership rules, and permitting virtual currency custody services. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- SB 1625 - Substitute: Frix, Avery (F) (Tedford, Mark). Requires a formal impact analysis before legislative consideration of bills that mandate health insurance coverage or administrative requirements. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 1913 - Substitute: Reinhardt, Aaron (F) (Tedford, Mark). Creates a mediation process for resolving insurance claim disputes. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- SB 1940 - Substitute: Thompson, Kristen (Hilbert, Kyle). Excludes certain state and local taxes from swipe fees assessed to credit card

transactions, to be paid back to the cardholder via rebate. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**

- SB 1949 - Substitute: Logan, Bryan (F). Exempts certain plumbing work from requiring licensure by the Plumbing License Law. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 2102: Thompson, Kristen (Hilbert, Kyle). Prohibits fee fixing and merchant penalties while requiring transparency in credit card transaction fees. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Strike is the Amendment**

Education

House Education Oversight Committee passes bill extending expulsion to elementary students

Rep. Josh Cantrell seemed to misunderstand some of the legal definitions of terms used in his bill that extends expulsion to elementary students. [Read more.](#)

House Oversight: Education - March 2

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 2987: Rosecrants, Jacob (Stewart, Jack). Requires affirmative legislative approval for school subject matter standards, deeming any proposed standards disapproved by default if no legislative action is taken. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3026: Lowe, Dick (Hines, Kelly (F)). Establishes a limited exemption on certain age eligibility standards for kindergarten

attendance to the children of foreign military personnel meeting particular conditions; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**

- HB 3076 – Substitute: Lepak, Mark. Adjusts the responsibilities for the alternative teacher preparation program from the Board of Education to the Educational Quality and Accountability Commission; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3288 – Substitute: Roe, Cynthia (Logan, Bryan (F)). Requires more physical education and activity time for students and adds new rules for recess and testing schedules. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3315 – Substitute: Eaves, Ryan (F) (Daniels, Julie). Directs a feasibility study on reducing bachelor's degree programs to three years; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3467 – Substitute: Boles, Brad (Pugh, Adam). Extends paid maternity leave eligibility for certain education employees to include adoption. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3711: Caldwell, Chad (Pugh, Adam). Requires school districts to publish certain information related to total expenditures, specifically the portion of any expenditures which are spent on classrooms directly on school websites and before bond elections; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3885 – Substitute: Cantrell, Josh (Hines, Kelly (F)). Allows and requires schools to suspend or expel third through fifth graders who assault school staff; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 4427 – Substitute: Hilbert, Kyle (Seifried, Ally). Establishes standards for adjunct teachers in public schools. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 4359 – Substitute: Moore, Anthony (Seifried, Ally). Requires statewide school assessments to be conducted in May of each year; EMERGENCY. - Do Pass by Substitute

- HB 4363 – Substitute: Moore, Anthony (Gollihare, Todd). Limits OSU/Tulsa Board powers and removes the statutory president selection process. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

House Education Oversight Committee passes measure taken over by Kannady

Rep. Chris Kannady told the House Education Oversight Committee that his goal is to get HB1937 right. [Read more.](#)

House Oversight: Education - March 4

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 1937 – Substitute: Kannady, Chris (Green, Grant). Allows certain communication between school personnel and students without a parent present when the parent has affirmatively opted out of such communication; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 2210 – Substitute: Lay, Mike (F) (Seifried, Ally). Requires apprenticeship coordinators, workplace mentors, annual reporting, and external evaluation for youth apprenticeship programs; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 2398 – Substitute: Hill, Brian (Reinhardt, Aaron (F)). Authorizes designation of Credentials of Value based on return on investment and workforce demand criteria. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3021 – Substitute: Lowe, Dick (Pugh, Adam). Adjusts public school subject matter standards across various curricula; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

- HB 3129 – Substitute: West, Kevin (Sacchieri, Kendal (F)). Prohibits higher education institutions from charging security fees for student organizations based on the content of their expression or that of any guests invited by the group; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3312 – Substitute: Eaves, Ryan (F) (Bullard, David). Requires public schools to provide annual firearm safety instruction to students; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3557 – Substitute: Williams, Danny (Bullard, David). Prohibits certain control or restriction on funding generated at the local level by participating parties in the Agricultural Extension Division's programs; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 4358: Moore, Anthony (Seifried, Ally). Limits screen time for Pre-K through fifth grade public school students; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**

Senate Education Committee votes down vice chair's bill reforming OSSAA

The Senate Education Committee voted 4-6 against a bill from Vice Chair Sen. Ally Seifried to reorganize the Oklahoma Secondary School Athletic Association. [Read more.](#)

Senate Education

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Legislation Considered:

- SB 346: Bergstrom, Micheal (Hays, Neil). Requires background checks for school teachers to include letters attesting to certain pending and ongoing investigations of impropriety; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Strike is the Amendment**

- SB 366 – Substitute: Hines, Kelly (F) (Hall, Rob (F)). Eliminates standards granting local school districts the right of first refusal to sponsor proposed charter schools; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Struck on Substitute**
- SB 514: Bergstrom, Micheal (Moore, Anthony). Establishes oversight and operation standards for alternative education programs using full-time or blended virtual approaches and permits charter schools to implement alternative education under particular conditions; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- SB 710:Substitute Seifried, Ally. Renames the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability to the Commission for Education Impact and changes membership terms to be staggered. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 1366: Deevers, Dusty (Hasenbeck, Toni). Establishes a high dosage tutoring program under the Dept. of Education for grades K-8; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Strike is the Amendment**
- SB 1480:Substitute Seifried, Ally. Requires technology center districts to appoint apprenticeship coordinators, defines coordinator duties, and requires collaboration with schools under the AIM Act; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 1490 Proposed Daniels, Julie. Standardizes the start date for school board member terms by requiring elected members to begin service at the first board meeting held in July after the election.- **Not Heard**
- SB 1497: Hines, Kelly (F). Expands alternate diploma options for students with significant cognitive disabilities and aligns graduation requirements with statewide standards; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1593: Gollihare, Todd (Moore, Anthony). Revises statutes governing the OSU-Tulsa Board of Trustees by removing rulemaking and presidential search requirements; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**

- SB 1782: Grellner, Randy (F) (Jenkins, Molly (F)). Prohibits tenure for newly hired public higher education employees and limits future employment contracts. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Strike is the Amendment**
- SB 1895:Substitute Reinhardt, Aaron (F) (Moore, Anthony). Requires school districts to notify the Dept. of Education when they decline to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 2005:Substitute Seifried, Ally. Requires school athletic associations to set a specified parent-based committee to review hardship waivers; EMERGENCY. - **Substitute Adopted then Bill Failed to Pass**
- SB 2006:Substitute Seifried, Ally. Prohibits use of state funds for scholarships or tuition aid for certain foreign national students; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Struck on Substitute**
- SB 2048: Pugh, Adam. Authorizes the Statewide Charter School Board to make certain purchases and contracts for conferences, meetings and trainings; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Strike is the Amendment**

Energy & Telecommunications

House Oversight: Energy & Natural Resources

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 2976 – Substitute: Gise, Emily (F). Directs the Dept. of Environmental Quality to establish numeric water quality criteria for

aluminum in surface waters. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

- HB 2989 – Substitute: Dobrinski, Mike (Woods, Tom). Creates the Wildland Fire Mitigation Act which establishes standards for wildland fire prevention plans and creates a fund to assist with related costs. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 2992 – Substitute: Boles, Brad (Green, Grant). Creates the Data Center Customer Protection Act requiring separate tariffs and cost protections for large load customers; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3145 – Substitute: Cornwell, Rusty (Sacchieri, Kendal (F)). Provides an exemption to tagging fees and requirements for the hunting of feral swine and certain exotic wildlife not native to North America. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3391: Clinton, Amanda (F) (Boren, Mary). Requires commercial pet breeders to list their license number on all advertisements for pet sales. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3464 – Substitute: Boles, Brad (Paxton, Lonnie). Establishes various standards and regulations for battery storage and adjusts certain requirements and standards for renewable energy projects. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3617 – Substitute: Lawson, Mark (Murdock, Casey). Creates the Agriculture Right to Repair Act which establishes protections and standards for the maintenance of agricultural equipment by owners. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3657 – Substitute: Tedford, Mark (Coleman, Bill). Grants the Workforce Commission confidential access to certain employment data and wage information collected by the Employment Security Commission and updates language related to agriculture labor payment and reporting. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3989 – Substitute: Caldwell, Trey (Green, Grant). Revises the Retail Electric Supplier Certified Territory Act to require cost-based

tariffs for certain 1,000 kW customers and establish a penalty for violations. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

- HB 4060 – Substitute: Alonso-Sandoval, Arturo (Dossett, Jo Anna). Creates the Plug-In Solar Power Amendments Act to allow use of qualifying portable plug-in solar devices without utility interconnection requirements. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 4128 – Substitute: Fetgatter, Scott (Kern, Spencer (F)). Establishes standards for bear hunting season with muzzle-loading rifles and an archery season. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4230: Kannady, Chris (Kern, Spencer (F)). Expands authorized partners for board member training workshops conducted by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for rural water entities. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4246 – Substitute: Kannady, Chris (Green, Grant). Expands DEQ authority to contract with additional nonprofit entities for rural water technical assistance. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4459 – Substitute: Newton, Carl (Jech, Darcy). Authorizes groundwater measurement programs and allows qualifying permit holders to participate in a five-year flexible groundwater allocation. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

Senate Energy

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Legislation Considered:

- SB 259 – Substitute: Howard, Brent (Newton, Carl). Adjusts various provisions related to water and water rights, including directing the Water Resources Board to establish a schedule and plan for certain

meter and measurement standards as well as penalties for violations. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**

- SB 1928 - Substitute: Murdock, Casey (Moore, Anthony). Adjusts standards related to water use within basins and subbasins, creating a procedure for five-year flex allocations of groundwater usage. - Do Pass by Substitute – **Title Also Struck**

Government

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 1245 – Substitute: Strom, Judd (Gollihare, Todd). Includes CLEET-certified law enforcement to the Oklahoma Public Employee Retirement System; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 2588 – Substitute: Staires, Clay (Rader, Dave). Limits owners association board membership to property owners who physically reside in the development. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3024 – Substitute: Lowe, Dick (Kern, Spencer (F)). Places a cap on increases to state employee salaries, requiring approval from a relevant cabinet secretary for anything in excess of ten percent and directs agencies to set caps on bonuses; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3172 - Lepak, Mark (Bergstrom, Micheal). Creates the Fair Banking Act and prohibits certain financial institutions from

discriminating in the provision of covered financial services. - **Do Pass**

- HB 3279 – Substitute: Pfeiffer, John. Tightens rules on former state employees contracting with the state and strengthens penalties for violations. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3306 – Substitute: Steagall, Jay (Sacchieri, Kendal (F)). Requires a report to be submitted to the Ethics Commission by a campaign committee upon any spending in excess of \$400, rather than \$1000. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3383: Ranson, Trish (Frix, Avery (F)). Prohibits state employees from being required to work for more than 14 hours within a given 24-hour period, with exceptions for officially declared emergencies; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3431 – Substitute: Wilk, Jonathan (F) (Gillespie, Christi (F)). Prohibits foreign adversary ownership of any oil and gas interests in the state. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3435: Wilk, Jonathan (F) (Standridge, Lisa (F)). Limits municipal bond questions to one subject while allowing multiple bond proposals on the same ballot. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3883: Cantrell, Josh (Mann, Mark (F)). Sets utility maintenance rules and reduces liability when cities properly run water and sewer systems. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3919 – Substitute: Pfeiffer, John (Kern, Spencer (F)). Adjusts standards for boards of directors for county free fair associations to allow five-member boards. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3942 – Substitute: Kane, John (Hall, Chuck). Adjusts provisions related to the Incentive Evaluation Commission and their duties, adjusting certain evaluation criteria and requiring reporting to LOFT; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

- HB 4193 – Substitute: Chapman, Mark (F) (Frix, Avery (F)). Bars certain foreign or federally banned companies from state contracts; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4203 – Substitute: Schreiber, Suzanne (Haste, John). Directs the Universal Building Code Commission to develop guidelines for Group R-2 occupancies to be served by a single exit on buildings meeting certain standards. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 4303: Blair, Jason (F). Revises municipal ordinance publication requirements by extending the deadline to thirty days after passage. - **Not Heard**
- HB 4311: Blair, Jason (F). Increases the allowable administrative service charge under the Unclaimed Property Act; EMERGENCY. - **Not Heard**
- HB 4352: Wilk, Jonathan (F). Adjusts provisions related to the Uniform Mortgage Modification Act, adjusting relevant standards under particular conditions. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4484 - Townley, Tammy (Rader, Dave). Allows certain Corporation Commission employees to drive state vehicles for work-related travel. - **Do Pass**

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 1739 – Substitute: Chapman, Mark (F) (Paxton, Lonnie). Adjusts certain contribution values and payment standards related to the Law Enforcement Retirement System, gradually raising contributions over several years and including provisions related to deceased

participants; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

- HB 1784 Substitute: Hays, Neil. Prohibits reducing the assumed rate of return for the Teachers' Retirement System below the lowest return earned in the prior twenty fiscal years without legislative approval. -

Not Heard

- HB 1889 – Substitute: May, Stan. Directs the Police Pension and Retirement System and the Firefighters Pension and Retirement System to implement a benefit adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index for certain retirees; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

- HB 2116 – Substitute: Lay, Mike (F) (Frix, Avery (F)). Permits CLEET-certified personnel working under the State Fire Marshal to participate in the Law Enforcement Retirement System. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

- HB 2206 – Substitute: Lay, Mike (F) (Weaver, Darrell). Includes certain school resource officers in the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System and requires participation by employing school districts; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

- HB 2939: Olsen, Jim. Removes provisions permitting the submission of absentee ballots via fax machine. - **Do Pass**

- HB 3028 – Substitute: Kerbs, Dell. Permits public schools and technology center schools to charge credit card surcharge fees. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

- HB 3265: George, John (Frix, Avery (F)). Allows licensed psychologists to certify mental disability for police retirement benefits and clarifies continued salary during treatment. - **Do Pass**

- HB 3313 – Substitute: Eaves, Ryan (F). Revises the Retirement Freedom Act by increasing contribution rates and updating defined contribution plan rules. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

- HB 3413: Strom, Judd. Requires agencies to disclose contractor details and post consultant reports when submitting budget requests. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3414: Strom, Judd. OMES directed to create a reporting function to determine if contract services are service-driven or for staff augmentation. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3415: Strom, Judd. Requires vendors and agencies to disclose who does contract work, post contract details publicly, and review contract performance. - Do Pass
- HB 3416 – Substitute: Strom, Judd. Updates county purchasing rules by allowing quotes in certain cases and cleaning up procurement law. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3417 – Substitute: Strom, Judd. Clarifies that city council competitive bidding requirements apply in addition to the Public Competitive Bidding Act for city manager purchases. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3418 – Substitute: Strom, Judd. Tightens state and local bidding rules, adds quote requirements, and creates criminal penalties for cheating in public contract bids. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3420 – Substitute: Strom, Judd. Tightens state purchasing rules by requiring more documentation, reporting, and transparency for contracts and exemptions. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3588: Harris, Erick. Creates the Uniform Assignment for Benefit of Creditors Act which establishes various provisions governing the transfer of assets and credits. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3625: Lay, Mike (F). Adjusts standards for the investment of certain funds by school fund managers; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3721 – Substitute: Kelley, Mike (F) (Frix, Avery (F)). Amends firefighter, police, and law enforcement retirement laws to allow additional deferred option plan elections by members and survivors; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

- HB 3748: Harris, Erick. Allows counties to use county-owned equipment, labor, and supplies on property owned by four-year institutions. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3852 – Substitute: Roberts, Eric. Reduces the term length of certain election official appointees and directs appointment of particular persons presented by a county political parties when lists do not contain the required number of nominees. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 4132: Steagall, Jay. Establishes a cybersecurity safe harbor shielding local governments from liability if defined security standards are met. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4263 – Substitute: Johns, Ronny. Allows certain retired CareerTech employees to choose between Teachers' Retirement System and OPERS participation. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 4303: Blair, Jason (F). Revises municipal ordinance publication requirements by extending the deadline to thirty days after passage. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4311: Blair, Jason (F). Increases the allowable administrative service charge under the Unclaimed Property Act; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4428: Hilbert, Kyle. Directs pension benefit plan boards of trustees to follow certain standards when taking actions related to their duties and make related reports. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4429: Hilbert, Kyle. Creates the Proxy Advisor Transparency Act which establishes certain standards related to investment and proxy advisor actions when making recommendations, requiring strict alignment to fiduciary duties and disclosures on recommendations. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4434: Substitute Hilbert, Kyle (Paxton, Lonnie). Mandates twenty-four-hour electronic notification to the Lieutenant Governor before

the Governor leaves the state except in emergencies. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

Senate Local, County government passes measure to loosen audit requirements on small towns

The Senate Local and County Committee passed a measure Tuesday to loosen certain auditing requirements on small communities. [Read more.](#)

Senate Local & County Government

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Legislation Considered:

- SB 2130: Murdock, Casey (Newton, Carl). Updates city and town audit law by adjusting revenue calculations and allowing biennial audit alternatives for smaller municipalities. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Strike is the Amendment**
- SB 2135 – Substitute: Reinhardt, Aaron (F). Lets counties use their own purchase cards under set rules; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass as Amended**

Health & Human Services

Packed House Health, Human Services Oversight meeting covers wide range of issues

The House Health and Human Services Oversight Committee covered a wide array of subjects Wednesday. [Read more.](#)

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 1912 – Substitute: Pae, Daniel (Murdock, Casey). Creates the Corn Masa Nutrition Enhancement Act which sets safety and nutrition standards for folic acid levels in corn masa flour and related labeling requirements. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 2984 – Substitute: Gise, Emily (F). Directs the Dept. of Human Services to submit a request to the USDA for a waiver to exclude items sold outside the state from SNAP benefits. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3011 – Substitute: Pogemiller, Ellen (F). Eliminates the need for a personal use permit for private production of certain alcoholic substances for personal consumption. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3131 – Substitute: West, Kevin. Establishes statewide standards and systems for the oversight and management of homelessness services and creates a related Homeless Shelter Standards Advisory Board. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3380: Ranson, Trish. Creates the Fostering the Future for Oklahoma Children and Families Act which directs DHS to collect certain child welfare data, publish reports, set standards and issue related scores on child wellbeing in the state. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3448 – Substitute: Wilk, Jonathan (F) (Standridge, Lisa (F)). Sets liability insurance standards for foster care group homes. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute – Amendment Also Adopted**

- HB 3538 – Substitute: Marti, T.J. (Bullard, David). Establishes standards and regulations related to pharmacy benefits managers and pharmacies owned by such entities. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3552 – Substitute: Maynard, Cody (Bullard, David). Authorizes child care providers serving children eligible for DHS Child Care Subsidy Program assistance to charge the parents or guardians of such children certain fees to make up the difference between reimbursement and costs. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3851 – Substitute: Marti, T.J.. Sets standards for controlled and private labels on alcohol products. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3881 – Substitute: Cantrell, Josh. Sets statewide rules for how alternative nicotine products are made, labeled, marketed, and sold. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3907 – Substitute: Hefner, Ellyn (Rader, Dave). Stops juvenile and care facilities from using temp agencies or contract staff. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3934 – Substitute: Smith, David. Establishes standards and scope of practice for dental hygienists and a paradigm for three levels of licensure. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Amendment to the Substitute Also Adopted**
- HB 4124 – Substitute: Fetgatter, Scott. Authorizes pharmacists to dispense ivermectin without the need for a prescription. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4200 – Substitute: Schreiber, Suzanne. Directs the Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to develop a public-private partnership for a Forensic Assertive Community Treatment Program for substance abuse; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

- HB 4201 – Substitute: Schreiber, Suzanne. Requires child care centers to have a master teacher for every sixty enrolled children; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 4430 – Substitute: Hilbert, Kyle. Establishes liability and compliance standards for physician assistants acting under supervision, deeming such assistants employed by a state agency or facility covered under the Governmental Tort Claims Act to be in compliance with requirements. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4431 – Substitute: Hilbert, Kyle. Declares that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses employed by state agencies and facilities which are subject to the Governmental Tort Claims Act are deemed to be in compliance with malpractice insurance requirements. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4457 – Substitute: Newton, Carl (Jech, Darcy). Places certain restrictions on actions and policies by pharmacy benefit managers. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute – Amendment Also Adopted**

Senate HHS Committee passes bill requiring annual mental health screenings

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee advanced a bill Monday afternoon requiring primary care providers to give patients one mental health screening annually. [Read more.](#)

Senate Health & Human Services

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Legislation Considered:

- SB 933 – Substitute: Stanley, Brenda (Stark, Marilyn). Requires hospitals to adopt and implement a surgical smoke evacuation system and policy to prevent exposure. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 1328: Rosino, Paul. Updates health care laws governing minors by expanding parental medical record access and redefining circumstances under which notice or disclosure may be restricted. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1380: Stewart, Jack (Stinson, Preston). Requires denial or disenrollment of deceased individuals from the state Medicaid program and prohibits coverage or payments made on their behalf. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Strike is the Amendment**
- SB 1436: Nice, Nikki (F). Establishes requirements for hospitals to provide certain information to patients being admitted for treatment of a miscarriage and during fetal death incidents. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1558: Reinhardt, Aaron (F). Updates child care definitions to address extended juvenile custody status; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1572 – Substitute: Rosino, Paul (Pae, Daniel). Removes the Director of DHS from the Commission on Children and Youth. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Also Struck**
- SB 1651 – Substitute: Stanley, Brenda (Miller, Nicole). Adjusts various provisions related to the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, including exceptions to licensing, temporary licensing and details around traveling sports medical professionals. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 1805 – Substitute: Rader, Dave (Tedford, Mark). Prohibits state or county facilities housing youth from entering into certain agreements with temporary hiring agencies. - **Do Pass as Amended**
- SB 1831 – Proposed: McIntosh, Julie (F) (Newton, Carl). Removes references to the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments in dentistry requirements and instead requires an American Board of

Dental Examiners exam for dentists to be licensed in the state.- **Not Heard**

- SB 1836: Kirt, Julia (West, Josh). Requires physicians to provide certain mental health screening instruments to patients during routine check-ups at least once annually. - **Do Pass**
- SB 2014 – Substitute: Murdock, Casey (Newton, Carl). Allows ivermectin to be sold and purchased without a prescription or pharmacist consultation. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 2023: Standridge, Lisa (F). Requires out-of-state pharmacies shipping products into the state to be licensed through the Board of Pharmacy and be subject to relevant local laws and regulations. - **Not Heard**
- SB 2044 – Substitute: Frix, Avery (F). Establishes standards for chiropractors to submit a request for permission to administer certain injectable substances to patients. - Do Pass by Substitute – **Amendment to the Substitute Also Adopted**
- SB 2179 – Substitute: Haste, John (Lawson, Mark). Requires individualized service plans and court review procedures for persons adjudicated not guilty by reason of mental illness. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

Judiciary

Foreign land ownership bill fails to advance from House oversight committee

Rep. Jeff Shaw said his bill put teeth in an existing statute prohibiting foreign ownership of real property in Oklahoma. Rep. Chris Kannady warned the bill would undo important provisions of the existing statute. [Read more.](#)

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 1016 – Substitute: McCane, Michelle (F) (Bergstrom, Micheal). Allows minors participating in content creation certain rights relating to compensation and access to footage. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 1453 – Substitute: Shaw, Jim (F) (Bullard, David). Prohibits certain foreign interests from acquiring any interest in real property in the state and sets standards for divestment by those who currently hold such property. - **Substitute Adopted then Bill Failed to Pass**
- HB 1992 - Substitute: Turner, Tim (F) (Frix, Avery (F)). Declares certain vehicles pulling trailers or other vehicles to be considered combination vehicles for the purposes of determining towing considerations. - **Not Heard**
- HB 2015 – Substitute: Pae, Daniel (Gollihare, Todd). Adjusts standards of the Landlord and Tenant Act to adjust standards related to repair requests, action by landlords and potential reimbursement of legal fees. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 2940 – Substitute: Olsen, Jim. Prohibits public bodies from restricting the ability of members of the public to record certain hearings, including public legislative hearings. - **Policy Committee Substitute Adopted then Bill Failed to Pass**
- HB 2959 – Substitute: Bashore, Steve (Thompson, Kristen). Sets timing and priority requirements for school personnel to report suspected child abuse or neglect, requiring first priority to be given to reporting to law enforcement directly; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 2997: Kerbs, Dell (Gollihare, Todd). Updates motor vehicle licensing law by modifying administrative fine limits and adjusting

full-time-equivalent employee caps for regulatory commissions. - **Do Pass**

- HB 3037: Lepak, Mark (Bergstrom, Micheal). Includes students enrolled in higher education institutions under certain provisions of the Governmental Tort Claims Act while such students are participating in mandatory institution-sponsored activities. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3045 – Substitute: Tedford, Mark (Reinhardt, Aaron (F)). Prohibits the charging of an accident response fee by law enforcement, fire departments, or municipalities, with the exception of volunteer fire departments. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3053 – Substitute: Stewart, Ron (F) (Rader, Dave). Creates the Elder Parole Eligibility Act which directs the Pardon and Parole Board to grant immediate parole to certain eligible persons aged 65 or older. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3087: Bashore, Steve (Green, Grant). Extends the deadline for responses and certain actions related to wage garnishment. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3267: George, John (Frix, Avery (F)). Revises criminal statutes to classify breaking and entering an occupied dwelling as a Class C2 felony. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3301 – Substitute: Steagall, Jay. Removes provisions banning the ownership of sawed-off shotguns and rifles in the Self-Defense Act. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3453 – Substitute: Staires, Clay (Reinhardt, Aaron (F)). Requires determinations made by condemning authorities related to eminent domain to be subject to de novo judicial review. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3495 – Substitute: Duel, Collin. Prohibits the purchase of property by straw party on behalf of foreign nationals, with violators subject to fine and imprisonment. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

- HB 3521 – Substitute: Marti, T.J.. Creates the Money Transmission Modernization Act which establishes new standards for money transfers in the state. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3581 – Substitute: Lepak, Mark (Gollihare, Todd). Expands various penalties and criminal enhancements related to riots. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3584: Harris, Erick (Hines, Kelly (F)). Includes persons with intellectual disabilities alongside children for certain enhanced human trafficking criminal charges and requires that persons convicted of such trafficking serve 100% of their sentence in prison; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3586 – Substitute: Harris, Erick (Thompson, Kristen). Declares that potential adoptive parents shall not be denied eligibility based on a refusal to provide certain gender transition care to a prospective adoptive child and excludes related behaviors from definitions of child abuse. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3587: Harris, Erick (Gollihare, Todd). Authorizes courts to order certain outpatient mental health treatments. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3662: Dempsey, Eddy (Frix, Avery (F)). Adjusts roadside enforcement of motor carrier and commercial motor weigh station rules by the Transportation Dept. to not be based on radius but instead on state and U.S. highways within a fixed distance of weigh stations. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3691: Provenzano, Melissa (Standridge, Lisa (F)). Removes certain references to physical deformity in restrictions on the issuance of driver licenses and establishes a standard for applicants to self-certify aptitude to drive safely. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3695 – Substitute: Gise, Emily (F) (Hamilton, Warren). Extends certain provisions related to harm following a motor vehicle accident to include lasting disfigurement or impairment in addition to great bodily injury. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

- HB 3697: Gise, Emily (F) (Howard, Brent). Extends time limits on making certain motions or requests during civil procedures. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3742 – Substitute: Harris, Erick. Changes court timelines by lengthening the required discovery completion period prior to criminal trials.- **Not Heard**
- HB 3743 – Substitute: Harris, Erick. Requires attendance and medication compliance in outpatient competency restoration programs and mandates inpatient treatment upon failure.- **Not Heard**
- HB 3845 – Substitute: Harris, Erick (Howard, Brent). Authorizes the revocation of a driver license from a parent for unpaid child support. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 4058 – Substitute: Alonso-Sandoval, Arturo (Kern, Spencer (F)). Allows applicants to optionally include blood type on a driver license or identification card. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 4125 – Substitute: Fetgatter, Scott (Bullard, David). Updates standards for the restoration of firearms rights to nonviolent former felons. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 4198: Schreiber, Suzanne (Gollihare, Todd). Creates the Protection from Workplace Violence Act and authorizes employers to seek protective orders against former employees. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4227 – Substitute: Kannady, Chris (Weaver, Darrell). Bans secret settlements hiding child sexual abuse and removes time limits for prosecuting certain child sexual crimes. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4425 – Substitute: Hilbert, Kyle (Logan, Bryan (F)). Adds certain civil liability protections for nonprofit employees against suits filed based on protected reporting of potential wrongdoing. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 2650 - Substitute: Harris, Erick. Adjusts standards related to the deposition of high-ranking officers, permitting courts to issue protective orders to prevent such deposition under certain circumstances. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3277 - Substitute: Dobrinski, Mike. Allows designated inspectors to perform salvage vehicle inspections and clarifies authorized possession of vehicles with altered identification numbers. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3386 – Substitute: Clinton, Amanda (F). Allows tenants subject to eviction to use the presence of minor children in the house as a defense by attaching proof of residency, after which time the case will be assigned to mediation prior to further litigation. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3419: Strom, Judd. Makes it a felony for state or local government officials or contractors to misuse nonpublic information for personal gain. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3430 – Substitute: Wilk, Jonathan (F). Broadly adjusts various provisions of the court cost compliance program and related expenses in the court system. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 3742 – Substitute: Harris, Erick. Changes court timelines by lengthening the required discovery completion period prior to criminal trials. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Amendment to the Substitute Also Adopted**
- HB 3791 – Substitute: Sneed, Chris. Allows health care providers to recommend alternative treatments and protects providers and

parents from legal or professional repercussions. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

- HB 3835 – Substitute: May, Stan (Gillespie, Christi (F)). Sets standards for the expungement of certain criminal records of persons who were the victims of human trafficking. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3905 – Substitute: Hefner, Ellyn (Coleman, Bill). Requires GPS tracking for certain domestic violence defendants while they are out on bond. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3968: Menz, Annie. Limits the use of eminent domain, demanding more than economic benefits to justify certain takings. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4119 – Substitute: West, Tammy. Adjusts civil procedure standards related to disputes over real property and directs owners to put up a bond payable to the court clerk not in excess of the value of the real property. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 4153 – Substitute: Hasenbeck, Toni. Requires minors to demonstrate eighth-grade reading proficiency to obtain or keep a driver license and sets testing and documentation requirements; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**
- HB 4408 – Substitute: Blancett, Meloyde. Requires state agencies to share data used to calculate savings from State Question 780. - **Do Pass by Policy Committee Substitute**

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Legislation Considered:

- SB 1195 – Substitute: Sacchieri, Kendal (F) (Roberts, Eric). Creates the Racing Facility and Racetrack Nuisance Immunity Act which

provides legal protections against nuisance complaints to racing facilities possessing relevant permits against complaints made within three miles. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

- SB 1245 – Substitute: Hines, Kelly (F). Updates felony DUI classifications and sentencing by expanding Class C2 offenses, limiting deferred sentences, and consolidating DUI statutes. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 1379 – Substitute: Reinhardt, Aaron (F) (Lawson, Mark). Expands allowable expenditures of the Victims of Human Trafficking and Prevention Revolving Fund to include grants to qualified nonprofit organizations; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1420 – Proposed: Mann, Mark (F) (Pae, Daniel). Permits public comment during public meetings while allowing public bodies to impose uniform and reasonable limits on participation. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1473 – Substitute: Kirt, Julia (Miller, Nicole). Adjusts provisions related to guardianship to clarify conditions of imminent danger and related powers, duties and responsibilities of guardians. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Also Struck**
- SB 1534: Haste, John (Moore, Anthony). Tightens charity reporting and enforcement rules by requiring more info for the Sec. of State and updating nonprofit compliance and disclosure rules. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1743: Green, Grant (Wilk, Jonathan (F)). Adds the State Board of Career and Technology Education to the list of entities allowed to employ attorneys; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1769 – Substitute: Thompson, Kristen (Duel, Collin). Permits property owners facilitating short-term rentals to require photos of renters and guests as long as rental agreements made such requirements clear. - **Do Pass as Amended**
- SB 1945 – Substitute: Standridge, Lisa (F) (Menz, Annie). Adjusts standards related to eminent domain to require certain notice, good faith efforts to provide property owners with property assessments

and to remove standards permitting agencies to transfer property without a right of first refusal. - **Do Pass as Amended**

Rules

House Rules shucks resolution, advances proposed anti-Sharia Law state question

The House Rules Committee on Tuesday shucked the language from a resolution originally filed by Speaker Kyle Hilbert and replaced it with a resolution seeking voter approval on a state question that would, if passed, bar the influence of Sharia Law and other outside frameworks from influencing Oklahoma law. [Read more.](#)

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 3015 – Substitute: Kerbs, Dell. Creates the Service Oklahoma Efficiency Act. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3114 – Substitute: Wilk, Jonathan (F) (Hamilton, Warren). Requires the Dept. of Corrections to complete inmate transfers within five days of judgement and sentence as handed down by county sheriffs or jail trust administrators. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3411 – Substitute: George, John (Green, Grant). Creates the Oklahoma Agriculture Act of 2026. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3567 – Substitute: Wolfley, Max (Bergstrom, Micheal). Prohibits candidates for elected office from compensating themselves for work provided to their own campaign and requires vendors engaged

with campaigns to sign anti-kickback certifications. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Amendment to the Substitute Also Adopted**

- HB 3568 – Proposed: Wolfley, Max. Requires the reporting of the transfer of anything of value greater than \$100 to a political candidate committee from an advocacy organization.- **Not Heard**
- HB 3749 – Substitute: Travis, Dillon (F). Creates the Counties and County Officers Act of 2026. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3891 – Proposed: Cantrell, Josh. Raises the minimum basic salary for elected county officials and bars salary reductions for officials already in office.- **Not Heard**
- HB 4229: Kannady, Chris. Authorizes school districts and public schools to enter emergency contracts only when facilities are unusable or students are displaced. - **Do Pass**
- HB 4237 – Substitute: Kannady, Chris (Gollihare, Todd). Creates the Oklahoma Criminal Procedure Act of 2026. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4253: Kannady, Chris. Creates enforcement, reporting, and clawback provisions for labor-related violations tied to economic development incentives. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Strike is the Substitute**
- HJR1019 – Proposed: Roberts, Eric. Constitutional Amendment to place restrictions on candidates from political parties filing and running in state elections, requiring them to win a primary or file for the seat at the appointed time.- **Not Heard**
- HJR1046 – Substitute: Smith, David (Logan, Bryan (F)). Constitutional Amendment to place a 100% waiver on any Ad Valorem taxation of a property that is damaged or destroyed by certain extreme weather events on the year the event occurs. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HJR1084 – Substitute: Woolley, Gabe (F) (Bullard, David). Creates the Constitution Policy Act. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

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Legislation Considered:

- HB 1225 -: West, Kevin. Prohibits the amending of biological sex on a birth certificate. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 1638 - Substitute: Osburn, Mike. Adjusts the definition of political subdivisions and public trusts under the Governmental Tort Claims Act to acquire certain federal funds. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 1675 - Substitute: Cantrell, Josh. Requires certain camps and outdoor programs in hazardous exposure zones to develop and maintain emergency action plans; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 1746 - Substitute: Lawson, Mark. Directs juvenile detention facilities to develop and submit to the Office of Juvenile Affairs certain safety plans for juvenile offenders who present a risk to themselves or others and adopt such plans. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 1770 - Substitute: Moore, Anthony. Directs the OSU Medical Authority to plan and conduct a comprehensive study of the elk population in the Special Northwest Zone and provide related recommendations; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 1823 - Substitute: Newton, Carl. Creates the Social Work Reform Act. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 2425 - Substitute: Hilbert, Kyle. Creates the Elections Act. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3327: Osburn, Mike. Expands the membership of the Board of Education and requires members to be removed only for cause;

EMERGENCY. - Do Pass by Substitute – Title Strike is the Substitute

- HB 3462 - Substitute: Hays, Neil. Adjusts provisions related to plumbing licenses, adjusting various definitions and standards for plumbers based on experience and certification. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3472 - Substitute: Kerbs, Dell. Adds pyrolysis to certain provisions regarding the disposal of waste tire materials. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 3627: Cantrell, Josh. Allows the State Committee of Blind Vendors to hold executive sessions by videoconference and sets participation requirements; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- HB 3891 - Substitute: Cantrell, Josh. Raises the minimum basic salary for elected county officials and bars salary reductions for officials already in office. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HB 4003 - Substitute: Caldwell, Trey. Contingent on related constitutional amendments, dissolves the TSET Board and creates a TSET Legacy Effort Revolving Fund to provide grants under certain circumstances. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4145 - Substitute: Manger, Robert. Increases the Ad Valorem Homestead deduction from \$1,000 to \$7,000. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HB 4440 - Substitute: Hilbert, Kyle. Creates the Public Health and Safety Act. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HJR1019 - Substitute: Roberts, Eric. Constitutional Amendment to place restrictions on candidates from political parties filing and running in state elections, requiring them to win a primary or file for the seat at the appointed time. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Struck – Two Additional Amendments Also Adopted**
- HJR1044: Lepak, Mark. Constitutional Amendment to lower the increase to the assessed fair cash value of any property for Ad

Valorem taxation from three percent per year to two percent. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Stike is the Substitute**

- HJR1050: Harris, Erick. Constitutional Amendment to adjust the terms of TSET Board members from seven years to four and make them serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority. - **Do Pass**
- HJR1053: Eaves, Ryan (F). Constitutional Amendment to require counties to determine a revenue-neutral rate for Ad Valorem taxation and require notice, hearing and affirmative approval for any rate increases in excess of such a rate. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Stike is the Substitute**
- HJR1054: Eaves, Ryan (F). Constitutional Amendment to exempt property categorized as inventory from Ad Valorem tax calculations. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Stike is the Substitute**
- HJR1055 - Substitute: Osburn, Mike. Constitutional Amendment to change the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction from an elected position to an appointed one beginning in 2034. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Also Struck**
- HJR1067: Eaves, Ryan (F). Constitutional Amendment to allow the Legislature to not cover lost Medicaid costs if federal matching funds are reduced. - **Do Pass**
- HJR1069 - Substitute: Lawson, Mark. Constitutional Amendment to adjust provisions related to the creation and adjustment of counties within the state. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HJR1077 - Substitute: Caldwell, Trey. Constitutional Amendment to dissolve the TSET Board of Directors and adjust the administration and priorities of the TSET Fund. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- HJR1081: Manger, Robert. Constitutional Amendment to limit fair cash value on homestead properties owned by persons 65 and older. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Title Stike is the Substitute**
- HJR1087: Hilbert, Kyle. Constitutional amendment to set standards directing the Legislature to enact laws establishing levels and

methodology for local government reimbursement for lost Ad Valorem revenue due to manufacturing tax exemptions. - **Do Pass**

House Administrative Rules Committee approves first resolution

The House Administrative Rules Committee gave its approval Tuesday to its first joint resolution approving agency rules for the current legislative session. [Read more.](#)

House Administrative Rules

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Legislation Considered:

- HJR1086: Kendrix, Gerrid (Bergstrom, Micheal). Approves all proposed permanent administrative rules for various public safety agencies in the state. - **Do Pass**
- SB 392: Pederson, Roland (Kendrix, Gerrid). Extends the sunset of the Strategic Military Planning Commission; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**

Paxton wins approval of five measures from Senate Rules Committee

Senate President Pro Tempore Lonnie Paxton won the approval Wednesday of five measures from the Senate Rules Committee. [Read more.](#)

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Legislation Considered:

- SB 227 – Substitute: Daniels, Julie. Heavily modifies various provisions of the tax code, adjusting income tax rates and assessments, modifying the applicability and refundability of certain tax credits, and modifying capital gains calculations; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 1316: Bergstrom, Micheal (Kendrix, Gerrid). Requires permanent rules of designated agencies, boards, and commissions to sunset on a rotating basis and mandates legislative review and approval for renewal. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Strike is the Amendment**
- SB 1491: Paxton, Lonnie (Hilbert, Kyle). Requires replacement presidential electors to formally pledge support for their party's presidential and vice presidential nominees through a sworn oath. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1552 – Substitute: Kirt, Julia (Kannady, Chris). Raises size limits for counties to establish a County Home Rule Charter. - **Do Pass as Amended**
- SB 1679: Hamilton, Warren. Creates the Preserving Oklahoma Values Act which limits the scope of court decisions based on any foreign precedent or legal system where such decision does not conform with Judeo-Christian Western values; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass**
- SB 1877 – Substitute: Hall, Chuck (Caldwell, Trey). Requires state agencies to submit required reports through a centralized filing system, repeals obsolete reports, and standardizes reporting procedures; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 2040 – Substitute: Goodwin, Regina (F). Expands eligibility criteria under the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program and establishes a community advisory committee to oversee certain functions; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 2133: Murdock, Casey. Lets the Wildlife Commission replace the Director at will. - **Not Heard**

- SB 2153: Daniels, Julie (Crosswhite-Hader, Denise). Prohibits state agencies from using the term West Bank in official materials and establishes a waiver process. - **Do Pass**
- SB 2174 – Substitute: Paxton, Lonnie. Reduces the number of State Fire Marshal Commission members and updates appointment provisions. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 2180 – Substitute: Daniels, Julie. Creates filing, disclosure, and reporting requirements for individuals representing foreign governments or foreign-controlled entities. - **Do Pass by Substitute – Amendment to the Substitute Also Adopted**
- SJR 39 – Substitute: Paxton, Lonnie (Hilbert, Kyle). Constitutional Amendment to reduce the limit on increases in fair cash valuation for property taxes in the state. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SJR 47: Paxton, Lonnie (Hilbert, Kyle). Constitutional Amendment to require proof of identity to vote in any election conducted by a county election board or the State Election Board. - **Do Pass**
- SJR 48: Paxton, Lonnie (Hilbert, Kyle). Constitutional Amendment to provide a five-year property tax exemption for new or expanded manufacturing facilities with limited reimbursement to counties and other taxing jurisdictions for lost revenue. - **Do Pass**
- HJR1024: Moore, Anthony (Gollihare, Todd). Constitutional Amendment to adjust the membership, terms and composition of the Judicial Nominating Commission. - **Do Pass**

Transportation & Aeronautics

Goodwin questions increased funds directed at weight stations in multiple measures

Sen. Regina Goodwin questioned adding fees into the amount of money going toward the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. [Read more.](#)

Senate Aeronautics & Transportation

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Legislation Considered:

- SB 175 – Substitute: Woods, Tom (Hays, Neil). Creates an Uninsured Commercial Vehicle Recovery fund under the Corporation Commission to reimburse wrecker and tower operators providing nonconsensual towing services to uninsured vehicles and directs certain fees to the fund; EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 1475 – Substitute: Standridge, Lisa (F) (Blair, Jason (F)). Names an interchange of Interstate 35 and Indian Hills Road the Toby Keith Memorial Interchange. - **Do Pass by Substitute**
- SB 1950 – Substitute: Logan, Bryan (F). Sets standards in law for automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast systems for tracking aircraft and prohibits their use for calculating and collecting fees on aircraft use in the state. - **Do Pass as Amended – Title Strike is the Amendment**
- SB 1966: Bullard, David. Designates the bridge crossing over Winters Creek northeast of Bennington as the Clyde and Grace Cook Memorial Bridge. - **Do Pass**
- SB 2049 – Substitute: Frix, Avery (F) (Gise, Emily (F)). Requires the Dept. of Transportation to solicit and receive approval from the Attorney General before making a claim against a surety company for financial loss. - **Do Pass as Amended**
- SB 2052 – Substitute: Pugh, Adam. Requires commercial vehicle operators in the state to provide certain proof of immigration status,

authorization or other relevant documentation upon request;
EMERGENCY. - **Do Pass by Substitute**

2026 Election Filings

With the 2026 primaries just a few months away, the following candidates have established Candidate Committees with the Oklahoma Ethics Commission indicating an intention to run for statewide office in Oklahoma next year.

Governor

Republican Candidates

- [Jennifer Domenico](#), R-Bartlesville, small business owner
- [Gentner Drummond](#), R-Hominy, entrepreneur, cattle rancher, U.S. Air Force veteran, Oklahoma State Attorney General
- [Leisa Mitchell Haynes](#), R-Tuttle, entrepreneur, former city manager in New Mexico
- [Chip Keating](#), R-Oklahoma City, a former Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper and son of former Oklahoma governor Frank Keating
- [Mike Mazzei](#), R-Tulsa, financial planner, former state Senator, former State Secretary of Budget
- [Charles McCall](#), R-Atoka, businessman, banker, former Oklahoma Speaker of the House, former Mayor of Atoka
- [Jake Merrick](#), R-Tulsa, radio host, podcaster, minister, former state Senator
- **Laura Moreno**, R-Owasso, no bio is provided.
- [Kenneth Leroy Sturgell](#), R-Goldsby, mechanical contractor

Democrat Candidate

- [Cyndi Munson](#), D-Oklahoma City, nonprofit worker, Oklahoma House Minority Leader

Independent Candidates

- [Robert Brooks](#), I-Moore, no bio is provided.
- **Dr. Jerry Griffin**, I-Tulsa, former Tulsa School Board member
- **Billy Wagner**, I-Muskogee, no bio is provided.



Lt. Governor

Republican Candidates

- [Cindy Byrd](#), R-Oklahoma City, Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector
- [Victor Flores](#), R-Edmond, business and financial consultant, former Chief of Staff and Finances for the Absentee Shawnee tribe
- [Brian Hill](#), R-Yukon, State Representative for House District 37
- [Justin Jerome 'JJ' Humphrey](#), R-Lane, cattle rancher, former drug prevention and parole officer, State Representative
- **T.W. Shannon**, former Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
- [Darrell Weaver](#), R-Moore, State Senator, former director of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs

Democrat Candidates

- [Kelly Forbes](#), D-Oklahoma City, educator, entrepreneur
- [Candice Jay](#), D-Norman, self-described ‘advocate,’ according to her Facebook page



Superintendent of Public Instruction

Republican Candidates

- [John Cox](#), R-Peggs, superintendent and principal of Peggs Public Schools
- [Gerald ‘Jerry’ Griffin](#), R-Tulsa, former Tulsa Public Schools board member
- **Toni Hasenbeck**, R-Elgin, State Representative
- [Ana Davine Landsaw](#), R-Tahlequah, educator
- [Adam Pugh](#), R-Edmond, Senate Education Committee chair

Democrat Candidate

- [Jennettie Marshall](#), D-Tulsa, licensed funeral director, pastor, Tulsa Public Schools board member
- [Craig McVay](#), D-El Reno, former public school superintendent



State Auditor and Inspector

Republican Candidate

- [Melissa Leann Capps](#), R-McCloud, Deputy Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector, certified fraud examiner



Attorney General

Republican Candidates

- [Jon Echols](#), R-Oklahoma City, entrepreneur, attorney, former Oklahoma Majority Floor Leader
- **Chris Kannady**, R-Oklahoma City, US Marine, State Representative
- [Jeff Starling](#), R-Tulsa, entrepreneur, attorney, Oklahoma Secretary of Energy and Environment

Democrat Candidate

- **Nick Coffey**, D-Oklahoma City, currently a trial attorney at the Crowe Dunlevy law firm; formerly with Oklahoma City-based assistant U.S. attorney



State Treasurer

Republican Candidate

- [Todd Russ](#), R-Washita, banker, former State Representative, Oklahoma State Treasurer, running for reelection



Commissioner of Labor

Republican Candidates

- [Lisa Janloo](#), R-Spencer, nonprofit worker, Vice President of Spencer Chamber of Commerce
- [John Pfeiffer](#), R-Orlando, cattle rancher, U.S. Marine Corps veteran, State Representative
- [Kevin West](#), R-Moore, State Representative, local businessman

Insurance Commissioner

Republican Candidates

- [Chris Merideth](#), R-Edmond, insurance professional, Farmer's Insurance lobbyist
- [Marty Quinn](#), R-Claremore, entrepreneur, insurance professional, former State Representative
- [Greta Michlle Shuler](#), R-Shawnee, insurance agent
- [Bob Sullivan](#), R-Inola, property & casualty insurance agent

Corporation Commissioner

Republican Candidates

- [Brad Boles](#), R-Marlow, State Representative, entrepreneur, former mayor of Marlow
- [Justin Hornback](#), R-Broken Arrow, energy industry contractor

2026 Election Deadlines

Election Date/ Filing Date	Election Type	Voter Registration Deadline	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Early Voting Dates & Hours	Election Day Voting Hours
April 1 - April 3 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Candidate Filing				
June 16	Primary Elections	May 22	June 1	June 11 – 12 8 A.M. – 6 P.M. June 13 8 A.M. – 2 P.M.	7 A.M. to 7 P.M.
August 25	Runoff Primary Elections	July 31	August 10	Aug. 20 -21 8 A.M. – 6 P.M. Aug. 22 8 A.M. – 2 P.M.	7 A.M. to 7 P.M.
November 3	General Elections	October 9	October 19	Oct. 28 - 30 8 A.M. – 6 P.M. Oct. 31 8 A.M. – 2 P.M.	7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Legislative Dates & Deadlines

March 2026

- **Thursday, March 26:** House and Senate Deadline for Third Reading and Final Passage of Bills and Joint Resolutions by the Chamber of Origin

April 2026

- **Thursday, April 9:** House Deadline for Senate Bills and Senate Joint Resolutions to Report Out of Policy Committees and Appropriations Subcommittees
- **Thursday, April 23:** Senate Deadline for House Bills and Joint Resolutions to be Reported from Committee

- **Thursday, April 23:** House Deadline for Senate Bills and Senate Joint Resolutions to Report Out of House Oversight Committees, Rules, Administrative Rules, and Full Appropriations

May 2026

- **Thursday, May 7:** House and Senate Deadline for Third Reading and Final Passage of Bills and Joint Resolutions by the Opposite Chamber
- **Friday, May 29:** Sine Die Adjournment of the Second Session of the 60th Legislature

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