

## KPOA Weekly Legislative Report

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This week I have attended the House Appropriations Committee meetings and the Senate Ways and Means Committee meetings as they worked on the Omnibus funding bill. We had two primary interests in the omnibus considerations. One was the KPERS/KP&F retiree COLA issue, the other was the funding for the Department of Revenue's Vehicle Modernization Project which will update the vehicle registration and titling systems and update the driver's license systems. There were a variety of other law enforcement funding issues of interest such as KCJIS projects and KBI funding requests that were also pending and considered during the omnibus considerations.

Consideration was given to many of the items of law enforcement interest, but I am not certain at this point how many survived the final cuts made late last night. The documentation will not be available until next week. So rather than risk sending bad information I will wait until I can confirm what received the initial funding approval and what did not.

### GOVERNOR'S ACTION ON BILLS OF INTEREST

The "Bills of Interest" chart has the up-to-date information on what bills were signed by the governor and their effective dates. All of the law enforcement related bills sent to the governor were signed and will become law.

### WRAP UP SESSION:

**Wrap up session begins next Wednesday** – There are many things still hanging in the conference committees and on the House and Senate general orders needing legislative attention when they return next week. The conference committee work will start early Wednesday morning. Then they have to be acted on in each chamber before being sent to the governor. If the governor vetoes any of them they will probably be dead for this year since that action won't happen until after the wrap up session is over.

### GENERAL NOTES:

- I have met with key Senate leaders this week in regards to the KPERS COLA issue. I have meetings with others on Monday. I have been working on this along side the Kansas Coalition of Public Retirees. Our meetings are being productive but the enactment of a COLA this year is highly unlikely. There are positive steps being considered that we have been trying to get movement on. I will explain more on these next week after the last of the meetings and after receiving some responses from the meetings today.
- Bills signed by the governor have two paths for effective dates. The most common is effective upon publication in the statute book, which means July 1, 2008. The other is upon publication in the Kansas Register, which is published once a week. I have been and will continue to send out details of bills effective on publication in the Kansas Register as the bills are published. After the session is over I will send out a document detailing all of the passed bills.