

KPOA Weekly Legislative Report

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My activities for week of February 25-29:

- Monitored testimony in several committees regarding the numerous immigration bills.
- Monitored testimony in Senate Judiciary on SB582 and SB615.
- Monitored final action on numerous bills over three days in Senate Judiciary.
- Monitored testimony in Senate Judiciary on SB640, drug law recodification.
- Monitored final action on numerous bills over three days in House Judiciary.
- Met with ATF and others in regards to issues surrounding gun bills.
- Met with several representatives in regards to gun bills.
- Worked with others in attempting to get HB2902, the LE family support act blessed so it wouldn't die.

Hearings of LE Interest scheduled for March 3-7:

I don't propose we testify on all of these, but I will if I hear from you that we should.

Currently awaiting response from legislative committee regarding my recommended action.

- Senate Judiciary
 - Wednesday, March 5:
 - [HB 2617](#)--Driving under the influence-Testing drivers involved in accidents resulting in serious injury or death and clarifying the medical personnel's role in the collection of samples. I plan to testify.
 - [HB 2545](#)—Ecstasy bill. Makes possession a felony for 3rd and subsequent convictions. I plan to testify.
 - Thursday, March 6:
 - [HB 2726](#)—Prohibiting polygraph use on certain sex crime victims. I plan to testify.
- Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee
 - Tuesday, March 4
 - [SB 458](#)— Immigration. Testimony of opponents. I do not plan to testify.
 - Thursday, March 6
 - [SB 610](#) – Racial profiling. I will testify.
- Senate Transportation Committee
 - Thursday, March 6
 - [SB 4](#) – Driver improvement clinics. I do not plan to testify.
- House Judiciary
 - [SB 435](#) – Revision of Kansas juvenile justice code and code for the care of children. I do not plan to testify.
- House Federal and State Affairs Committee

- Wednesday, March 5
 - [HB 2742](#) – Machine gun, silencer, and short barreled shotgun exemption of licensed federal firearms dealers. I do not plan to testify.

Other Committee action scheduled for March 3-7:

- None known.

New Bills Introduced Since My Last Update With Any Potential Impact on LE

- Please notify me if I have missed one you think should be on this list.
- Just because they are on the list doesn't mean I think we should support, oppose, or give testimony on these bills. I base that more on feedback from all of you. I will let you know if I think we should or shouldn't—but again the decision will be based on your feedback.
- The items in **bold** are bills I recommend we be directly involved with, including written or verbal testimony.

[SB 661](#), This is the bill to implement the governor's 1% per year for three years COLA.

[SB 662](#), Cleanup relating to the Kansas public employees retirement act of 2009 passed last year.

[SB 663](#), Technical amendments to stay in compliance with federal law.

GENERAL NOTES:

- The deadline for bills to move from their house of origin is March 1 which is the last day to consider bills still in the house or origin. This means any House bill not passed by the House or any Senate bill not passed by the Senate is dead, unless it has been in an exempt committee.
- **Racial Profiling Bill** – We continue to attempt to work with the Racial Profiling Task Force. They have not introduced their bill yet as they voted to do. The hearing for SB610 in the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee is now scheduled for next Thursday, March 6. Several of us met on Friday to discuss our testimony. We are coordinating our efforts with the KACP and the KSA. The Task Force is meeting again Monday to try to decide what they are going to present at the hearing. I plan to attend.
- An **example of how things we don't want can be amended into a bill** out of the blue occurred Wednesday on the floor of the Senate when Senator Haley attempted to amend the bill by adding a provision requiring all interrogations relating to a felony crime be video recorded. Fortunately the attempt was voted down.
- HB2902, the **LE Family Support Act**, was not "blessed" as we attempted to have done. This means it is dead for this year. The biggest problem was the revisor took a long time to get it drafted. Then it hit a snag with a lack of support to schedule a hearing in the House Judiciary. We attempted to get it transferred to the House Federal and State Affairs Committee. The chair of that committee agreed to take it and the chair of the Judiciary Committee was not opposed, but for some reason it did not happen. We will find a sponsor to have it introduced next year early in the session.