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FIRST DEADLINE IS OVER AND GONE

Today, we celebrated the first legislative deadline for bills coming out of their committee of origin and OML had some more success. The next legislative deadline is March 11th when bills must be off the Senate and House floor.

The final OML priority bill, [HB 2744](#) by Representative Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Dewayne Pemberton (R-Muskogee) advanced to the House floor. It passed out of the Appropriations and Budget committee with a vote of 30-0. This bill will implement a sale for resale tax exemption permit that renews annually. It will close a tax enforcement hole costing the state and local governments millions of dollars annually.

Thanks to your advocacy, [HB 2848](#) by Representative Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) was not heard in the Elections and Ethics committee on Tuesday which means it has died for this session. The bill would have limited the dates when a municipality could call an election by eliminating numerous election dates, as well as making municipal elections partisan. OML will continue to keep a close watch to ensure the language does not find its way into another bill.

[HB 2004](#) by Representative Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) has become a concern for us. It will grandfather in illegally placed dispensaries so they can continue operation despite the clear language of SQ788 requiring their location to be at least 1,000 feet from a school. OML has been notified there are many locations unlawfully placed and this bill would eliminate the state OR local governments from enforcing the school setback provisions. We will continue to work to get our language in the bill to protect placing dispensaries close to schools.

Thank you so much for reaching out to your legislators when the Action Alerts went out! YOUR voices were heard!!! Keep up the great work when we call on you!!

BILLS ON THE MOVE

CLEET/Technology Centers: [HB 1026](#) by Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) and Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) allows CLEET to use State sponsored technology center schools for additional law enforcement and criminal justice programs.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Home Bakery Act: [PCS HB 1032](#) by Rep. Garry Mize (R-Edmond) creates and amends the Homemade Food Freedom Act by exempting the production and sale of homemade food products that meet certain conditions from all licensing and other requirements of the State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry. Counties cannot enact ordinances that impede or restrict the sale of homemade food products in compliance with the law. This bill also allows beekeepers to sell honey online and through an agent. This bill provides new definitions and extensive details such as how to label the products.

The committee substitute passed the House Business and Commerce Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Veterans/Homestead Exemption: [HB 1062](#) by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) and Sen. Jessica Garvin (R-Duncan) for purposes of the provisions of Section 8E and Section 8F 15 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution, requires if a disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran occupies improvement which are affixed to the real property and record title to such real property is held by a city or town or an entity formed pursuant to the charter provisions or ordinances of a city or town or formed under other provisions of law for the benefit of such city or town, the improvements shall be considered to be the homestead of such disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of such disabled veteran for all purposes related to the homestead exemption authorized by the provisions of the Ad Valorem Tax

Code and the homestead exemption shall not be denied on the basis that title to such affixed improvements is held by a different person or entity than the entity which holds title to the real property consisting of the land to which such improvements are affixed.

The bill passed the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 29 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Law Enforcement/Background Checks: [HB 1118](#) by Rep. Rick West (R-Heavner) amends 70 O.S. 3311 by providing that no person show is a permanent resident alien shall serve as a police officer. This does not apply to officers who are currently actively employed.

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee today by a vote of 3 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

REC/Pole Attachment Fees: [PCS HB 1122](#) by Rep. Logan Phillips (R-Mounds) is new law providing that rates charged by a rural electric cooperative for attachments to utility poles by communications services providers shall not exceed \$21 per rural-electric-cooperative-owned pole per year.

The committee substitute passed the House Utilities Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

REC/Easements: [HB 1123](#) by Rep. Logan Phillips (R-Mounds) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) is new law authorizing any easement owned, held or otherwise used by a rural electric cooperative for electric services may also be used by the cooperative or its wholly owned subsidiary or other broadband provider, for the purpose of supplying high-speed broadband service. No class action lawsuit may be maintained against a REC or an Approved Broadband Provider in a suit for trespass or inverse condemnation based on a claim of expanded use of an easement where the broadband facilities are located on these easements. The bill specifies

specific damages. The bill contains extensive details.

The bill passed the House Utilities Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Broadband Deployment Grant Program: [HB 1124](#) by Rep. Logan Phillips (R-Mounds) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) is a new law that requires the Corporation Commission to make rules and procedures to establish the state broadband development program. This program is a grant that awards funding to applicants seeking to expand access to broadband internet service in Oklahoma. This bill creates a fund for this grant.

The bill passed the House Technology Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 5 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

Code Official/Assault & Battery: [PCS HB 1134](#) by Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) creates a new offense on any person who, without justifiable or excusable cause and with intent to do bodily harm, commits any assault, battery, or assault and battery upon the person of a municipal or county code official who is in the lawful performance of his or her duties of investigating or enforcing the codes, rules or regulations adopted by county legislation or municipal ordinance. The individual, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed one (1) year, or by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or both. Upon second conviction for the offense, the person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in DOC for a term not to exceed two (2) years, or by a fine not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) or both.

The committee substitute passed the House Judiciary – Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

TIF Districts: [HB 1138](#) by Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) and Sen. Chuck Hall (R-Perry) allows the maximum duration of a tax increment finance district to exceed 25 years if the governing body, based on criteria in the bill, finds that the economic

conditions within the district were adversely affected by Covid-19. The new maximum duration for the district may not exceed 28 years. The bill provides details. The bill passed the House County & Municipal Government Committee on Monday by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

Environment/Municipal and County Landfill Utilization District: [HB 1141](#) by Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) is a new law that allows a county or municipality to create a landfill utilization district if it is approved by the registered voters of the county or municipality. The landfill utilization district creates an annual fee levied on the property in the district to pay for the general operations of the landfill. The fee can be no greater than the total of the preceding annual operating expenses of the landfills in the district.

The bill passed the House County & Municipal Government Committee on Monday by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

Online Marketplace Consumer Protection Act: [HB 1627](#) by Rep. Garry Mize (R-Edmond) and Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) creates the Online Marketplace Consumer Protection Act by requiring third-party high-volume sellers in online marketplaces to provide certain information such as bank account information, contact information, a business tax identification number or a taxpayer identification number, and whether the high-volume third-party seller is exclusively advertising or offering the consumer product or is advertising and offering on other websites. The online marketplace is to disclose to consumers information regarding the high-volume third-party seller. The online marketplace is to disclose to consumers a reporting mechanism that allows for electronic and telephonic reporting of suspicious marketplace activity. The Attorney General is directed to enforce the Online Marketplace Consumer Protection Act. The bill prohibits a political subdivision from requiring online marketplaces from verifying information from high-volume third-party sellers on a one-time or ongoing basis or disclose information to consumers.

The bill passed the House Technology Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 5 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Law Enforcement/Harassment: [HB 1643](#) by Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) is new law that makes it unlawful for a person to publish or attempt to publish personally identifiable information such as the officers address or photograph with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or stalk. This information must cause or would be reasonably expected to cause the officer or members of his household substantial emotional distress or financial loss. Any person who is found guilty is guilty of a misdemeanor is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or by a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or both.

The bill passed House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee today by a vote of 3 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

Law Enforcement/Domestic Violence: [HB 1658](#) by Rep. Denise Brewer (D-Tulsa) directs the peace officer to contact certified domestic violence intervention program providers at the conclusion of a lethality assessment. The peace officer shall encourage the victim to speak with the program provider for assistance and information regarding options and resources available to the victim.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Firearms/Self-Defense: [HB 1662](#) by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) creates an appeal process for a defendant who is charged with unlawful use of defensive force for the defendant to file a motion to dismiss charges based on a claim. The bill requires that if the court still decides at the end of the appeals process to pursue the unjustified use of force charge then the state must prove beyond a reasonable doubt the defensive force used was not justified and was thereby unlawful, cleans up the language of the statute.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

Streets & Roads: [PCS HB 1663](#) by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) states that when any portion of a dedicated road, street or highway, as dedicated by a plat map or deed or Oklahoma Organic Act of 1890 reserved right-of-way, touches the municipal limits of a city or town, the entire portion of the dedicated road, street or highway shall form the boundary line for purposes of the paved portion of the road, street, or highway.

The bill passed the House County & Municipal Government Committee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Law Enforcement/Obstruction: [HB 1674](#) by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) declares every person who knowingly obstructs the normal use of any public street, highway or road within the state will upon conviction be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding one (1) year or a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100) and not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or both and the person is also liable for all damages to person or property by reason of the same. The bill states if an organization is found to conspire with a person guilty under the act will be punishable by a fine ten times the amount.

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee today by a vote of 3 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

Sales Tax Exemption/Ag Exemption: [HB 1682](#) by Rep. Jim Grego (R-Wilburton) and Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) changes the application for an agricultural exception permit in 68 O.S. Section 1358.1, Paragraph D, by creating an exception. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall not require any person to provide Schedule F, or a copy of Schedule F, or any equivalent form, with respect to a federal income tax return to obtain any proof of eligibility

for the exemptions authorized by 68 O.S. Sections 1358 or 1358.1.

The bill passed the House Banking, Financial Services and Pension on Monday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Counties/Nuisance Properties: [PCS HB 1749](#) by Rep. Denise Crosswhite Hader (R-Yukon) and Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) amends 68 O.S. Section 3129 impacting the county treasurer sale of real estate by creating an exception for "common area nuisance property" and providing detailed procedures for this property. Examples include greenbelts, common areas, easements, retention ponds and detention ponds if transference of ownership to either the county or a third party would cause a hardship to the neighborhood or subdivision these areas were meant to serve or to the county or third party. The bill contains definitions and details including nuisance property that has liens from a municipality.

The committee substitute passed the House County & Municipal Government Committee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Law Enforcement/Reckless Driving: [HB 1770](#) by Rep. Mike Dobrinski (R-Kingfisher) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) is new law which provides exceptions for bicyclists at traffic-control devices. This includes applicable hand signals for bicyclists, new motor vehicle reckless driving charges toward any person riding a bicycle, equine or animal-drawn vehicle and a prohibition of motorists use of his/her horn. The bill contains details.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 5 to 3. The bill moves to the full House.

Emergency Medical Services/Action Plan: [HB 1775](#) by Rep. Sherrie Conley (R-Newcastle) renames the Riley Boatwright Act to Riley's Rule. It requires the development of an Emergency Action Plan by each school district board of education. It requires the Emergency Action Plan to be reviewed, updated, and rehearsed annually prior to the start of season practices, with school officials and local emergency

medical services providers, placed on file with the school district and the emergency medical services provider and included as part of the school's accreditation file. It requires that prior to each athletic event or activity where there are athletes participating from visiting schools, the Emergency Action Plan must be reviewed in a medical time out, including, but not limited to, reviewing the procedures for school officials, game officials and medical personnel present at the event.

The bill passed the House Common Education Committee by a vote of 14 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

CIB/OUBCC: [HB 1818](#) by Rep. Mark McBride (R-Moore) authorizes the Construction Industries Board to regulate home inspectors and implement and administer the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Act.

The bill passed the House Business and Commerce Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Sales Tax Exemption/School Support Organizations: [HB 1849](#) by Rep. Andy Fugate (D-OKC) and Sen. Michael Brooks (D-OKC) expands the current sales tax exemption for schools by adding "school support organizations".

The bill passed with the title stricken in the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 30 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Firearms: [HB 1898](#) by Rep. Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) renames Sections 1270 through 1290.27 of Title 21 the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act of 2021.

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee today by a vote of 3 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

Rural Broadband: [PCS HB 1923](#) by Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) is new law providing that rates charged by a rural electric cooperative for attachments to utility poles by communications services providers shall

not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20) per rural-electric-cooperative-owned pole per year.

The committee substitute passed the House Rules Committee today by a vote of 6 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Sales Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Construction: [HB 1935](#) by Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) adds a sales tax exemption for sales of supplies and materials to tax exempt Section 501(c)(3) organizations used to construct single-dwelling homes.

The bill passed the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 26 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

9-1-1/Volunteer Fire Departments: [PCS HB 1942](#) by Rep. David Smith (R-Arpear) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) requires those areas in which a volunteer fire department services a nine-one-one (911) emergency telephone area that all emergency calls received through the 911 system and all calls requesting emergency management services must be dispatched to the volunteer fire department of the nearest geographic proximity to the call location.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

CLEET: [HB 1944](#) by Rep. Cyndi Munson (D-OKC) is new law providing that CLEET may offer training for peace officers on how to alert a school district or charter school when a student has been identified at the scene of a traumatic event.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 6 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

OK Natural Disaster Mitigation Recovery Act: [HB 2092](#) by Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) is new law creating the Oklahoma Natural Disaster Mitigation and Recovery Act for use by the counties following a vote of the people with 60% passage. There is an assessment of no greater than two (2) mills on the dollar of assessed value of specific property with exceptions.

The bill passed the House County & Municipal Government Committee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems/Aeronautics Commission: [PCS HB 2174](#) by Rep. Kyle Hilbert (R-Depew) creates the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Development Act of 2021. The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission is deemed the clearinghouse for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in the state, and as the designated agency for promotion, enhancement, and development of UAS. In operation of the clearinghouse, the commission would cooperate, assist, and coordinate with the federal government, state agencies, tribal entities, municipalities, and other persons in development of UAS throughout the state. The bill also defines several definitions related to unmanned aircraft systems.

The committee substitute the House Technology Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 6 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Municipal Campaign Finance: [PCS HB 2193](#) by Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) requires the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act to apply to any candidate for municipal office or any elected municipal official who accepts or expends over Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).

The committee substitute passed the House Rules Committee today by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Preemption/Catastrophic Health Emergency Powers Act: [HB 2218](#) by Rep. Kevin McDugle (R-Tulsa) and Sen. Shane Jett (R-Shawnee) amends 63 O.S. Section 6403 by prohibiting the Governor or any other government entity to force a business to close, limit or restrict the hours of operation of a business or limit or restrict the number of occupants or patrons allowed in a business.

The bill passed the House Public Health Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 7 to 3. The bill moves to the full House.

Hospitals/Bankruptcy: [HB 2227](#) by Rep. Anthony Moore (R-Clinton) and Sen. Jessica Garvin (R-Duncan) amends 62 O.S. Section 283 authorizing a public trust, county hospital, city hospital or any other political subdivision to initiate proceedings provided by the Bankruptcy Acts of the U.S.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Civil Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Roadways/Solicitation: [HB 2238](#) by Rep. Stan May (R-Broken Arrow) amends 47 O.S. Section 11-507 by providing that persons shall not be prohibited from soliciting if performed on a roadway maintained by a city or town in compliance with a permit and regulations adopted by ordinance.

The bill passed the House General Government Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing: [HB 2263](#) by Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) and Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) is new law creating extensive regulation for the new Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act. This program means a business platform that connects vehicle owners with drivers to enable the sharing of vehicles for financial consideration and does not include the rental services offered by a rental car company or service provider who is solely providing hardware or software as a service to a person or entity that is not effectuating payment of financial consideration for use of a shared vehicle. This program shall not be considered a "transportation network company" as defined in 47 O.S. Section 1011. In addition to 20 sections of new law several Title 47 statutes are amended.

The bill passed the House Transportation Committee today by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Law Enforcement/Harassment: [HB 2273](#) by Rep. Josh West (R-Grove) makes it unlawful for a person by phone or email communication to willfully publish online, attempt to publish or conspire to publish on a public online site or forum personally

identifiable information of a law enforcement officer with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass or stalk, and, as a result, causes, attempts to cause or would be reasonably expected to cause substantial emotional distress or financial loss the law enforcement officer, or to the family, household member, or intimate partner of the law enforcement officer. If convicted, the first offense is a misdemeanor. If convicted on a subsequent offense, the individual will be guilty of a felony.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Civil Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Workers' Compensation/First Responders: [HB 2276](#) by Rep. Josh West (R-Grove) and Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) amends 85A O.S. Section 13 to provide a compensable injury for first responders who have suffered post-traumatic stress disorder not accompanied by a physical injury. If the first responder is temporarily unable to perform his/her job or any alternative work offered by the employer, and additional disability benefits is authorized. The employer shall provide reasonable and necessary medical treatment for a period no longer than 1 year and shall not be responsible for prescription medicine more than \$10,000. Health insurance shall be maintained for the first responder.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Civil Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Land Mobile Radio Public Safety Interoperability Cooperative: [PCS HB 2319](#) by Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) creates in the State Treasury a revolving fund for Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (OEM) to be designated the "Statewide Interoperable Radio Communication System Revolving Fund". The fund is a continuing fund for the purpose of awarding grants by and through the Land Mobile Radio Public Safety Interoperability Cooperative for the purpose of implementing and maintaining a statewide interoperable radio communication system. The Land Mobile Radio Safety Interoperability Cooperative is required to

design and implement a plan for a statewide interoperable radio communication system. The Cooperative must develop the plan and its implementation in collaboration with all state agencies, political subdivision entities and other interested parties that manage or maintain a public safety radio system in this state. On or before November 1, 2022, the Cooperative shall submit a plan that will include, but not be limited to, 1) a statement of progress regarding the design and 2) implementation of the system; and identification of any statutory changes and funding necessary to implement and maintain the system.

The committee substitute passed the House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Firearms/Public Property: [HB 2334](#) by Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) amends 21 O.S. Section 1277 by making lawful the “carrying of a concealed or unconcealed firearm” in various areas including a “street, plaza, sidewalk, alley” when designated by “statute, ordinance, resolution, policy or use” by a municipality, county or state governmental authority. Current law for municipal zoos or parks is augmented by the zoos or parks being “property designated by statute, ordinance, resolution, policy or use by a municipality”. Finally, for a public trust’s zoo or park an “individual may openly carry a handgun or other firearm with the permission from the public trust or nonprofit entity”.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 5 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

Firearms/Felons: [PCS HB 2401](#) by Rep. Todd Russ (R-Cordell) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) amends unlawful carry of a firearm for a person convicted of a “violent” felony, “or a felony offense which required the person to serve not less than 85% of the sentence imposed.

The committee substitute passed the House Judiciary – Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

Code Enforcement/Liens: [PCS HB 2423](#) by Rep. Monroe Nichols (D-Tulsa) and Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) is new law creating comprehensive regulation of municipal code liens as to real property, other than owner occupied property, in the municipality; and the provisions of this act shall not apply to owner occupied property. The bill impacts fees, penalties and abatement costs imposed for violations of the municipality’s housing and building codes. The bill repeals 11 O.S. Sections 22-111 and 22-112. The bill contains details.

The committee substitute passed the House County & Municipal Government Committee on Monday by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

Sales Tax Exemption/Veterans/Motor Vehicles: [PCS HB 2476](#) by Rep. Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) exempts the excise tax and sales tax on vehicles transferred to a person who has been honorably or medically discharged from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces or Oklahoma National Guard and registered with the veterans’ registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. OTC is authorized to issue the buyer a refund of excise tax and sales tax collected by a motor vehicle dealer from any person who qualifies. If the purchase is made with a loan, the refund must go to the lienholder who must deduct the refund amount from the balance of the loan.

The committee substitute passed the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 27 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Police Pension: [HB 2499](#) by Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) amends the Police Pension Act by altering authorized payments including to the beneficiary’s estate or to a trust.

The bill passed the House Banking, Financial Services and Pension Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

City-County Boards of Health: [PCS HB 2504](#) by Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) amends the city-county boards of health in a number of ways. Included is authorizing the State Commissioner of Health to appoint one of five board members, requiring the city-county board to approve by a "simple majority vote" recommended rules and regulations that are not "more stringent than" state laws or rules and regulations of the State Board of Health. In addition, the qualifications of the director of the city-county board of health shall be determined by the board subject to approval by "a simple majority of" the governing body of the city and board of county commissioners. The director shall perform his/her duties "in consultation with the Commissioner of Health to ensure administrative alignment." The bill contains details on filling a vacancy in the director position allowing the board to make an interim appointment and then to submit three candidates. From the three candidates, the Commissioner of Health in conjunction with either the mayor of the largest city in the county or the chair of the board of county commissioners will select the director. If no one is appointed after 6 months, the Commissioner will select the director. Finally, the Commissioner of Health is authorized to request the removal of a director who is removed with a 2/3 vote of the board.

The committee substitute passed the House Judiciary – Civil Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

Open Meetings Act: [HB 2644](#) by Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) authorizes public bodies to hold meetings via videoconference and teleconference effective until March 31, 2024. Current law is effective until November 15, 2020.

The bill passed the House General Government Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Firearms: [PCS HB 2645](#) by Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) is the

omnibus firearm bill that amends numerous changes regarding the carrying of firearms.

The committee substitute passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee today by a vote of 3 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

Law Enforcement/Seatbelts: [HB 2742](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) alters current law on child passenger restraint by remove a child of age 8 and substituting a child 17 years or younger. Between 8 and 12 the child shall be secured in a child passenger restrain system, belt-positioning booster seat or seat belt. If at least 4 feet 9 inches or 13 years or older he/she shall be properly secured in a seat belt. The bill contains details.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 5 to 4. The bill moves to the full House.

Pension/Line-of-Duty Disability: [HB 2745](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) amends the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act by stating the a "nonfiscal retirement bill" means a retirement bill which modifies the computation of the line-of-duty disability benefit. The Police Pension System adds new language on computing the disability benefit in 11 O.S. Section 50-115.

The bill was referred to Actuary pursuant to the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act.

Law Enforcement/Jury Duty: [HB 2746](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Joe Newhouse (R-Broken Arrow) provides that municipal or state law enforcement officers employed in any county with a population of 255,000 or more are not qualified to serve as jurors. Municipal or state law enforcement officers in a county with a population of less than 255,000 shall be eligible to serve on noncriminal actions only.

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee today by a vote of 4 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

PERB: [PCS HB 2747](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. John Haste (R-Broken Arrow) amends 11 O.S. Section 51-103 by striking language about a role for the Public Employees Relations Board and substituting that a municipal employer must recognize an association elected by a majority of the firefighters or police officers as the exclusive bargaining agent. The association is selected by majority vote. A question of whether an association is the majority representative shall be resolved by a fair election conducted via the agreement of the parties. If the parties are unable to reach agreement on election procedures either party may ask the American Arbitration Association to conduct the election with costs shared by both parties.

The bill passed the House Rules Committee today by a vote of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Sales Tax/Electric Vehicles: [HB 2875](#) by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) and Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) creates the Motor Vehicle Tax Equity Act of 2021 related to the sales tax on public highway electric vehicles.

The bill passed with the title stricken in the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 30 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Vapor Products/Excise Tax: [PCS HB 2876](#) by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) and Sen. Kay Floyd (D-OKC) creates the Vapor Products Tax Code and levies an excise tax of ten cents (\$.10) per milliliter on all e-liquid imported or manufactured, for sale, use of distribution, flavorings or other ingredients that are intended for use in a vapor product. The bill also creates the Vapor Products Regulation Revolving Fund within the State Treasury for ABLE Commission.

The committee substitute passed the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 16 to 12. The bill moves to the full House.

Law Enforcement/Telemedicine: [PCS HB 2877](#) by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) and Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) amends 43A O.S. Sections 1-110 and 5-107 impacting law enforcement mental health

transport authorizing telemedicine for an individual to be assessed by a licensed mental health professional. Transportation responsibility of peace officers for those in need of examination, emergency detention or protective custody is from the initial point of contact to the nearest facility, within a 30-mile radius of the peace officer's operational headquarters. If there is not a facility within a 30-mile radius, transportation shall be completed by either the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or an entity contracted by the Department.

The committee substitute passed the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 30 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Economic Development/Department of Commerce: [HB 2929](#) by Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Sen. Pro Tempore Greg Treat (R-OKC) is new law requiring the Department of Commerce to post on its website information related to its business recruiting efforts with an emphasis on possible business site location or relocation decisions within the state. Included is information organized by county or by municipalities so they may apply for economic development-related services that might be offered to a prospective business enterprise.

The bill passed the House Business and Commerce Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 9 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

Highway Corridors: [SB 61](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) amends designated high-wide corridors in 47 O.S. Section 14-126 by altering the description of various locations.

The bill passed the Senate Transportation Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 13 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Electric Bicycles: [SB 184](#) by Sen. Carri Hicks (D-OKC) authorizes the use of Class 3 electric-assisted bicycles on multi-use paths. Additionally, the measure establishes a twenty

(20) mile per hour speed limit for electric-assisted bicycles on paths and trails.

The bill passed the Senate Transportation Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Sales Tax Exemption/Forestry Equipment: [SB 213](#) by Sen. George Burns (R-Pollard) Rep. Eddie Dempsey (R-Valliant) creates a new sales tax exemption for sales of commercial forestry service equipment to businesses engaged in logging, timber and tree farming.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 16 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Sales Tax Exemption/Operation School Bell: [SB 236](#) by Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) and Rep. Jacob Rosencrants (D-Norman) creates a new sales tax exemption for clothing sales to an exempt organization that distributes clothing to disadvantaged children via Operation School Bell.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 20 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Sales Tax Exemption/Sod: [SB 244](#) by Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) and Rep. Jim Grego (R-Wilburton) increases the agricultural product sales tax exemption to include "sod".

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 19 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Sales Tax Exemption/City-County Library: [SB 265](#) by Sen. Kevin Matthew (D-Tulsa) and Rep. Monroe Nichols (D-Tulsa) creates a new sales tax exemption for city-county library systems.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 20 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Competitive Bidding/Interlocal Cooperative Agreement: [SB 299](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Mark Lepak (R-Claremore) amends

61 O.S. Section 139 in several ways including for any public agency participating in a cooperative or piggybacking purchasing agreement for "public" construction "contract" with other public "agencies, public agency" procurement units or external procurement units. Any public agency that purchases commodities and services including public construction contracts under this section satisfies the requirement of the public agency to seek competitive bids or proposals for purchase of commodities and services including public construction contracts, provided that the public agency procurement unit or external procurement unit satisfied the laws of its jurisdiction in procurement of the contract. Public agency's definition is enlarged, a new definition is added for "public agency procurement unit" and revisions to definitions of external procurement unit and cooperative or piggybacking purchasing agreement are revised.

The bill passed the Senate General Government Committee today by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Workers' Comp/Compensable Injury: [SB 324](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) amends several sections of the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act regarding the definition of "compensable injury." Added to current law is "or the employer's knowledge that injury was substantially certain to result from the employer's conduct". In addition, 85A O.S. Section 3 (A) is amended by changing "accidental injury" to "compensable injury" and in Section 3(C) and (D) the Act applies only to claims for "compensable" injuries and death "arising out of the course and scope of employment". Finally, in 85A O.S. Section 5 injury caused by intentional tort is altered to read the "employers" knowledge that injury was substantially certain to result shall not constitute an intentional tort "for the purposes of application of exclusive remedy under" the Act. Current law is removed regarding pleading facts that the employer acted with the purpose of injuring the employee.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 6 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Seatbelts: [SB 339](#) by Sen. Roland Pederson (R-Burlington) and Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) amends 47 O.S. Section 12-417 by requiring every passenger 17 and younger to wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety seatbelt in the back seat of a passenger vehicle, unless otherwise provided for in a child passenger restraint system as required in 47 O.S. Section 11-1112.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 7 to 3. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing: [PCS SB 355](#) by Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) and Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) is new law creating extensive regulation for the new Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act. This program means a business platform that connects vehicle owners with drivers to enable the sharing of vehicles for financial consideration and does not include the rental services offered by a rental car company or service provider who is solely providing hardware or software as a service to a person or entity that is not effectuating payment of financial consideration for use of a shared vehicle. This program shall not be considered a “transportation network company” as defined in 47 O.S. Section 1011. In addition to 20 sections of new law several Title 47 statutes are amended.

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee today by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Quality Events/Economic Impact Study: [SB 431](#) by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) and Rep. Jeff Boatman (R-Tulsa) amends the Oklahoma Quality Events Incentive Act by extending the effective date from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2026 and requiring an economic impact study. Timeframes in current law for the host community completing required duties are reduced.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

State Emergency Fund: [SB 455](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) appropriates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) as may be necessary for matching federal disaster funds and for other disaster-related assistance.

The committee substitute passed with the title stricken in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 19 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Sanitary Sewer Overflow: [SB 458](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) and Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) adds to the Governmental Tort Claims Act an exception for liability for a sanitary sewer overflow occurring on private property, provided, however, such exception shall not apply to claims for loss of property.

The bill passed with the title stricken the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Sales Tax/Vendor Discount: [SB 461](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) is new law authorizing a vendor to keep 1% of sales tax due limited to \$2,500 per month per sales tax permit.

The bill failed with the title stricken the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 5 to 7. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Workers’ Compensation/Assigned Risk Plan: [SB 524](#) Sen. Marty Quinn (R-Claremore) and Rep. Chris Sneed (R-Ft. Gibson) provides that the Insurance Commissioner shall develop and administer an assigned risk plan to provide workers’ compensation insurance coverage to employers who are unable to procure coverage in the voluntary market. The bill contains details including qualifications for coverage and authorization for third-party assistance to develop and administer the assigned risk plan. Prior to the operation of the plan established pursuant to this section, CompSource

Mutual Insurance Company, successor-in-interest to CompSource Oklahoma, shall serve as the residual market mechanism for those insureds who would otherwise be in the assigned risk plan. Several sections of Title 85 are repealed.

The bill passed the Senate Retirement and Insurance Committee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Governor’s Powers/Emergencies: [SB 541](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) prohibits the Governor from authorizing the close or forcing the closing of any business without documented scientific evidence that the nature of a particular business actually contributes to the direct spreading of disease relating to the pandemic. The Governor is required to give notice, due process and hearing to any business determined to be non-essential or determinantal to the health and safety of citizens during a pandemic before issuing an executive order against keeping such business open.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 5 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Just Compensation/Relocation Assistance: [SB 546](#) by Sen. Shane Jett (R-Shawnee) amends 27 O.S. Section 16 by adding to the existing definition of “just compensation”. It shall not include displacement and relocation benefits a party has received or may be entitled to receive pursuant to the Oklahoma Relocation Assistance Act.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Outdoor Advertising/Municipal Agreement: [SB 549](#) by Sen. Robert Standridge (R-Norman) and Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) amends 69 O.S. Section 1273 impacting outdoor advertising’s relocation permit for municipalities with a population over 500,000. The bill provides that neither a relocation permit nor any outdoor advertising sign permit shall be issued in those areas in which a municipality or county has lawfully enacted a

prohibition on the erection of an outdoor advertising sign.

The bill passed the Senate Transportation Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Oklahoma Community Economic Development Pooled Finance Act: [SB 587](#) by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) amends 62 O.S. Section 891.3 impacting the Oklahoma Community Economic Development Pooled Finance Act in various ways including an expansion of the definitions of “eligible local government entity” and “infrastructure”.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Firearms/Preemption: [PCS SB 631](#) by Sen. Warren Hamilton (R-McCurtain) and Rep. Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) creates the Second Amendment Sanctuary State Act. The bill occupies and preempts the entire field legislation by the federal government, any agency of the state, or any political subdivision in this state to infringe upon an individual’s Second Amendment right. Any federal, state, county or municipal act, law executive order, administrative order, court order, rule, policy, or regulations ordering the buy-back, confiscation or surrender of firearms, ammunition or firearm arms accessories is considered an infringement.

The committee substitute passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Rights-of-Way: [SB 636](#) by Sen. Shane Jett (R-Shawnee) amends 69 O.S. Section 1401 adding tribally owned utilities to the right to use public roads and highways including the right-of-way and all easements pertaining thereto. Tribally owned utility is defined.

The bill passed the Senate Transportation Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 12 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Firearms/Liquor Stores: [SB 646](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) amends statutes on carrying firearms where liquor is consumed and liquor store business owner's rights.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Taxation/Electric Vehicles: [SB 656](#) by Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) new law apportioning tax collected on public highway electric vehicles including definitions.

The bill passed with the title stricken in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 19 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems: [SB 659](#) by Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) and Rep. Kyle Hilbert (R-Depew) amends the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission Act by adding regulation of unmanned aircraft systems or drones, establishes the Commission as the Clearinghouse for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAP) as a central point in state government to develop a strategy for how Oklahoma can become a leader in the UAS industry while cooperating and assisting governmental entities, including municipalities. The bill contains definitions and details.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 20 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Medical Marijuana/Medical Waste: [SB 680](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) amends marijuana testing laboratory license by adding "medical marijuana waste" and regulating medical marijuana waste. Changes are also made to commercial growers and processors.

The bill passed the Senate Health & Human Services Committee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

CLEET: [SB 682](#) by Sen. Greg McCortney (R-Ada) alters the composition of the Council on law

Enforcement Education and Training in various ways. This includes the requirement that the council member be employed by an agency that currently utilizes CLEET basic law enforcement training academies and who has received their basic law enforcement training by CLEET.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 11 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Personal Device Deliveries: [PCS SB 706](#) by Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) and Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) is new law authorizing a personal delivery device to operate on any sidewalk, crosswalk, road or street of any county or municipality. The bill contains definitions, regulation of the devices, requirements for insurance and limitations on political subdivision relating to the design, licensing, taxation and the like of the delivery device or the types of property that may be transported by the device. The political subdivision shall have the authority to prohibit the operation of the devices in its jurisdiction.

The committee substitute passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Firearms: [SB 730](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) prohibits a person, property owner, tenant, employer, or business entity from establishing or enforcing any policy or rule that prohibits any person or employee, except a convicted felon from transporting, carrying or storing firearms or ammunition in a vehicle owned, leased or rented by the person or employee to conduct business for the business entity.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Credit Card Interchange Fees: [SB 798](#) by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) excludes the amount of any state or local sales tax or fee that is calculated as a percentage of an electronic payment transaction amount from the amount on which an interchange

fee is charged for that electronic payment transaction. Such taxes and fees include but are not limited to, sales and use taxes under the Tax Code as follows: sales taxes on sale of merchandise and service; hotel occupancy taxes; alcoholic beverage taxes; and rental vehicle surcharge taxes. A payment card network is required to either deduct the amount of any tax imposed from the calculation of interchange fees or rebate an amount of interchange fee proportionate to the amount attributable to the tax or fee. The deduction must occur at the time of settlement. The bill provides for a merchant to provide proof of tax or fee amounts collected on sales in lieu of capturing and transmitting tax or fee amounts relevant to the sale at the time of sale. A fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per violation will be levied on payment card networks for violating the provisions of this measure.

The bill passed with the title stricken in the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee today by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Law Enforcement/Citizens' Protection Act: [PCS SB 806](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) is new law creating the Oklahoma Citizens' Protection Act and amending various sections of Title 21. Included are assaults on a peace officer, participants in riots, changes to various penalty provisions, racketeering activity, and the like.

The committee substitute passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 16 to 4. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Public Buildings/National Motto: [SB 815](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) is new law authorizing counties and municipalities to display the national motto of the U.S. in a prominently visible location in any building in their custody.

The bill passed the Senate General Government Committee today by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Firefighter Pension/Deferred Option: [SB 826](#) by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) and Rep. Terry O'Donnell (R-Catoosa) amends distributions from the deferred option plan in the Firefighter Pension System in 11 O.S. Section 49-106.1. The bill creates mandatory distribution of interest provisions in subsection G for retired members, disabled members and surviving spouses receiving monthly retirement benefits from the System.

The bill passed the Senate Retirement and Insurance Committee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Medical Marijuana/Smoking in Municipal Property: [SB 862](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) amends 21 O.S. Section 1247 expanding smoke free locations for counties and municipalities by including trusts with the counties and municipalities as the beneficiary. A "smoke free location" is a location where the use of tobacco, nicotine, marijuana, or other lawful products consumed in a smoked or vaporized manner are prohibited. Additional changes include 63 O.S. Section 425 being amended by substituting "medical marijuana license holder" with "licensed medical marijuana patient" and by substituting "retail marijuana establishment" with "medical marijuana dispensaries". Also, the distance of the medical marijuana dispensary is 1,000 feet from any public or private school entrance as measured from any entrance of the school to the nearest property line point of the dispensary.

The bill passed the Senate Health & Human Services Committee on Monday by a vote of 11 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Sales Tax Exemption/Museum: [SB 909](#) by Sen. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) creates a new sales tax exemption for tax exempt museums that are not accredited by the American Alliance of Museum, whose budgets are less than \$1 million and maintains a staff of less than five full-time equivalent employees.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 19 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Firearms/Air Soft Pistols: [SB 926](#) by Sen. Shane Jett (R-Shawnee) and Rep. Eric Roberts (R-OKC) adds “air powered pistol” to state preemption and authorizes municipalities to issue a citation for discharging the air powered pistol under conditions in the bill.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Courts/Fines and Costs: [PCS SB 951](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) and Rep. Terry O’Donnell (R-Catoosa) amends 22 O.S. Section 209 by adding that a law enforcement officer who has arrested a person on a misdemeanor charge or violation of city ordinance, without a warrant, “or on a warrant for failure to appear for a hearing as provided in subsection E of Section 983” may issue a citation to such person to appear in court. In addition, 22 O.S. Section 983 regarding the failure to pay fines and costs, is amended in a variety of ways. This includes prohibiting a person found guilty from being arrested or incarcerated for nonpayment of the fine, cost, fee, or assessment unless the trial court finds after notice and hearing that the defendant is financially able but refuses or neglects to pay these amounts. The bill contains duties for the court including hearings and notices, also, if at any time the defendant is unable to pay, he/she may appear before the court with specific criteria for the courts analysis in determining the ability to pay. There are options for community service, a payment plan and reduction in the amount owed. There are procedures for the individual who can pay but refuses or neglects to do so. There is a hierarchy of use of money collected with priority to 19 O.S. Section 514.5 administrative collection fees, then fines and then costs, fees and assessments.

The committee substitute passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Fire Protection District: [PCS SB 958](#) by Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) permits a fire protection district's board of directors the authority to acquire a certification or license to operate an emergency medical services agency from the Oklahoma State Department of Health or contract for services with a certified or licensed emergency medical service agency. The district’s emergency medical service agency may respond outside of the district boundaries; provided, that the political subdivisions having jurisdiction over the area provide to the Department proper documentation of their support.

The committee substitute passed the Senate General Government Committee today by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Open Record Act/Law Enforcement: [SB 968](#) by Sen. John Haste (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Sheila Dills (R-Tulsa) amends 51 O.S. Section 24A.8 impacting access to law enforcement audio or video recordings that depicts death of a law enforcement officer acting in the course of his/her official duties including any related acts or events immediately preceding or after the acts causing or related to the death. The bill contains exceptions and definitions.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 5 to 3. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Eminent Domain: [SB 994](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) prohibits private property from being taken or damaged by a condemning authority unless the taking or damage is necessary for public use and with just compensation. If the owner of private property has a right to have a court determine whether private property is being taken for a public or private use, to remediate an abandoned property, to remediate blighted property, or if such taking is required to fulfill the public use as stated in the petition of condemnation. It authorizes the court to strictly construe eminent domain laws in favor of the property owner and against the condemning authority.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 5 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Water/Tri-State Commission: [SB 1006](#) by Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) expands the Tri-State Commission duties to include coordinating with any relevant federal or state agency or any other entity to identify ways to improve the navigability of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System.

The bill passed the Senate Transportation Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 14 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Firefighter Pension Board: [SB 1009](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) changes the makeup of the Firefighters Pension and Retirement Board by reducing it to 11 members, two (2) of the members are OML appointments with at least one being a volunteer firefighter.

The bill passed the Senate Retirement and Insurance Committee on Monday by a vote of 6 to 3. The bill moves to the full Senate.