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After Legislative Milestone - OML Priorities Advance

Another legislative milestone has been reached. This week was the deadline to get bills out of their chamber of origin. Several more OML priority bills made it and are still alive.

The OML Public Safety Districts bill passed the Senate floor thanks to our informed and passionate author Senator Darrell Weaver (R-Moore). This bill has been a long time in the making and his hard work is deeply appreciated. [SB 838](#) passed the Senate with a vote of [31-15](#) and is headed to the House.

Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) carried and passed three OML priority bills this week. The first, [SB 445](#), clarifies the penalties on a person possessing or using medical marijuana without a proper license and passed out of the senate with a vote of [37-8](#). He also authored [SB 459](#) which includes a person seeking to supply services or labor in safety sensitive positions under the definition of the term "applicant" in relation to the Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Act. It passed [37-9](#) and is headed to the House.

The final OML priority bill he carried was [SB 862](#). This bill prohibits smoking tobacco or marijuana at any building, property or portion of any building or property owned or operated by a county or municipal government or any trust or authority with a county or municipal government as the beneficiary. It passed the Senate [31-18](#).

[SB 1032](#), by Sen. Pro Tempore Greg Treat (R-OKC) and Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) is headed to the House. It allows a public body that maintains a website and utilizes a high-speed internet connection to live stream all meetings. It passed with a vote of [47-0](#).

After a busy deadline week, a lot of bills will fall off and we look forward to working the bills that made it past the deadline. Next week will be slow moving at the Capitol, but OML will be busy preparing for the next deadline.

BILLS ON THE MOVE

Law Enforcement/CLEET: [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 for teaching students between sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) years of age.

The bill passed the House on Monday by a [vote](#) of 97 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Sales Tax Exemption/Wholly Owned Subsidiaries: [HB 1060](#) by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) and Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) amends the sales tax exemptions for corporations and partnerships by providing that property transferred between wholly owned subsidiaries of a parent company and between a parent company and its wholly owned subsidiary is exempt from the sales tax in 68 O.S. 1350.

The bill passed the House on Monday by a [vote](#) of 93 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Homemade Food Freedom Act: [HB 1032](#) by Rep. Garry Mize (R-Edmond) and Sen. Adam Pugh (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 bill passed the House on Wednesday with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 93 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

REC/Pole Attachments: [HB 1122](#) by Rep. Logan Phillips (R-Mounds) 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-One Dollars (\$21) per rural-electric-cooperative-owned pole per year.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 95 to 1. The bill moves to the Senate.

Broadband Development Program Grant/Dept. of Commerce: [HB 1124](#) by Rep. Logan Phillips (R-Mounds) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) is a new law that requires the Department of Commerce 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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 91 to 6. The bill moves to the Senate.

Code Enforcement Officer/Assault & Battery: [HB 1134](#) by Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) and Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) is a new law that provides any person who commits an assault or battery on a municipal code official is guilty of a felony for a term no longer than two (2) years or by a fine not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) or both a fine and imprisonment. "code official" means any code enforcement official, zoning official, health official, building official or deputies of the official.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 65 to 22. The bill moves to the Senate.

Roads/HMMWVs: [HB 1136](#) by Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) and Sen. Cody Rogers (R-Tulsa) is new law requiring High-mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs) shall be titled and registered via the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. HMMWVs may be operated on the roadways of this state and shall comply with all traffic regulations and rules of conduct for the operation of motor vehicles on the roadways of this state.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 93 to 2. The bill moves to the Senate.

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 passed the House on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 66 to 30. The bill moves to the Senate.

Sales Tax Exemption/Aquariums: [HB 1566](#) by Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) and Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) amends 68 O.S. Section 1354 by providing that the state tax collected from the sale of tickets for admission by an aquarium exempt from taxation, or owned or operated by a public trust or political subdivision, shall be collected and disbursed to the nonprofit organization, public trust or political subdivision responsible for the aquarium's operations. These collected funds are to be used for servicing the debt incurred by the aquarium or promoting visitation to out-of-state residents.

The bill passed the House on Monday by a [vote](#) of 86 to 12. The bill moves to the Senate.

Sales Tax Exemption/Forestry Equipment: [HB 1588](#) by Rep. Dustin Roberts (R-Durant) and Sen. Eddie Dempsey (R-Valliant) amends 68 O.S. 1357 relating to sales tax exemptions by creating a sales tax exemption for forestry equipment sold to businesses engaged in logging, timber, and tree farming until January of 2027.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 88 to 7. The bill moves to the Senate.

Preemption/Agritourism: [HB 1620](#) by Rep. Garry Mize (R-Edmond) and Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) provides that the right to engage in agritourism activities shall not be banned by the state or political subdivisions. The bill had two

untimely filed amendments that passed. [One](#) states the intent of the legislation and removes the word "zoo" and replaces it with "farm" and the other [amendment](#) adds "pursuant to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act."

The bill passed the House on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 88 to 10. The bill moves to the Senate.

Firearms/2nd Amendment Sanctuary: [HB 1629](#) by Rep. David Hardin (R-Stilwell) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) is new law prohibiting the confiscation of firearms, accessories, or ammunition, ordering the courts and law enforcement to protect these rights and to refuse to obey or enforce any direct or indirect order which violates the Second Amendment. The state and political subdivisions cannot cut funding for law enforcement for refusing to obey any order that violates the Second Amendment or for making any county or municipality a Second Amendment sanctuary.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 77 to 19. The bill moves to the Senate.

Law Enforcement/Personal Information: [HB 1643](#) his bill by Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) is new law makes illegal the use of an electronic communication device to knowingly publish, post or otherwise make publicly available personally identifiable information of a peace officer or public official and as a result places this individual in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury. In addition, peace officers may request the county assessor that personal information not be made publicly available on the Internet but be kept in a secure location at the office of the county assessor.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 82 to 17. The bill moves to the Senate.

Law Enforcement/Riot: [HB 1644](#) by Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) Rep. George Burns (R-Pollard) amends 21 O.S. Section 372 making it a felony to burn in public any flag of the U.S. with the intent to cause a breach of the peace or incitement to riot. A

person seeking to burn a U.S. flag must obtain a permit from the city or county and must burn the flag in a safe and proper manner.

The bill passed the House with the title stricken on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 59 to 34. The bill moves to the Senate.

Law Enforcement/Domestic Violence: [HB 1658](#) by Rep. Denise Brewer (D-Tulsa) and Sen. Jo Anna Dossett (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 with the title stricken on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 58 to 20. It now moves to the Senate.

Firearms/Immunity: [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 as [amended](#) the House on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 77 to 19. The bill moves to the Senate.

Law Enforcement/Disruption: [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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 79 to 18. The bill moves to the Senate.

Sales Tax Exemption/Agriculture: [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 on Tuesday with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 92 to 5. The bill moves to the Senate.

Bicycles: [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 passed the House on Thursday with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 76 to 13. The bill moves to the Senate.

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

The bill passed the House on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 87 to 3. The bill moves to the Senate.

Telecommunications/REC Poles: [HB 1923](#) by Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) is new law proving the rates that may be charged by rural electric cooperatives for attachment to utility poles by communications services providers. The rate shall not exceed \$20 per pole per year.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 96 to 2. The bill moves to the Senate.

Sales Tax Exemption/Construction Supplies: [HB 1935](#) by Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) and Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) 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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 85 to 4. The bill moves to the Senate.

CLEET/Traumatic Event Training: [HB 1944](#) by Rep. Cyndi Munson (D-OKC) and Sen. Brenda Stanley (R-Midwest City) 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 contains details.

The bill passed the House on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 69 to 20. The bill moves to the Senate.

Marijuana/Comprehensive Regulation: [HB 2004](#) This bill by Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) and Sen. Cody Rogers (R-Tulsa) is a comprehensive bill of over 100 pages impacting several areas of marijuana including various licensing requirements, fees, record privacy, required information and reporting, zoning, inspections, certificate of compliance, penalty provisions and the like. It provides that the location of any dispensary in relation to one thousand (1,000) feet from a school applies unless the dispensary was granted a license prior to the effective date of this act. Upon the

effective date of this act, the distance shall be measured from the nearest property line of the public or private school to the nearest property line of the dispensary. If a public or private school is established within 1,000 feet of a dispensary after it was licensed, this provision shall not be a deterrent to the renewal of the license or warrant revocation of the license. The definition of school is revised, and a disabled veteran excise tax waiver is established. The bill contains extensive details.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 82 to 16. The bill moves to the Senate.

Sales Tax Exemption/Broadband Equipment: [HB 2040](#) by Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) provides a sales tax exemption, in the form of rebates, on sales of qualifying broadband equipment, if the property is directly used or consumed by the provider or subsidiary in or during the distribution of Internet services.

The bill passed the House on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 85 to 14. The bill moves to the Senate.

Master Conservancy Districts: [HB 2049](#) by Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Sen. Frank Simpson (R-Ardmore) amends the bidding requirements for master conservancy districts by increasing the bid limit from Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000).

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 83 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Rural Economic Transportation Reliability and Optimization Fund: [HB 2079](#) by Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Sen. Marty Quinn (R-Claremore) creates the Rural Economic Transportation Reliability and Optimization Fund and vests the fund with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for use for specific purposes related to certain types of state highway projects.

The bill passed the House on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 87 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Rural Broadband Expansion Council: [HB 2090](#) by Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) amends the Oklahoma Telecommunication Act impacting broadband in various ways. This includes several new definitions, creation of eligible entities which are terrestrial Internet service providers willing to go into unserved or underserved areas, expansion of the Rural Broadband Expansion Council, authorization to develop a set of broadband incentive award guidelines and the like.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 97 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Law Enforcement/Unlawful Assembly: [HB 2095](#) by Rep. Mark Lepak (R-Claremore) and Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) amends the definition of racketeering as used in the Oklahoma Racketeer-Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act to include unlawful assemblies.

The bill passed the House on Monday by a [vote](#) of 78 to 18. The bill moves to the Senate.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Development Act of 2021: [HB 2174](#) by Rep. Kyle Hilbert (R-Depew) and Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) 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 bill passed the House on Monday by a [vote](#) of 94 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Municipal Campaign Finance Disclosure: [HB 2193](#) Rep. Preston Stinson (R-Edmond) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) 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 bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 97 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Workers' Comp Fraud: [HB 2236](#) by Rep. Stan May (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) creates a felony for a person receiving temporary total disability benefits who fails to report a material change in income to an employer, insurance carrier, or third-party administrator.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 68 to 26. The bill moves to the Senate.

Public Streets/Solicitation: [HB 2238](#) by Rep. Stan May (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) 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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 98 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Workers' Comp/COVID Presumption: [HB 2239](#) by Rep. Stan May (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) amends 85A O.S. Section 65 providing that if a first responder tests positive for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, the disease shall be presumed to have been contracted in the course and scope of employment unless the employer proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the disease was not contracted in the course and scope of employment. The bill contains definitions and details. (Rebuttable presumption of workers comp. for first responders testing positive for COVID-19)

The bill passed the House on Wednesday with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 93 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 75 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

OK Cap on Medical Marijuana Business Act: [HB 2272](#) by Rep. Josh West (R-Grove) and Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) is new law creating the Oklahoma Cap on Medical Marijuana Businesses Act of 2021 impacting dispensary licenses, processor licenses and commercial grower licenses. Impacted in the procedural process is the timing of the Certificates of Compliance. The bill contains details and rulemaking with the Medical Marijuana Authority.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 69 to 21. The bill moves to the Senate.

Water/Municipal Wells: [HB 2330](#) by Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) and Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) amends 82 O.S. Section 1020.21 impacting municipal authority to regulate or permit drilling of domestic and industrial water wells within its corporate limits. The bill allows drilling of municipal water wells inside and outside of municipal limits.

The bill passed the House on Monday by a [vote](#) of 96 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 79 to 18. The bill moves to the Senate.

Vaccine Mandates: [HB 2335](#) by Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) and Sen. Shane Jett (R-Shawnee) is new law prohibiting governmental entities from mandating onto the general public any vaccination. It also prohibits discrimination or pursuing civil or criminal penalties against any person of the general public who declines to be vaccinated or who declines to vaccinate his/her children.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 71 to 25. The bill moves to the Senate.

Emergency Powers/Governor: [HB 2336](#) by Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) and Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Moore) modifies the governor’s ability to restrict certain activities during a state of emergency. The bill removes the ability of the governor to restrict the number of persons from assembling or gathering in public or private places; restricting the sale, purchase or dispensing of alcohol; or the restricting the sale, purchase or dispensing of other commodities or goods.

The bill passed the House on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 58 to 30. The bill moves to the Senate.

Emergency Powers/Governor: [HB 2337](#) by Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) and Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) provides that a state of emergency declared by the Governor may end by proclamation of the Governor or automatically after thirty (30)

days unless renewed by a concurrent resolution by the Legislature, whichever comes first.

The bill passed the House on Thursday with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 61 to 28. The bill moves to the Senate.

Firearms/Felons: [HB 2401](#) by Rep. Todd Russ (R-Cordell) and Sen. Dave Bullard (R-Tulsa) 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 bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 77 to 19. The bill moves to the Senate.

Code Enforcement/Liens: [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 passed the House with the title stricken on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 74 to 18. The bill moves to the Senate.

Police Pension: [HB 2499](#) Rep. Rusty Cornwell (R-Vinita) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) amends the Police Pension Act by altering authorized payments including to the beneficiary’s estate or to a trust.

The bill passed the House on Monday by a [vote](#) of 93 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

City-County Health Department: [HB 2504](#) by Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) and Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) amends the city-county boards of health in several 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 bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 54 to 41. The bill moves to the Senate.

Alcohol Beverage Commission/Vapor Products: [HB 2511](#) by Rep. Kannady (R-OKC) and Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) is new law requiring every manufacturer of a vapor product to execute an attestation under penalty of perjury to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Commission. The bill includes certification requirements and development of a directory.

The bill passed the House on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 94 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Open Meetings Act/Virtual: [HB 2644](#) by Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) and Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) 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 with the title stricken on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 92 to 6. The bill moves to the Senate.

Firearms/Unlawful Carry: [HB 2645](#) by Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) amends several sections impacting unlawful carry of firearms. This includes transportation, locations where liquor is consumed, several amendments to 21 O.S. Section 1277 impacting property set aside by political subdivisions and public trusts for an event that is secured with minimum-security provisions including specific security fences, controlled access points and metal detectors and the like. 21 O.S. Section 1289.13 is repealed. In addition, the bill authorizes municipal employees and public officials to carry concealed firearms with a valid handgun license. Carrying a firearm shall not be considered a requirement for continued employment. There are details on where and when the firearms can be carried, exclusions from liability for municipalities and individuals under conditions, requirements for an authorizing ordinance or resolution, a penalty section, and the like. The bill contains additional changes to firearm statutes including and expansion of preemption of political subdivisions coupled with new law on legal challenges to political subdivisions, several alterations to definitions, notifying law enforcement of a firearm and the like. 21 O.S. Section 1289.13 is repealed. The bill contains extensive details.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 78 to 19. The bill moves to the Senate.

Marijuana/Comprehensive Regulation: [HB 2646](#) This bill by Rep. Echols (R-OKC) and Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) is a comprehensive bill of over 100 pages amending several portions of current law impacting medical marijuana. impacting several areas of marijuana including various licensing requirements, various fees, record privacy, required information and reporting, inspections, penalty provisions, schools within 1,000 feet of disposal facilities, non-resident marijuana patient permit and the like. It provides if a dispensary met statutory requirements at its initial licensure, it may continue

operating in the same manner, and not be subject to nonrenewal due to subsequent events or changes in regulations that would render it in violation by being within 1,000 feet of a public or private school. If a school is established within 1,000 feet of a dispensary after it has been licensed, it is not a deterrent to license renewal. The 1,000 feet is measured from the nearest property line of the public or private school and the nearest perimeter wall of the licensed dispensary. A public or private school shall not include administrative buildings, athletic facility, ballpark, field, or stadium, unless the property is located on the same campus as a building used for classroom instruction on core curriculum.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 96 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

OMMA/ABLE: [HB 2674](#) by Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) and Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) transfers the duties and responsibilities of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 88 to 10. The bill moves to the Senate.

Law Enforcement/Jurors: [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 two hundred fifty-five thousand (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 two hundred fifty-five thousand (255,000) shall be eligible to serve on noncriminal actions only.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 89 to 7. The bill moves to the Senate.

PERB: [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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 92 to 2. The bill moves to the Senate.

Economic Development: [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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 68 to 22. The bill moves to the Senate.

Courts/Drug Courts: [SB 38](#) by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) and Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) amends the Oklahoma Drug Court Act providing that judicial immunity extends to any duty required by law to be performed by a judge of a drug court. In addition, all funds received by a drug court be credited to and accounted for in the county treasurer's office in a special cash fund to be known as the "Drug Court Fund."

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 43 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Public Notice/Publication: [SB 90](#) by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) and Rep. Chad Caldwell (R-Enid) amends 25 O.S. Section 108 by referencing 25 O.S. Section 106 and adding that the affidavit of

publication shall constitute conclusive proof of publication and shall be incontestable in court.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 42 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Electric Assisted Bicycles: [SB 184](#) by Sen. Carri Hicks (D-OKC) and Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) authorizes the use of a Class 3 electric-assisted bicycles on multi-use paths. The bill also prohibits the use of any class of electric-assisted bicycle at a speed greater than twenty (20) miles per hour except on a street with a posted speed limit above twenty (20) miles per hour.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 29 to 16. The bill moves to the House.

Law Enforcement/CLEET Training: [SB 242](#) by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) and Rep. Dustin Roberts (R-Durant) amends 70 O.S. Section 3311.17 regarding technology centers and any higher education institutions offering courses approved by CLEET for law enforcement certification. The bill impacts the application and contracting process.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 42 to 3. The bill moves to the House.

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

The bill passed the Senate on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 38 to 4. The bill moves to the House.

Home-Based Businesses: [SB 316](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Kevin McDugle (R-Tulsa) is new law defining home-based businesses and authorizing these businesses to use a residential dwelling unless there is a deed restriction or a restriction in a common interest ownership community. There is a detailed definition of "no-impact home-based business". Municipalities shall not prohibit a no-impact home-based business or require a permit, license, variance, or other type of prior approval. Reasonable municipal regulations

are authorized if narrowly tailored and in conformity with criteria stated in the bill. Municipalities shall not require the property to be rezoned or install fire sprinklers. Issues on municipal regulation are judicial questions with the municipality having the burden of proof.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 37 to 7. The bill moves to the House.

CIB/Electrical License Act: [SB 317](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) and Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) amends various sections of Title 59 and the Electrical License Act by adding definitions and regulation for “student electrical intern” and “listed electrical apprentice”. New licensing duties are given to the Construction Industries Board and new law specifies how the intern and apprentice are supervised and allowed to work.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 30 to 11. The bill moves to the House.

Workers’ Comp: [SB 324](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) and Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) 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 on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 36 to 9. The bill moves to the House.

Law Enforcement/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 was brought back for a “Motion to Reconsider” and sent back to Senate General Order. The floor substitute passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 25 to 19. The bill moves to the House.

Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing: [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 a business of renting motor vehicles without drivers under 47 O.S. Section 8-101 or service providers who are 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 several sections of new law several Title 47 statutes are amended.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Sales Tax Exemption/Tangible Personal Property: [SB 356](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) and Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) creates a new sale tax exemption for transfer of tangible personal property between wholly owned subsidiaries of a parent company and between a parent company and its wholly owned subsidiary.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 46 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Law Enforcement/Peer-to-Peer Counseling: [SB 361](#) by Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) and Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) amends 12 O.S. Section 2506.2 impacting peer support counseling for critical incident stress management sessions for public safety or emergency services personnel who have been involved in emotionally traumatic incidents by reason of employment. The bill adds that “the sessions may include participation of immediate family of the public safety or emergency services personnel.”

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Law Enforcement/Impaired Driving: [SB 367](#) by Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) and Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) amends several sections of Title 47 impacting impaired driving including 47 O.S. Section 752 authorizing persons licensed as Intermediate Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic to withdraw blood to determine the concentration of alcohol or other intoxicating substance. Withdrawn from current law is language involving breath, saliva, or urine specimens. New law on blood and breath collection is placed in Section 3 of the bill. Changes are made to peace officer’s required sworn report for arrests.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Oklahoma Religious Freedom Act: [SB 368](#) by Sen. David Bullard(R-Durant) and Rep. Brian Hill (R-Mustang) amends 51 O.S. Section 253 prohibiting governmental entities from declaring a religious institution and certain activities to be nonessential.

This bill passed the Senate on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 37 to 9. The bill moves to the House.

Unified State Law Enforcement Commission: [SB 371](#) Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) and Rep. Terry O’Donnell (R-Catoosa) creates the Unified State Law Enforcement Commission. The ten (10) member Commission will study and evaluate the feasibility

of unifying OSBI, OBNDD and DPS into a single law enforcement agency. The Commission has until December 1, 2021 to complete their study and present their findings to the Governor, Speaker, Pro Tempore and minority leaders of the Senate and House.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 35 to 9. The bill moves to the House.

Sales Tax Exemption/Disabled Veterans: [SB 415](#) by Sen. Frank Simpson (R-Ardmore) and Rep. Tommy Hardin (R-Madill) amends the disabled veteran sales tax exemption by adding the requirement for a veterans’ registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 46 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Environment/Recycling Procedures: [SB 448](#) by Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) and Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) adds and modifies definitions associated with recycling procedures in the Oklahoma Solid Waste Management act. The bill defines the parameters of what is an advanced recycling facility and the procedures used to depolymerize, gasify, use, and recover recycled products.

The bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 34 to 8. The bill moves to the House.

Local Development Act: [SB 500](#) by Sen. Mary Boren (D-Norman) and Rep. Dick Lowe (R-Amber) amends 62 O.S. Section 861 by requiring the Oklahoma Tax Commission to create and publish a report documenting the amount of increments of local taxes and fees apportioned via this section in the previous calendar year. Included must be the economic impact and estimate the amount of funds benefiting public schools that were decreased because of the apportionments.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 28 to 18. The bill moves to the House.

Marijuana/Third Party Vendors: [SB 522](#) by Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) and Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) is new law authorizing the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to contract with third-party vendors to provide licensing services necessary for medical marijuana research licenses, medical marijuana education facility licenses, medical marijuana business licenses and employees of such entities. The bill provides details including rulemaking authority for the State Commissioner of Health.

The bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 38 to 5. The bill moves to the House.

Workers' Comp/Underwriting & Reinsurance: [SB 524](#) by 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 on Monday by a [vote](#) of 43 to 2. The bill moves to the House.

Preemption/Emergency Powers: [SB 541](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Jim Olsen (R-Roland) limited the Governor's health powers during a pandemic and implemented a process for closing schools and businesses. Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) filed an [amendment](#) to the bill that would place restrictions on municipal government's abilities to implement mask mandates. The new mandate required the government to reference three (3) relevant studies

showing the mask has proven effective for the purpose of the stated in the mandate. The mandate would have been invalidated if three or more relevant studies show possible significant adverse effects of wearing a mask in compliance with the mandate.

The bill failed as amended the Senate with the title stricken on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 23 to 19. The bill moves to the House.

Outdoor Advertising: [SB 549](#) by Sen. Rob 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 five hundred thousand (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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 40 to 3. The bill moves to the House.

Law Enforcement/Obstruction: [SB 560](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Rick West (R-Heavner) limits criminal or civil prosecution of individuals in an occupied vehicle that is approached and surrounded by persons engaged in unlawful activity who has blocked the road.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 36 to 8. The bill moves to the House.

Preemption/Sanctuary Cities: [SB 572](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) prohibits any municipality or political subdivision from enacting or adopting any sanctuary policy. It defines sanctuary policy. It gives authority to a legislator to request a legal opinion of the Attorney General upon receiving a complaint from a resident or prior to appropriate state monies to an entity as to whether a municipality or political subdivisions has a adopted

a sanctuary policy. If the Attorney General answers in the affirmative, the municipality or political subdivision is ineligible to receive money provided through appropriations, grants, brother disbursements administered by any state agency or department until the AG certifies that the policy was retracted. The governing body of each municipality is required to distribute this bill to each law enforcement officer.

The bill passed the Senate on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 27 to 19. The bill moves to the House.

Condemnation/Electric Public Utility: [SB 573](#) by Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) and Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) is new law creating the Oklahoma Electrical Access and Resiliency (OEAR) Task Force for the purpose of studying nationally recognized best practices to provide additional revenues and local control for communities by having a choice in electric energy suppliers and make recommendations including removal of the current moratorium on use of municipal condemnation, new growth taxation of 2% on gross sales, strategies to enable community choice of electric energy suppliers and the like.

The bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 34 to 11. The bill moves to the House.

Preemption/Planned Parenthood Funding: [SB 584](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Jim Olsen (R-Roland) prohibits a provider from being eligible for reimbursement via funding from any political subdivision for violation of federal or state law prohibiting trafficking in fetal body parts.

The bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 36 to 9. The bill moves to the House.

Finance/Pooled Finance Act: [SB 587](#) by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) and Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) 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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 42 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Local Development Act: [SB 606](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) amends 62 O.S. Section 845 by deleting and renaming current language in the State Treasury’s Oklahoma Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act Incentive Payment Fund.

The bill passed the Senate on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 44 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Red River Boundary Commission: [SB 627](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) and Rep. Dustin Roberts (R-Durant) is new law creating the Red River Boundary Commission to evaluate criteria used to establish the boundary line between Oklahoma and Texas.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 46 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Preemption/Firearms/2nd Amendment Sanctuary State Act: [SB 631](#) by Sen. Warren Hamilton (R-McCurtain) and Rep. Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) is new law creating the Second Amendment Sanctuary State Act which preempts political subdivisions from infringing upon the right to keep and bear arms. Preemption includes regulation of arms and ammunition, pursuant to the National Firearms Act of 1934 and any regulations or provision of the Gun Control Act of 1968.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 38 to 8. The bill moves to the House.

Firearms/Municipal Carry: [SB 644](#) by Sen. Blake Stephens (R-Tahlequah) and Rep. Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) authorizes municipalities, by ordinance, to allow municipal employees to carry concealed firearms for their personal protection once the employee has been issued a valid handgun license. Carrying a firearm shall not be considered a requirement for continued employment, the bill provides details on carrying the firearm, immunity

is provided under certain conditions, firearm-prohibited locations are created.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 39 to 8. The bill moves to the House.

Firearms/Alcohol: [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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 37 to 9. The bill moves to the House.

Law Enforcement/Jurors: [SB 653](#) by Sen. Joe Newhouse (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) provides that municipal or state law enforcement officers employed in any county with a population of two hundred and fifty-five thousand (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 two hundred and fifty-five thousand (255,000) shall be eligible to serve on noncriminal actions only.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 1. The bill moves to the House.

Residential Care License: [SB 654](#) by Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) and Rep. Chad Caldwell (R-Enid) impacts the Residential Care Act by providing for residential care homes to apply for a probationary license and changes are made to renewal licenses. In addition, changes are made impacting adult day care licensure requirements.

The bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Aeronautics Commission/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 passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 44 to 1. The bill moves to the House.

Firearms/Transportation: [SB 672](#) by Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) and Rep. Kenton Patzkowsky (R-Balko) impacting transportation of a firearm in a vehicle as well as improper transportation. The bill deletes current language and repeals 21 O.S. Section 1289.13, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2019.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 39 to 7. The bill moves to the House.

CLEET/Council: [SB 682](#) by Sen. Greg McCortney (R-Ada) and Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) 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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 1. The bill moves to the House.

9-1-1 Management Authority: [SB 687](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) amends the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority in several ways. This includes escrowing funds if a public agency fails to submit or comply with master plans to deliver Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) with local plans being required to "align with the State's Master plan to deploy NG9-1-1". Also, funds are escrowed if the public agency fails to "provide connectivity and interoperability between state, regional and local next-generation systems". Changes are made to development of a "master" plan and establishing rules on NG9-1-1 systems, training program standards are altered, reports are required of the

Oklahoma Tax Commission, and the Authority shall oversee all 9-1-1 fees collected under the Oklahoma Emergency Telephone Act and order the escrowing of fees misspent or diverted to a purpose other than authorized by the Act.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

CLEET/Technology Centers: [SB 688](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) and Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) amends 70 O.S. Section 3311.17 impacting background investigations by submitted “prior to enrollment” with costs of the investigation requirement be required of the student.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Motor Vehicles/Weight and Load: [SB 691](#) by Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) and Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) amends 47 O.S. Section 14-109 by providing that any person who operates a vehicle or combination of vehicles which is 750 pounds or more than the gross or axle weight limitation imposed by this section, shall upon conviction of a misdemeanor or assessment of an administrative penalty, be punished by a fine which is calculated based on the overweight of the vehicle.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 44 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Personal Delivery Devices: [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 bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 46 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

OTC/Amnesty Tax: [SB 720](#) by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) and Rep. Judd Strom (R-Copan) is new law authorizes and directs the Oklahoma Tax Commission to establish a tax amnesty program during which penalties and interest due on delinquent taxes shall be waived under the specifics in the bill.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Workers’ Comp/Medical Treatment: [SB 724](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Tom Gann (R-Inola) amends 85A O.S. Section 50 impacting the employer’s duty to promptly provide an injured employee with medical treatment. The bill removes the Physician Advisory Committee’s role in treatment parameters and repeals 85A O.S. Sections 17 and 60.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 35 to 9. The bill moves to the House.

Firearm/Transporting: [SB 730](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) prohibits a person, property owner, tenant, employer, or business entity from establishing or enforcing any police 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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 36 to 8. The bill moves to the House.

Preemption/Firearms: [SB 732](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Jim Olsen (R-Roland) expands the current preemption by adding “firearm and ammunition”.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 38 to 8. The bill moves to the House.

Interlocal Agreements/Insurance Commission: [SB 738](#) by Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) and Rep. Marcus McEntire (R-Duncan) requires an entity created by an interlocal agreement be subject to examination by the Insurance Commissions in the same manner as licensed insurance companies.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 1. The bill moves to the House.

Pension/Police Disability: [SB 743](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. Anthony Moore (R-Clinton) amends the Oklahoma Police Pension Act by expanding the definition of “permanent in-line disability. Specifically, a police officer serving in any capacity at a regular police department who becomes so physically or mentally disabled, while in, and in consequence of, the performance of authorizing activities while on duty that he/she is unable to perform the required duties of a police officer. Current law is “incapacity to earn any wages as a certified, commissioned police officer due to accidental injury or occupational disease, incurred while in, and in consequence of, the performance of duty as an officer.” In addition, “normal disability benefit” is increased “not to exceed thirty (30) years of service if the officer has more than twenty (20) years of credited service”. Finally, the criteria for a disability determination are altered removing current language of a “percentage of impairment to the whole person.”

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 43 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

CLEET/Training: [SB 784](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) and Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) authorizes CLEET to develop a statewide law enforcement and public safety youth program designed for high school students. CLEET is given rulemaking authority over this program.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 44 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Broadband Expansion Council: [SB 802](#) by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) and Rep. Logan

Phillips (R-Mounds) amends the Rural Broadband Expansion Council by increasing the number of board members, adding designated board members including providing for a “current or past” mayor from a population of less than thirty-five thousand (35,000) – current law is twenty-five thousand (25,000). The bill also adds a member who must be an Oklahoma resident and Tribal Leader of a tribe recognized in this state.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 44 to 2. The bill moves to the House.

Law Enforcement/Citizens’ Protection Act: [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, restitution for any property damage or loss incurred, restricting traffic on any public highway or public street and the like.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 38 to 8. The bill moves to the House.

Law Enforcement/CLEET: [SB 811](#) by Sen. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) and Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) is new law requiring crisis intervention training. No later than November 1, 2024, all law enforcement agencies operating in this state is required to have twenty-five percent (25%) of all employed full-time peace officers, certified by CLEET to be trained in crisis intervention training, as provided by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. By January 1, 2022, CLEET, is required to include in its basic training courses for law enforcement certification a minimum of four (4) hours of education and training in crisis de-escalation training.

The bill passed the Senate on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 44 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Finance/Government Funding Purposes: [SB 825](#) by Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) and Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) amends 68 O.S. Section 2701

impacting municipalities who levies a dedicated tax pursuant to a vote of the people for the purpose of funding public safety or any other governmental purpose. The municipality shall not redirect all or portion of the dedicated tax revenue to another purpose without a vote of the people authorizing such action.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 40 to 6. The bill moves to the House.

Firefighter/Pension: [SB 826](#) by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) and Rep. Terry O'Donnell (R-Catoosa) amends distributions from the deterred 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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 42 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

First Responders/Mental Health Support: [SB 848](#) by Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) and Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) is new law authorizing the Department of Mental Health to contract for the purpose of providing peer support crisis intervention, counseling and wellness for law enforcement, firefighters and emergency medical personnel impacted by trauma, cumulative stress, anxiety, addictions, death and suicide and the impact on their personal lives.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 44 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Firefighter Pension/Fire Chief: [SB 897](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) and Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) amends the Firefighter Pension System by altering the definition of "member" by removing current language requiring that a fire chief shall meet the age, agility, physical and other eligibility requirements at the time he/she becomes a member of the System. A "nonparticipating fire chief" is added. This is defined as a firefighter qualified to

serve as fire chief per the employing municipality; provided, however, the firefighter shall not be required to be a current employee of a participating municipality. The bill requires a fire chief to have at least three (3) years of actual experience as either a paid firefighter or volunteer firefighter prior to assuming the position.

The bill passed the Senate on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 25 to 21. The bill moves to the House.

Sales Tax Exemption/Museums: [SB 909](#) by Sen. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) and Rep. Garry Mize (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. There is a three (3) year sunset to this exemption.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 41 to 5. The bill moves to the House.

Firearms/Display: [SB 925](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) amends several sections of Title 21 impacting pointing and displaying firearms including exceptions, penalty changes, creation of defensive display of a firearm and the like.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 36 to 8. The bill moves to the House.

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

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Nuisance/Critical Infrastructure: [SB 939](#) by Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) and Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) amends 50 O.S. Section 16 creating an

exception for critical infrastructure sectors from current law's nuisance authority. Critical infrastructure sectors are defined. In addition, these operations must follow, or actions are consistent with government rules, guidelines, or laws applicable to their sector.

The bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 36 to 8. The bill moves to the House.

Initiative and Referendum/Fiscal Impact: [SB 947](#) by Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) and Rep. Tammy West (R-Bethany) amends 34 O.S. Section 9 by adding requirements to the suggested ballot title including the fiscal impact on the state. If there is a fiscal impact the ballot title must include the potential source of funding including but not limited to federal funding or legislative appropriation which may require imposition of a new tax, increase of an existing tax or elimination of existing services.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 36 to 8. The bill moves to the House.

Court/Fines: [SB 951](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) and Rep. Terry O'Donnell (R-Catoosa) amends 22 O.S. Section 983 regarding the failure to pay fines and costs, requiring hearings, installment payments and payment plans and penalty provisions.

The bill passed as [amended](#) the Senate on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 43 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Fire Protection District: [SB 958](#) by Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) and Rep. Ty Burns (R-Pawnee) 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 bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Preemption/Eminent Domain: [SB 994](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) 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. The public purpose or public benefit of economic development including an increase in tax base, tax revenues, employment, or general economic health, does not constitute public use. The condemning authority must prove the land it seeks to seize is needed for public use and the public use cannot be accomplished absent the seizure. The owner of private property being condemned for blight has a right to have a court determine whether private property is being taken an improper purpose. The bill also preempts any political subdivision from expanding the use of eminent domain absent statutory authority.

The bill passed the Senate on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 30 to 13. The bill moves to the House.

Water/Tri-State Commission: [SB 1006](#) by Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) and Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) 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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 44 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

Workers' Comp Records: [SB 1013](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) and Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) authorizes the Workers' Compensation Commission to keep its litigation files and investigatory reports confidential. In addition, an attorney or an investigator from the Compliance Division of the Commission may be required to testify.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 43 to 1. The bill moves to the House.

Self-Insurance Pools/Confidential Information: [SB 1015](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) and Rep. Rick West (R-Heavner) adds to the confidential proprietary information of intergovernmental self-insurance pools. Added are records received from risk pool participants that can otherwise be obtained from risk pool participants.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 44 to 0. The bill moves to the House.

OWRB/Permit Approval: [SB 1022](#) by Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) and Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) authorizes the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to issue temporary permits and regular permits excluding all permits for sensitive sole source aquifers that have not been the subject of a protest from an interested party.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 41 to 3. The bill moves to the House.

Medical Marijuana/Setback [SB 1033](#) by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) and Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Ardmore) provides for medical marijuana establishments to maintain a building within 1000 feet of a new school building provided the license for such an establishment was granted prior to the establishment of the building. The measurement shall be based on the distance in a straight line from the school door nearest the front door of the retail marijuana establishment to the front door of the retail marijuana establishment. OMMA shall not deny any issuance or renewal of licensure, deny any transfer of licensure due to a change in ownership, or revoke any license due to mistake in measurement by the Authority. The bill authorizes municipalities to object to the continued licensure of the grandfathered medical marijuana dispensary when it is operating contrary to the required setback distance from a public or private school. Upon the municipal government providing the required documentation outlined in the measure, the Authority shall not renew or transfer the medical

marijuana dispensary license and shall cause the license to be.

The bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 40 to 0. The bill moves to the House.