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The Calm Before the Storm

This past week at the Capitol has been a slight calm before the storm. OML Priority bills are slated to be heard in Committee over the next two weeks. SB 838 by Sen. Weaver (Moore), and Rep. Jadine Nollan (Sand Springs) is expected to be heard early next week. The bill will create municipal access to ad valorem assessments for Public Safety Districts in an effort to fund Police, Fire, and EMT services within municipal boundaries. Please contact members of the House General Government Committee and request their support for the bill.

HB 1789 by Rep. Daniel Pae (Lawton) and Sen. Brent Howard (Altus) was scheduled for a hearing this past week but was removed from the agenda pending additional conversations about the impact of the bill. League staff is working with stakeholders in anticipation of making progress on the bill this coming week. The bill will allow cooperative purchasing arrangements for political subdivisions and enable leveraging purchasing power and saving taxpayer resources.

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BILLS ON THE MOVE

Oklahoma Security Guard & Private Investigators: HB 1029 by Rep. Dell Kerbs (R-Shawnee) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) amends the Security Guard and Private Investigator Act by adding active reserve police officers to the list of people not included in the definition of security guard.

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

Counties/Sale of County Property: HB 1036 by Rep. Judd Strom (R-Copan) and Rep. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) amends 19 O.S. 421.1 by exempting sales of equipment or materials by counties to tribes or municipalities from the newspaper notice requirement and bid requirement/public auction requirement.

The bill passed the Senate General Government Committee today by a vote of 5 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Sales Tax Exemptions/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 Senate Finance Committee with the title restored on Tuesday by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Homestead Exemption/Disabled Veterans: HB 1062 by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) and Sen. Jessica Garvin (R-Duncan) extends the homestead tax exemption for 100% disabled veterans, their surviving spouses, or the surviving spouse of a person who died while in the line of duty to include those who own homes located on land owned by a city or town.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

State Auditor/Performance Audits: HB 1090 by Rep. Gerrid Kendrix (R-Altus) and Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) cleans up language in 74 O.S. Section 213.2 regarding the State Auditor and Inspector's duties to examine books and accounts, to instruct in the performance of officers' duties and prescribe cost-effective methods of operating.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 10 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

OWRB/Watershed Trading: HB 1093 by Rep. Dell Kerbs (R-Shawnee) and Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) requires the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to propose rulemaking to allow for the development of nutrient trading programs by state environmental agencies no later than November 1, 2026.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee with the title restored today by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Quality Events Incentive Act: HB 1121 by Rep. Jeff Boatman (R-Tulsa) and Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) amends the Oklahoma Quality Events Act by requiring municipalities to send an economic impact study, extending the date of the Act to June 30, 2026, and altering time frames in 68 O.S. Section 4304.

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

Oklahoma Broadband Deployment Grant: HB 1124 by Rep. Logan Phillips (R-Mounds) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) is new law requiring the Oklahoma 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 Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee today by a vote of 11 to 1. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Sales Tax Exemptions/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 trustor 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 Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday with the title restored by a vote of 9 to 2. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Sales Tax Exemption/Forestry Equipment: HB 1588 by Rep. Dustin Roberts (R-Durant) and Rep. 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 Senate Appropriations Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 14 to 5. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Law Enforcement/Personal Information: HB 1643 by Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) is new law that 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 Senate General Government Committee today by a vote of 6 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Law Enforcement/Disruption: HB 1674 by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) expands penalties and activities for crimes connected to riots. This includes obstructing normal use of streets by impeding, hindering, or restraining motor vehicle traffic. New law clarifies there is no criminal or civil liability for injury or death while the vehicle operator was fleeing a riot and he/she exercised due care. An organization found to be a conspirator with persons found to have committed crimes in 21 O.S. Section 1311 through 1320.5 and 1320.10 shall be punished by a fine that is 10 times the amount of the fine authorized by the appropriate provision.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 1. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

DEQ/Hazardous Waste Fees: HB 1705 by Rep. Carl Newton (R-Woodward) and Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) removes from the authority of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requiring and approving or disapproving disposal plans from all persons generating hazardous waste or shipping hazardous waste. Changes are also made to various DEQ fees.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee today by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Tourism Ignition Program: HB 1708 by Rep. Brian Hill (R-Mustang) and Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) is new law authorizing the Oklahoma Arts Council to implement the Oklahoma Tourism Ignition Program by accepting applications from municipalities for matching funds up to Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000).

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee today by a vote of 11 to 1. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Counties/Nuisance Properties: HB 1749 by Rep. Denise Crosswhite Hader (R-Yukon) and Sen. Lonnie Paxton 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 bill passed the Senate General Government Committee today by a vote of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Elections/Declaration of Candidacy: PCS HB 1751 by Rep. Denise Crosswhite Hader (R-Yukon) and Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) amends 26 O.S. Sections 5-111 and 5-130 altering the Declarations of Candidacy form by adding required information including voter registration data and current address. In addition, if a contester's candidacy is stricken by the board due to not meeting residency requirements, the board may assess a civil penalty not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars ($200).

The bill passed the Senate Rules Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 8 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Open Records/Personal Information: HB 1876 by Rep. Tammy West (R-OKC) and Sen. Brenda Stanley (R-Midwest City) amends the Open Records Act by providing that home addresses, home telephone numbers, social security numbers, private email addresses, and private mobile phone numbers of current and former public employees shall not be open to public inspection or disclosure.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday with the emergency clause added by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Oklahoma River: HB 1878 by Rep. Tammy West (R-OKC) and Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) amends 82 O.S. Section 1D providing the boundaries of the Oklahoma River for economic development purposes.

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee today with the title restored by a vote of 9 to 3. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Law Enforcement/School Bus: HB 1967 by Rep. Jadine Nollan (R-Sand Springs) and Sen. Dewayne Pemberton (R-Muskogee) amends 47 O.S. Section 11-705 by requiring a school bus driver who witnesses a violation of this section, "on or before the next day school is in session following the alleged offense", to report the violation to law enforcement.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 7 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Underground Facilities Act: HB 2028 by Rep. Terry O'Donnell (R-Catoosa) and Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) amends 63 O.S. Sections 142.6, 142.9 and 142.10 regulating an excavator with knowledge than an operator has unmarked underground facilities within the area of proposed excavation. Amendments include revised procedures, notifying the notification center, expiration dates for notice, provisions for any state of emergency declared by the Governor or Legislature.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee today by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Master Conservancy Districts/Public Bidding Limit: 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 Senate Energy Committee today by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Rural Economic Transportation Reliability Optimization Fund: HB 2079 by Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Sen. Marty Quinn (R-Claremore) is new law establishing the Rural Economic Transportation Reliability and Optimization Fund, to be administered by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Monies appropriated to this Fund shall not result in a decrease in historic and traditional total state transportation funding levels or be used to supplant or replace existing state funds used for transportation purposes. The Board of Equalization is given duties to examine and investigate the funding levels including required reports. The Fund is used to assist in the equitable prioritization of construction, repair, and maintenance of state highways in rural areas where robust economic development has resulted in traffic safety and circulation difficulties.

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

Aeronautics Commission/Drones: HB 2174 by Rep. Kyle Hilbert (R-Depew) and Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) is new law creating the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Development Act of 2021 which designates the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission as the clearinghouse for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and is the agency for promotion, enhancement, and development of UAS and to ensure its safe integration and use within the state. In addition, 3 O.S. Section 82 is amended by striking and creating various definitions including "municipality". Municipality is defined broadly to include any city or town, county or political subdivision or any public trust, which is, or may be, authorized to acquire, establish, construct, maintain, improve, and operate airports, airstrips, and aeronautical navigation facilities.

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

Law Enforcement/Vehicle Towing: HB 2182 by Rep. Ronny Johns (R-Ada) and Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) amends 47 O.S. Section 955 authorizes towing a vehicle left unattended on a street, sidewalk, alley, or thoroughfare, and constitutes a hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of public transit along a rail fixed guideway.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Red River Boundary Commission: HB 2296 by Rep. Dustin Roberts (R-Durant) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) is new law creating the Red River Boundary Commission to work with the State of Texas to redraw the boundary line between Oklahoma and Texas in the Texoma Area.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee today by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Water Permits: 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

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

Motor Vehicles/Disable Veterans: HB 2476 by Rep. Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) is new law authorizing an exemption from sales tax levied for the sale of motor vehicles to disabled veterans who meet the requirements in the bill.

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

Condemnation Procedures: HB 2506 by Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) and Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) alters the definition of a dilapidated building by providing that the structure was boarded and

secured for more than "six" consecutive months. Current law is for more than "eighteen" months.

The bill passed the Senate General Government Committee today by a vote of 5 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act: HB 2510 by Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) and Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) amends the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act in various ways. Included are adding addressing the needs of parents and caregivers caring for babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome, mental health response training and reimbursement of attorney fees and expenses related to opioid litigation to "approved purposes" in 74 O.S. Section 30.5. In addition, an "eligible participant" is changed to be any political subdivision or first responder organization "negatively impacted by the opioid crisis". Finally, the criteria for making awards are altered by simplifying current law by providing initial awards shall be listed in an opioid grant award "distribution table" approved and adopted by the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board.

The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 20 to 0. The bill moves to the full 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 one thousand (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 one thousand (1,000) feet of a public or private school. If a school is established within one thousand (1,000) feet of a dispensary after it has been licensed, it is not a deterrent to license renewal. The one thousand (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 Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee today with the title stricken by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Preemption/Religious Entities: HB 2648 by Rep. Brian Hill (R-Mustang) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) amends 51 O.S. Section 253 prohibits any governmental entity pursuant to an emergency to require closure of any place of worship.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 6 to 3. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Broadband/REC Easements: HB 2779 by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) is new law authorizing Approved Broadband Providers to use rural electric cooperative (REC) Above Ground Easements. The bill governs any easement owned, held, or otherwise used by the REC for the purpose of electric services to supply high-speed broadband services. The bill prohibits class actions in a suit for trespass or inverse condemnation based on a claim of expanded use of an easement. An Approved Broadband Provider with a current pole attachment agreement with the REC may use this Above Ground Easement for providing broadband services.

The bill was amended in committee today to add "Any pole attachments made pursuant to this section shall be at least fourteen (14) feet above roadway or driveway."

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee today by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

OTC/Garnishments: HB 2780 by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) and Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) amends various sections of Title 68 impacting tax refund claims in several contexts, garnishment actions of delinquent taxpayers, collections by debt collection agencies, changes to the County Government Education-Technical Revolving Fund and the like. For the disabled veteran sales tax exemption in 68 O.S. Section 1357 at paragraph 34, a claim for refund of sales taxes erroneously paid may only be made if a vendor refuses to honor the proof of eligibility issued by the Tax Commission and the person eligible for the exemption submits to the Tax Commission a signed notification of the vendor's denial of exemption.

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

At-Risk Construction: HB 2861 by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) and Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) amends 61 O.S. Section 2 imping at-risk construction management contracts and requiring a payment bond.

The bill passed the Senate General Government Committee today by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

Law Enforcement/Mental Health Transport: 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 thirty (30) mile radius of the peace officer's operational headquarters. If there is not a facility within a thirty (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. Once an individual is presented to the facility, by a transporting law enforcement officer, the law enforcement agency shall be responsible for any subsequent transportation pending completion of the initial assessment, emergency detention, protective custody, or inpatient services with a thirty (30) mile radius of the operational headquarters. Section 5-107 is similarly amended for law enforcements immediate transport to "an urgent recovery clinic" or to the nearest facility.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Law Enforcement/Mental Health Transport: SB 3 **b**y Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) and Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) amends transportation for mental health services by law enforcement act by allowing officers to use telemedicine to have a person assessed by a mental health professional. If the person needs initial assessment, emergency detention or protective custody from the initial point of contact the peace officer is responsible for transportation to the nearest facility, within a thirty (30) mile radius of the officer's operational headquarters. If there is no facility within these thirty (30) miles, transportation shall be completed by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or an entity contracted by the Department. Once an individual has been presented to the facility, by a transporting law enforcement officer, the transporting law enforcement agency shall be responsible for any subsequent transportation pending completion of the initial assessment, emergency detention, protective custody, or inpatient services within a thirty (30) mile radius of the operational headquarters.

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee today by a vote of 5 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Law Enforcement/Telemedicine: SB 7 by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) amends transportation for mental health services by law enforcement. This bill allows an officer to have the individual assessed by a licensed mental health professional or a community mental health center via telemedicine if such capability is available.

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee today by a vote of 5 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Law Enforcement/Sexual Assault: SB 16 by Sen. Kay Floyd (D-OKC) and Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) amends the Oklahoma Crime Victims Compensation Act to give the crime victims compensation board the power to have access to any written documentation included with sexual assault forensic evidence kit. For determining when a claim is timely filed for sexual assault, the board may use the date the forensic evidence was tested. The board may deny compensation to a victim of sexual assault if the victim did not get a forensic medical examination within one hundred twenty (120) hours.

The bill passed the House Judiciary – Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 8 to 0. 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 House Transportation Committee today by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Military Strategic Planning Commission/Sunset: SB 62 by Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) and Rep. Ken Luttrell (R-Ponca City) extends the sunset date of the Oklahoma Military Strategic Planning Commission from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2025.

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

Sales Tax Exemption/University Hospitals Trust: SB 79 by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) and Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) expands the current sales tax exemptions for the University Hospitals Trust by adding nonprofit entities which have entered into joint operating agreements with the Trust.

The bill passed the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 28 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Alcoholic Beverages/Underage: SB 283 by Sen. Michael Brooks (D-OKC) and Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) amends several sections of Title 37A impacting serving alcohol beverages and any controlled dangerous substances to individuals under age 21 and required attendance of a victim's impact panel. This includes amendments to 22 O.S. Section 991a.

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee today by a vote of 5 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Law Enforcement/Driving Revocations: SB 366 by Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) and Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) makes several changes to various section of law in Title 47 on revocation and restoring of driving privileges including administrative and legal actions, the Impaired Driver Accountability Program changes, and penalties. 47 O.S. Section 6-212.6 is repealed.

The bill passed the House Judiciary – Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full 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 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 House Transportation Committee today by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full 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 failed the House Judiciary – Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 4 to 4. The bill remains property of the committee.

Law Enforcement/Jury Duty: 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 House Judiciary – Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Aeronautics Commission/UAS: PCS 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 (UAS) 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 House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 27 to 1. The bill moves to the full 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 House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee today by a vote of 5 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Motor Vehicles/Weight & 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 in excess of the gross or axle weight limitation imposed by this section, shall upon conviction of a misdemeanor or assessment of an administrative penalty, by punished by a fine which is calculated based on the overweight of the vehicle.

The bill passed the House Transportation Committee today by a vote of 11 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

OK Employment Security Commission: SB 789 by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) and Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) amends the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission impacting funding. Changes are made to contribution rates and when a state of emergency is declared by the Governor authorization for the Commission to claim federal emergency relief funds made available to the state under conditions contained in the bill.

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

Firearms/Air Soft Pistols: SB 926 by Sen. Shane Jett (R-Shawnee) and Rep. Eric Roberts (R-OKC) authorizes municipalities to issue citations for discharging an air powered pistol or rifle if the projectile leaves the premises in an intentional or negligent manner to the individual or guardian of the individual who discharged the air powered pistol or rifle. Air powered rifle is any pistol or rifle that uses compressed air or other compressed gas to project plastic BB-like or pellet-like projectiles at a speed not exceeding four hundred (400) feet per second.

The bill passed the House Judiciary – Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 6 to 2. The bill moves to the full 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 and if so, 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 House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 22 to 6. The bill moves to the full House.

Tort Claims Act/Regional Transit Authorities: SB 967 by Rep. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) and Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) amends 51 O.S. Section 152 for purposes of the Governmental Tort Claims Act only, by adding a regional transportation authority created pursuant to 68 O.S. Section 1370.7 including its contract operator and any railroad operating in interstate commerce.

The bill passed the House Transportation Committee today by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Open Records/Personal Information: SB 970 by Sen. Kay Floyd (D-OKC) and Rep. Tammy Townley (R-Ardmore) amends what a "record" is not to include information provided for a license including personal address, phone number, electronic mail address or other contact information. The license shall be a public record. In addition, personnel records may be kept confidential "at the sole discretion of the public body". In addition, 51 O.S. Section 24A.10 is amended in Paragraph D by altering current language for public bodies that provide utility services to the public by substituting "may" for "shall" be keep confidential "and shall redact from any record, personal email addresses" and "any portion of any record that contains the name or any other identifier of the occupants of any residential structure." Public bodies that provide utility services to the public may keep confidential utility supply and utility equipment supply contracts for any industrial customer that meets the conditions in the bill.

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

Courier Application Services Act: SB 999 by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) is new law creating the Oklahoma Courier Application Services Act. Courier application services (CAS) means a business entity that uses a digital network to connect business entities including itself, its affiliates, or people to CAS drivers for providing courier services on an on-demand basis. Courier application service companies or courier application service drivers shall not be considered motor carriers of property, nor be considered for-hire motor carriers.

The bill passed the House Transportation Committee today by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full 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 House General Government Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Next Week at the Capitol

(As of time of distribution this is a list of the meetings that have been posted.)

Monday, March 29, 2021

House A&B – Health Subcommittee
9:00 a.m. in Room 450

Law Enforcement/Mental Health Evaluations: SB 87 by Sen. John Haste (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) amends 43A O.S. Section 3-328 regarding intoxicated persons who consent to help by adding an "evaluation" facility to current law. Those in possession of controlled dangerous substances or drug paraphernalia who consents to offered help may be taken to drug treatment centers, centers for substance abuse evaluations or other facilities.

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.

House A&B – Judiciary Subcommittee
9:00 a.m. in Room 206

Court Fines/Tax Intercept: SB 343 by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) and Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) amends 68 O.S. Section 205.2 impacting municipal court's collection of fines and costs via the Oklahoma Tax Commission. The bill adds clarifying language to include district court fines.

Senate Agriculture and Wildlife Committee
10:00 a.m. in Room 535

Sgt. Craig Johnson Metal Theft Act: HB 1001 by Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) and Sen. Chuck Hall (R-Perry) amends the Oklahoma Scrap Metal Dealers Act by adding/amending various definitions including "digital image", "exempted seller", "remote storage battery" and "scrap metal". In addition, changes are made to record keeping requirements including digital images, a minor is defined as "under the age of 16", the written declaration of ownership is enhanced, regulation for used motor vehicles in expanded, exemptions are added, and items forbidden for purchase are expanded including copper wire.

Home Bakery Act: HB 1032 by Rep. Garry Mize (R-Edmond) and Sen. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) creates 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.

Preemption/Agritourism: HB 1620 by Rep. Garry Mize (R-Edmond) and Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) prohibits any county, municipality, state agency or political subdivision from enacting or enforcing any ordinance, regulation or rule that bans the rights of Oklahomans to engage in agritourism activities. Agritourism activities shall only be engaged in a lawful manner, pursuant to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act and in compliance with the health and safety regulations, by the state and local governments.

House A&B – Public Safety Subcommittee
10:30 a.m. in Room 4s5

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 contains a penalty.

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.

House A&B – Natural Resources & Regulatory Services Subcommittee
11:00 a.m. in Room 5s2

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.

Senate Public Safety Committee
After Adjournment 1 in Room 230

Firearms/Background Checks: HB 1630 by Rep. David Hardin (R-Stilwell) and Sen. Dewayne Pemberton (R-Muskogee) amends various sections impacting firearms. This includes penalties, licenses, background checks and the like.

Law Enforcement/Arrests: HB 1684 by Rep. Jim Grego (R-Wilburton) and Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) amends 21 O.S. Section 974 adding to the duty of a police officer to file a report to the district attorney to see if an arrest is warranted for certain gambling offenses.

Drivers License/Revocation: HB 1795 by Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond) and Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) amends various sections of Title 47 impacting the suspension and revocation of drivers licenses including those under age 18 in 47 O.S. Section 6-107.1.

Law Enforcement/Driving Lanes: HB 2054 by Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) amends 47 O.S. Section 11-309 impacting the prohibition on driving in the left lane of a roadway. Not prohibited is driving in the left lane of a roadway within the city limits of a municipality "or upon a county road" as long as such roadway is not part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways "or a turnpike".

Law Enforcement/Victims' Rights Act: HB 2546 by Rep. Cyndi Munson (D-OKC) and Sen. Kay Floyd (D-OKC) is new law creating the Sexual Assault Victims' Right to Information Act impacting advocates, duties for medical facilities and law enforcement officers, information rights for victims including evidence and police reports and the like.

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.

House A&B – General Government Subcommittee
4:30 p.m. in Room 206

State Emergency Fund: SB 455 by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) and Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) 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.

Homeland Security Act/OEM: SB 488 by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) and Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) creates "within" the Oklahoma "Department of Emergency Management", the Office of Homeland Security.

First Responders/Funeral Expenses: SB 567 by Sen. Joe Newhouse (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Dean Davis (R-Broken Arrow) is new law establishing a program to help with funeral expenses to the National Guard, police, state troopers, firefighters and first responders who die in the line of duty while in response to state orders.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

House Elections and Ethics Committee
10:30 a.m. in Room 5s2

Elections/Declaration of Candidacy: SB 253 by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. Denise Crosswhite Hader (R-Yukon) amends 26 O.S. Section 5-111 altering the Declarations of Candidacy form by adding required information including voter registration data and "current political" party affiliation.

Preemption/Election Dates: SB 347 by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) and Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) is new law prohibiting political subdivisions from scheduling a regular or special election conducted by a county election board on the second Tuesday of December 2021 or the second Tuesday of January 2022.

Preemption/Election Procedures: SB 523 by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) and Rep. Mark Lepak (R-Claremore) provides that no political subdivision or officer of this state shall enter into a legal agreement or court settlement that prescribes election procedures that conflict with procedures prescribed by the Legislature in statute.

House Public Safety Committee
10:30 a.m. in Room 4s5

Law Enforcement/Doxing Officers: SB 6 by Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) and Rep. Josh West (R-Grove) is a 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.

Law Enforcement/Speeding Tickets: SB 10 by Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) and Rep. Dick Lowe (R-Amber) amends speed restrictions on county roads and highways by removing the expiration date of 2022 for the fine for speeding structure and makes the current fine structure permanent. Additionally, the provisions in section 2 were set to expire on November 1, 2020. This expiration is repealed, and no expiration is put in place.

Law Enforcement/Public Safety Awards: SB 365 by Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) and Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) creates the Oklahoma Distinguished Meritorious Service Medal for extended exemplary service to the state for serious line of duty injuries for law enforcement and public safety members employed by the state, political subdivisions and federal agencies working in Oklahoma.

Municipal Operation/Disruption: SB 403 by Sen. Brenda Stanley (R-OKC) and Rep. Robert Manger (R-OKC) amends 21 O.S. Section 280 making it unlawful to willfully disturb, interfere or disrupt business of any political subdivision, which includes publicly posted meetings or any employee, agent, official or representative of a political subdivision. It is also unlawful to willfully refuse to disperse or leave any property, building or structure owned, leased, or occupied by any political subdivision or its employees after proper notice by peace officer or security personnel.

Law Enforcement/Sanctuary City: 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.

Firearms/2nd Sanctuary State Act: SB 631 by Sen. Warren Hamilton (R-McCurtain) and Rep. David Hardin (R-Stilwell) 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.

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.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

House Technology Committee
10:30 a.m. in Room 5s2

Law Enforcement/Kelsey Smith Act: PCS SB 272 by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) creates the Kelsey Smith Act. The new law regulating law enforcement requests to wireless telecommunications carrier to prove call location information to respond to emergencies. If call location information is provided to a law enforcement agency, notice shall be given to the user within thirty (30) days after the call for emergency services or the emergencies. The bill gives duties to the OSBI including rulemaking and authorizes the carrier to establish protocols and must maintain a database containing emergency contact information that must be made available upon request of any law enforcement agency of this state.

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).

House Judiciary – Criminal Committee
10:30 a.m.in Room 206

Courts/Anna McBride Act: SB 50 by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) and Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) amends 22 O.S. Section 472 requiring any criminal case be cross-referenced to a mental health court case file by the court clerk if the case is subsequently assigned to a mental health court program.

Public Trusts/Governance: SB 88 by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) and Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) amends several sections of Title 60 public trusts including the repeal of 60 O.S. Section 178.2. Included are amendments in Section 176 impacting bonds sold upon open competitive public offering, Section 180 termination of a trust by the "approval of a majority of the" governing body of the beneficiary and Section 180.1 audit requirements for trusts with "assets or revenues more than Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) or with outstanding debt obligations" and exemptions from audit requirements.

Law Enforcement/Impaired Driving: SB 367 by Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) and Rep. Chris Kannady

(R-OKC) mends 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.

Firearms: 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.

Firearms: 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. T