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**The Good and the Bad Egg - Committee Work a Mixed Basket**

After several failed attempts to amend [SB 838](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. Jadine Nollan (R-Sand Springs), the Public Safety District bill is one step closer to reality. The amendments offered would have put a five (5) year sunset on the question passed by the voters in the municipality, added a new exemption to include farm supply stores, and prohibited cities and towns from the ability to reduce funding of any public safety budget by less than the amount funded or appropriated in prior years. Rep. Nollan was outstanding in shutting all the amendments down.

This bill is new law creating the Oklahoma Public Safety Protection District Act via a 60% vote of the people with management and budget oversight vested within the existing administration of the municipal government. The District is funded with an annual assessment no greater than five (5) mills on the dollar of assessed value used for the operation and maintenance of the District including numerous related expenses including public safety equipment and vehicles, salaries and benefits for law enforcement, fire protection and emergency medical services and costs related to fire and police operations. The bill passed the House General Government Committee yesterday by a vote of 8 to 0.

Another preemption bill squeaked by committee yesterday, [SB 939](#) by Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) and Rep. John Pfieffer (R-Mulhall), amends 50 O.S. Section 16 creating an exception for critical infrastructure sectors from a municipality's nuisance laws. Critical infrastructure sectors are defined and include agriculture and oil and gas operations to name a few. In addition, these operations must be in compliance with, or actions are consistent with government rules, guidelines or laws applicable to their sector. On its first attempt in the House Rules Committee, the bill failed by a vote of 4 to 4. They brought in the Speaker Pro Tempore Terry O'Donnell (R-Catoosa) to break the tie vote and it passed 5 to 4.

OML is currently trying to work with industry to address our concerns. However, be on the lookout for an Alert if our concerns are not accepted.

## BILLS ON THE MOVE

**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 is expanded, exemptions are added, and items forbidden for purchase are expanded including copper wire.

The bill passed the Senate Agriculture & Wildlife Committee on Monday by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Criminal Procedure/Violation:** [HB 1022](#) by Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) amends 22 O.S. 1115.1A by impacting the citation form. This amendment provides that if the person pays the fines and costs but does not include a written plea of guilty or nolo contendere shall constitute a plea of nolo contendere entered by the defendant and shall function as a written, dated, and signed citation form acceptable to the court.

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

**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.

The bill passed the Senate Agriculture & Wildlife Committee on Monday by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Corporations and Partnerships:** [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 Appropriations Committee on Wednesday with the title restored by a vote of 20 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Broadband Deployment Grant/Commerce:** [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 Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 20 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Aquarium:** [HB 1566](#) by Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) and Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) amends 68 O.S. Section s1354 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 Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 20 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**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.

The bill passed the Senate Agriculture & Wildlife Committee on Monday by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**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.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 9 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 Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 15 to 4. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**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.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 10 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Interlocal Cooperatives:** [HB 1789](#) by Rep. Daniel Pae (R-Lawton) and Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) amends 61 O.S. Section 103 providing local governmental units or local governmental units cooperating under any interlocal cooperative agreement may create a purchasing cooperative or to contract with a purchasing cooperative. Any such cooperative or interlocal cooperative entity may utilize a single legal newspaper to serve as the sufficient compliance for bid notice requirements of competitive bidding or solicitation of bids. If the purchasing cooperative or interlocal cooperative is engaging in a project exclusive to a county or a group of counties of this state, and not open to all governmental units or public trusts that wish to participate statewide, the bid notice shall be published in a legal newspaper located within the county or group of counties.

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

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

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday with the enacting clause stricken by a vote

of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Broadband:** [HB 2040](#) by Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) amends 68 O.S. Section 1357 creating a new sales tax exemption for the sale, lease, rental, storage, use or other consumption of qualifying broadband equipment by providers of Internet service or subsidiaries if the property is directly used or consumed by the provider or subsidiary in or during the distribution of broadband Internet service. This exemption shall be administered as a rebate. The bill contains details on the rebate including when it is triggered, the claim process, which purchases qualify, limitations and the like.

The bill passed the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday with the title stricken by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**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”.

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

**Law Enforcement/Disposal of Property:** [PCS HB 2225](#) by Rep. Anthony Moore (R-Clinton) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) amends 11 O.S. Section 34-104 regarding disposal of personal property or money or legal tender which has come into the possession of the municipal police department. Among the changes is notice to the property owner, requiring a court to determine the property is no longer needed to be held as evidence of for any purpose in connection to litigation, requiring the

municipality, not the police chief to file a district court application to conduct a sale, as well as additional procedures for court action, plus notice requirements by the municipality.

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

**Workers’ Compensation/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 Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 5 to 3. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Roadway/Solicitation:** [HB 2238](#) by Rep. Stan May (R-Broken Arrow) amends and Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) 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 Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 13 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

**Firefighter Pensions:** [HB 2278](#) by Rep. Josh West (R-Grove) and Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) amends the Firefighter Pension System by altering distributions under 11 O.S. Sections 49-106 and 49-106.1. Provision is made for distributions for individuals seventy and one-half (70 ½) and age seventy-two (72).

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

**Criminal Procedure/Recognizance Bonds:** [HB 2295](#) by Rep. Dustin Roberts (R-Durant) and Sen. James



Leewright (R-Bristow) amends criminal procedure in several sections of Title 22 including bailable offenses and personal recognizance bonds and the like.

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

**Public Buildings/Design Build:** [HB 2402](#) by Rep. Todd Russ (R-Cordell) and Sen. Darcy Jech (R-Kingfisher) is new law authorizing “design-build” as a project delivery method for public water supply and wastewater treatment facilities and wastewater collection systems. Rulemaking by the Department of Environmental Quality is authorized as well as utilizing not more than five (5) pilot programs.

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

**Police Pensions:** [HB 2457](#) by Rep. Mike Dobrinski (R-Okeene) and Sen. Marty Quinn (R-Claremore) amends the Police Pension System impacting the commencement of distribution of an accrued retirement benefit. New provision is made for a member who attains age seventy and one-half (70 ½) and age seventy-two (72).

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

**Police Pension Act:** [HB 2499](#) by 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 Senate Retirement & Insurance Committee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**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.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full 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 Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday with the enacting clause stricken by a vote of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Law Enforcement/Jury Duty:** [HB 2746](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Joe Newhouse (R-Broken Arrow) provides that municipal or state law enforcement officers employed in any county with a population of 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 Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full 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. Each party may select an observer of counting the ballots cast. 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. No election shall be conducted in any bargaining unit which, in the preceding twelve-month period, a valid election has been held.

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

**Public Competitive Bidding/Increased Limits:** [HB 2862](#) by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) and Sen. Dewayne Pemberton (R-Muskogee) amends various bid amounts for public construction contracts in several Sections in Title 61. The threshold for public construction contracts from Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) but keeps the threshold at Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for construction management trade contracts or subcontracts, and contracts under One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) would be let and awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or awarded on basis of competitive quotes. The limit on construction contracts that may be negotiated with a qualified contractor is raised from Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). The limit on contracts for right-of-way clearance to not be considered construction contracts and required to be open for bidding is raised from Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). The limit on contracts under an emergency authority declared by the governing body of a public agency is raised from Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000).

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

**Telecommunications/Broadband:** [HB 2928](#) by Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) is new law impacting rural broadband. The bill requires private providers of broadband to submit to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Rural Broadband Expansion

Council the broadband network area coverage map data required to be submitted to the FCC. The map must be updated with disclosure and reporting requirements.

The bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 12 to 1. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**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.

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

**Law Enforcement/Domestic Violence:** [SB 17](#) by Sen. Kay Floyd (D-OKC) and Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) requires officers during a preliminary investigation of a domestic violence crime to use questions provided on a lethality assessment form available on the Attorney General's website. If the assessment indicates a referral is suggested, the assessing officer shall implement the protocol referral process to a domestic violence advocate from a certified or tribal program. Included is advising the victim the results of the assessment and calling the domestic violence hotline for the victim. If the victim does not want to speak with an advocate, the officer shall document the refusal. Regardless of the results of the lethality assessment, referral information for shelters, domestic violence programs and other social services shall be provided to the victim.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Tort Claims Act/Political Subdivision:** [SB 28](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Josh West (R-Grove) amends the Governmental Tort Claims Act by adding to the definition of a political subdivision. Included is a substate planning district, regional council of government or other entity created via 74 O.S. Section 1001 and following.

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

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

**Law Enforcement/Failure to Appear:** [SB 44](#) by Sen. Carri Hicks (D-OKC) and Rep. Judd Strom (R-Copan) amends 22 O.S. Section 209 the duties of a law enforcement officer who has arrested a person on a misdemeanor charge or violation of city ordinance, without a warrant. Added to current law is dismissal if upon failure to appear the person can show the court that he/she was incarcerated or otherwise detailed by law enforcement at the time of the failure to appear.

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee on Thursday by a vote of 3 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**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.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**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.

The bill passed the House A&B - Health Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**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.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Public Notice/Affidavit of 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 House Judiciary - Civil Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Performance-Based Efficiency Contracts:** [SB 91](#) by Sen. Chuck Hall (R-Perry) and Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) amends 61 O.S. Section 212 creating the method for calculating cost savings attributable to performance-based efficiency contracts. The public entity may consider capital cost avoidance and include additional revenue that is directly attributed to the contract.

The bill passed the House Government Modernization & Efficiency Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Firearms/Self-Defense Act:** [SB 106](#) by Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) and Rep. Terry O'Donnell (R-Catoosa) makes several changes to the Self-Defense Act including licenses and applications, background checks and the like.

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

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

The bill passed the House A&B - Finance & Revenue Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

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

The bill passed the House A&B - Finance & Revenue Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**DEQ/Air Curtain Incinerators:** [SB 246](#) by Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) and Rep. Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) authorizes DEQ to require using air curtain incinerators for fires purposely set for land clearing operations or burning of clean wood waste or yard brush. The bill reduces the current population for a metropolitan statistical area from nine hundred thousand (900,000) to five hundred thousand (500,000).

The bill passed the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**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.

The bill passed the House Elections and Ethics Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 5 to 2. The bill moves to the full 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 House A&B - Finance & Revenue Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**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.

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

**Public Nuisance/Contact Information:** [SB 277](#) by Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) and Rep. Daniel Pae (R-Lawton) amends 11 O.S. Section 22-110.1 authorizing municipalities to gather contact information for persons responsible for emergency contracts and property maintenance for addressing public nuisances, dilapidated properties, or other unlawful conduct in accordance with their general police powers. Also, contact information is authorized for those who receive notice and service of process for impacted property. A fee may not be collected by the municipality and the information must be kept confidential by municipalities and not subject to disclosure under the Open Records Act.

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

**Finance/Investments:** [SB 281](#) by Sen. Marty Quinn (R-Claremore) and Rep. Terry O'Donnell (R-Catoosa) amends 62 O.S. Sections 348.1 and 348.3 authorizing municipal investments in investment grade obligations of this state.

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

**Workers' Compensation/Compensable Injury:** [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 House Rules Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 6 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

**Court Costs/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.

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

**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, the second Tuesday of January 2022 or the first Tuesday of March 2022.

The bill passed the House Elections and Ethics Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full 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 House Judiciary - Civil Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**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.

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

**Preemption/Religious Entities:** [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.

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

**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.

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

**Unified State Law Enforcement Commission:** [SB 371](#) by Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) 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 House A&B Committee on Wednesday with the title and enacting clause stricken by a vote of 24 to 7. The bill moves to the full House.

**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.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full 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 House A&B - Health Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 6 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**Solid Waste Management/Recycled Products:** [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 House Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 11 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**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.

The bill passed the House A&B - General Government Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**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.

The bill passed the House A&B - General Government Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**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.

The bill passed the House Elections and Ethics Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 6 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**Workers' Compensation/Underwriting and 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 House Insurance Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 8 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 passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 8 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

**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.

The bill passed the House A&B - General Government Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**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 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 House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

**Preemption/Trafficking Fetal Body Parts:** [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 House Public Health Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 8 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

**Preemption/Employment Training:** [SB 627](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) and Rep. Danny Williams (R-Seminole) is new law prohibiting a public body from conducting any form of gender or sexual diversity training or counseling. The bill denies any source of public funding to any public body that violates this law. A public body is not prohibited

from conducting sexual harassment prevention training. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any public body shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of the act, and the application of such provision to other public bodies shall not be affected thereby.

The bill passed the House General Government Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 6 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

**Firearms/Preemption:** [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 House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

**Firearms/Municipal Employee Carry:** [PCS 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 House County & Municipal Government Committee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

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



The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full 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 House Health Services & Long-Term Services Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 5 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**OTX/Tax Amnesty Program:** [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 House A&B – Finance & Revenue Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 2. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**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.

The bill passed the House Judiciary – Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 8 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

**County Boards of Health:** [SB 736](#) by Sen. Chris Kidd (R-Waurika) and Rep. Marcus McEntire (R-Duncan) amends in various ways 63 O.S. Sections 1-202, 1-205 and 1-208 impacting health districts of

multiple county health departments operating under agreements to share resources.

The bill passed the House County & Municipal Government Committee on Monday by a vote of 7 to 3. The bill moves to the full House.

**Law Enforcement/Immigration:** [SB 781](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) and Rep. Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) requiring law enforcement to hold prisoners and comply with requests made in immigration detainers issued by the U.S. Government.

The bill passed the House Rules Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 7 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**OESC:** [SB 794](#) by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) and Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) makes several changes to the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. This includes e-file preference for filing, providing digital portals for claims, nonprofit employers, discharge for misconduct seasonal workers, notices, judicial review wrongful disclosure of information and the like.

The bill passed the House Government Modernization & Efficiency Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 8 to 1. The bill moves to the full 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 passed the House Technology Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 6 to 0. The bill moves to the full 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 House A&B - Public Safety Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 5 to 1. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

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

The bill passed the House General Government Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 6 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**Law Enforcement/Support:** [SB 834](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) is new law authorizing municipalities to adopt ordinances enabling the painting of blue lines on streets and posting signage to express support for law enforcement.

The bill passed the House County & Municipal Government Committee on Monday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Law Enforcement/Crisis Intervention Training:** [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 House Public Health Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

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

The bill passed the House Public Health Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**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.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 8 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

**Quality Jobs Act:** [SB 936](#) by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) and Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) amends the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act in a variety of ways including several repealed statutes. Political subdivisions are authorized to apply for and receive payments for attracting and developing certain federal facilities and consequent job creation and ancillary economic growth. Among

the many alterations are extensive changes to definitions, utilization of compound net benefits rate, eliminating some quarterly incentive payments, modifying wage requirements and average working hours and the like.

The bill passed the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 27 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

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

The bill passed the House General Government Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 6 to 2. The bill moves to the full 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 House Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Workers' Compensation/Open 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 House Judiciary - Civil Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**OWRB/Permits:** [PCS 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 House Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 12 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, April 5, 2021**

**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 a number of 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.

**House Banking, Financial Services &  
Pensions Committee**  
**3:00 p.m. in Room 5s2**

**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 30 years of service if the officer has more than 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.”

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

**Senate Judiciary Committee**  
**10:30 a.m. in Room 4s9**

**Firearms/Self Defense:** [PCS HB 1662](#) by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) amends provisions on use of defensive force in various ways including court proceedings, burden of proof and the like.

**Racketeering:** [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.

**Juvenile Detention Centers:** [PCS HB 2311](#) by Rep. Mark Lawson (R-Sapulpa) and Sen. John Haste (R-Broken Arrow) amends various sections of Title 10A impacting detention of juveniles in adult facilities, juveniles sentenced as adults, prohibitions, and

exceptions, required process, findings and factors for the court and the like.

**Open Meetings/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.

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

**House Business and Commerce Committee**  
**9:00 a.m. in Room 206**

**Scrap Metal Dealers Act:** [SB 1](#) by Sen. Chuck Hall (R-Perry) and Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) amends the Scrap Metal Dealers Act and names it after Sergeant Craig Johnson. The bill requires the scrap metal dealer to take a picture of the items purchased and the person selling the items. Other changes in the bill include the types of accepted proof of ownership are expanded, the process for the purchase of a vehicle by the scrap metal dealer is changed, and the prohibition against certain copper sales is eliminated.

**Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act:** [SB 71](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Kevin McDugle (R-Tulsa) amends the Oklahoma Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act in several ways. Included is altering the current duties of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce (enhanced rulemaking including new reporting requirements involving capital investment and changes in assessed value of a project) and the Oklahoma Tax Commission (removing maintenance of records of income tax credits and new duties).

**OUBCC:** [SB 148](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. Sheila Dills (R-Tulsa) amends the Uniform Building Code Commission by adding two new board members, adding a member who is a licensed electrical engineer from a state-recognized professional engineering firm and a member who is



a licensed mechanical engineer from a state-recognized professional engineering firm.

**Preemption/Home Based Business Act:** [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.

**Electrical Licensing Act:** [SB 317](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) and Rep. Lonnie Smith (R-Jenks) amends various sections of Title 59 and the Electrical License Act by adding a definition and regulation for “student electrical intern”. 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.

**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.

**MM/Safety Sensitive Positions:** [SB 459](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) and Rep. Ty Burns (R-Morrison) amends the Standards for Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Act in a variety of ways. Included is coverage of volunteers in a safety-sensitive position with changes made to several definitions, alterations to marijuana statutes for applicants for safety sensitive positions, a new definition of “employee” regarding drug or alcohol testing policy and adding law enforcement duties to the definition of safety-sensitive.

**Senate Rules Committee**  
**9:00 a.m. in Room 535**

**Municipal Campaign Finance:** [HB 2193](#) by 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).