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### **Deadline is Up as OML Defeats Several Bills This Week**

The legislative deadline to hear bills in the opposite chamber's committee is today but not without a fight this week on several bills. Thank you so much for reaching out to your legislators when the Action Alerts went out! Because of you we were successful in defeating several bills that were detrimental to cities and towns this week, but we still have more work to do.

**SB 316** by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Kevin McDugle (R-Tulsa) was laid over in the House Business & Commerce Committee on Wednesday. Rep. McDugle presented the bill in committee and then laid it over. The bill would have created home-based businesses without requiring a permit, license, variance, or other type of prior approval.

**SB 682** by Sen. Greg McCortney (R-Ada) and Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) was defeated in the House Public Safety Committee by a vote of 4 to 5. This bill would have altered the composition of the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training by removing the municipal appointment and giving the county sheriff's four (4) appointments on the board.

**SB 994** by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) prohibited private property from being taken or damaged by a condemning authority unless the taking or damage is necessary for public use and with just compensation. The bill also amended the definitions of abandoned property and blighted property. The bill was laid over in the House Judiciary - Civil Committee on Tuesday.

OML's good faith attempt to work with industry has failed. **SB 939** by Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) and Rep. John Pfiesser (R-Mulhall). The bill creates an exception for critical infrastructure sectors from a municipality's nuisance laws. Critical infrastructure sectors are defined and include nuclear generation and waste, chemical manufacturing, 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. This section is vague and appears to point towards unknown regulations as municipal law cannot supersede state statute for under nuisance laws.

## **BILLS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR STITT**

**Military Strategic Planning Commission:** [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 was signed on Wednesday. It has an emergency clause, so the effective date of the bill is April 7, 2021.

**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 was signed on Wednesday. The effective date of this bill is November 1, 2021.

## **BILLS ON THE MOVE**

**CLEET/Technology Centers:** [HB 1026](#) by Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) and Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) allows CLEET to use State sponsored technology center schools for additional law enforcement and criminal justice programs for teaching students between 16 and 19 years of age.

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

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

This bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee today by a vote of 10 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**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.

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

**Sales Tax Exemption/Agriculture:** [HB 1682](#) by Rep. Jim Grego (R-Wilburton) and Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) changes the application for an agricultural exception permit in 68 O.S. Section 1358.1, Paragraph D, by creating an exception. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall not require any person to provide Schedule F, or a copy of Schedule F, or any equivalent form, with respect to a federal income tax return to obtain any proof of eligibility for the exemptions authorized by 68 O.S. Sections 1358 or 1358.1.

The bill failed in the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday for failure to receive a second on a "do pass" motion. The bill will remain property of the committee unless it gets reassigned.

**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 \$5,000.

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/Traffic Signals:** [HB 1770](#) by Rep. Mike Dobrinski (R-Kingfisher) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) is new law which provides exceptions for bicyclists at traffic-control devices. This includes a new definition of "immediate

hazard”, applicable hand signals for bicyclists, new crimes for throwing objects at any person riding a bicycle, equine or animal-drawn vehicle and a prohibition of motorists use of his/her horn.

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

**Drivers’ License/Revocation:** [HB 1795](#) by Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond) and Sen. Kim David (R-Porter) amends 47 O.S. Sections 6-206 and 6-212 impacting the suspension and revocation of drivers licenses including duties of the Department of Public Safety, payment plans provisional licenses and fines.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Juveniles/Expungement:** [HB 1799](#) by Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond) and Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) amends 10A O.S. Section 2-6-109 regarding expungement of juvenile court records including qualifications, definitions, and procedures.

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

**Sales Tax Exemption/Construction Materials:** [HB 1935](#) by Rep. Ryan Martinez (R-Edmond) and Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) adds a sales tax exemption for sales of supplies and materials to tax exempt Section 501(c)(3) organizations whose primary purpose is to construct or remodel and sell

affordable housing and provide homeownership education to residents as defined in the bill.

The bill passed as [amended](#) in the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 13 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**CIB/Mechanical Licensing Act:** [PCS HB 2007](#) by Rep. Tammy Townley (R-Ardmore) and Sen. Cody Rogers (R-Tulsa) impacts the Construction Industries Board’s licensing of a registered apprentice working under the supervision of a mechanical contractor.

This bill passed with the title stricken the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee today by a vote of 9 to 4. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Broadband Equipment:** [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 Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 20 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Rural Areas/ODOT:** [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 Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 14 to 5. The bill moves to the full Senate.

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

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

**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.

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

**Insurance/Interlocal Entity:** [PCS HB 2120](#) by Rep. Marcus McEntire (R-Duncan) and Sen. John Montgomery (R-Lawton) amends 36 O.S. Section 607.1 impacting an Interlocal Entity that insures an Oklahoma educational institution. Changes are made to current law and new law regulates any insurer that the Insurance Commissioner has “substantial evidence” to believe is insolvent or the

condition of the insurer renders the continuance of its business hazardous to the public or to holders of its policies or certificates of insurance or if an insurer has exceeded its powers or fails to comply with laws of this state.

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

**Municipal Campaign Finance:** [HB 2193](#) by Rep. Preston Stinson (R-Edmond) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) required the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act to apply to any candidate for municipal office or any elected municipal official who accepted or expended over Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). Rep. Bergstrom offered an amendment that was accepted removing such language and therefore gutting the bill.

The bill passed as [amended](#) the Senate Rules Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 12 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 Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 14 to 6. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Cap on Medical Marijuana Businesses Act of 2021:** [PCS HB 2272](#) by Rep. Josh West (R-Grove) and Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) requires any applicant seeking licensure as a medical marijuana dispensary, processor or commercial grower to attest under penalty of perjury to any foreign financial interest in the medical marijuana business operation and shall disclose the identity of such ownership, if applicable. The attestation is required to be made to OBNDD within sixty (60) days after approval of the application for a medical marijuana



business license by OMMA. Failure to submit the attestation or accompanying information to OBNDD with the sixty (60) day period results in immediate suspension of the medical marijuana business license.

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

**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.

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

**Vaccination:** [HB 2335](#) by Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) and Sen. Shane Jett (R-Shawnee) is new law prohibiting a state agency from enacting any vaccination requirement for any member of the general public. Specifically excluded from the definition of "state agency" is any county, municipality, or public trust as well as any hospital or health care facility owned by the state or any county, municipality or public trust.

The bill passed the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on Monday by a vote of 6-5. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Riot Control and Prevention Act:** [HB 2336](#) by Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) and Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) makes various changes to the Oklahoma Riot Control and Prevention Act regarding the Governor's authority during the existence of a state of emergency.

The bill passed the Senate Rules Committee with the enacting clause stricken on Wednesday by a vote of 10 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**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.

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

**Firearms:** [HB 2645](#) by Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) amends several sections impacting unlawful carry of firearms. This includes transportation and locations where liquor is consumed. In addition, there are several amendments to 21 O.S. Section 1277 impacting property set aside by political subdivisions and public trusts for an event that is secured with minimum-security provisions including specific security fences, controlled access points and metal detectors and the like. Provision is also made for public property set aside temporarily for an event without minimum-security provisions, expansion of lawful carry on "public" property on "streets, plazas, sidewalks, alleys" as designated by "statute, ordinance, resolution, policy or use" with open carry authorized at a municipal zoo or park with the permission from the public trust or nonprofit entity. The bill contains additional changes to firearm statutes including several alterations to definitions, notifying law enforcement of a firearm including the addition of "state photo identification card, driver license or valid" handgun license and the like.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Medical Marijuana/Omnibus:** [HB 2646](#) by Rep. Jon Echols (R-OKC) and Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) is a comprehensive bill of over 100 pages amending a number of 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, 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 as [amended](#) the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 19 to 1. 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 Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 17 to 2. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Law Enforcement/Immigration:** [HB 2774](#) by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) and Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) impacts immigration in the context of sheriffs, jailers, prison keepers and their deputies in 57 O.S. Section 16a involving regulation of immigration detainer requests and new law impacting law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement has duties if they have custody of a person subject to an immigration detainer request including complying with the request, duties to inform the individual with exclusions for citizens of the U.S.

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

**Universal Licensing Recognition Act:** [HB 2873](#) by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) and Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) is new law creating the Universal Licensing Recognition Act which includes reciprocity, licensing requirements, residency requirements and the like.

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

**Sales Tax Exemption/University Hospital Trusts:** [HB 2874](#) by Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) and Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) expands the sales tax exemption for University Hospitals Trusts.

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/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 with the title stricken the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 20 to 0. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**Economic Development/Department of Commerce: [HB 2929](#)** by Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Sen. Pro Tempore Greg Treat (R-OKC) is new law requiring the Department of Commerce to post on its website information related to its business recruiting efforts with an emphasis on possible business site location or relocation decisions within the state. Included is information organized by county indicating active projects updated no less often than every 30 days. A county, city or town, or instrumentalities, authorities, agents, or other authorized persons acting on behalf of a county, city or town, may submit an application for economic development-related services that might be offered to a prospective business enterprise.

This bill passed the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee today by a vote of 11 to 3. The bill moves to the full Senate.

**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.

The bill passed the House Business and Commerce Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 8 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**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).

The bill passed the House Business and Commerce Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 8 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

**Law Enforcement/Mental Health Diversion: [SB 87](#)** by Sen. John Haste (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) amends 43A O.S. Section 3-428 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 Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 33 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**OMPA: [SB 118](#)** by Sen. Chuck Hall (R-Perry) and Rep. Mike Osburn (R-Edmond) amends the Open Meeting Act authorizing the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority to hold an executive session for discussing security plans and procedures including, but not limited to, cybersecurity matters. Similar language is added to the Open Records Act in 51 O.S. Section 24A.28 authorizing that applicable records may be kept confidential.

The bill passed the House Government Modernization and Efficiency Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**OMPA/Information/Technology Consolidation Act:** [SB 123](#) by Sen. Chuck Hall (R-Perry) and Rep. Mike Osburn (R-Edmond) amends the Information Technology Consolidation and Coordination Act by adding the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority to the definition of “state agency”.

The bill passed the House Utilities Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 6 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**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.

The bill passed the House Business and Commerce Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Electric Bicycles:** [SB 184](#) by Sen. Carri Hicks (D-OKC) and Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) amends 47 O.S. Section 11-1209 impacting electric-assisted bicycles including the creation of Class 3 bicycles regulating speed.

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 8 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

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

The bill passed the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 28 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

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

The bill passed the House A&B – Finance – Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

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

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

**Sales Tax Exemption/City-County Libraries:** [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 Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 33 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Interlocal Cooperative Agreements:** [SB 299](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Mark Lepak (R-Claremore) amends 61 O.S. Section 139 in several ways including for any public agency participating in a cooperative or piggybacking purchasing agreement for “public” construction “contract” with other public “agencies, public agency” procurement units or external procurement units. Any public agency that purchases commodities and services including public construction contracts under this section satisfies the requirement of the public agency to seek competitive bids or proposals for purchase of commodities and services including public construction contracts, provided that the public



agency procurement unit or external procurement unit satisfied the laws of its jurisdiction in procurement of the contract. Public agency's definition is enlarged, a new definition is added for "public agency procurement unit" and revisions to definitions of external procurement unit and cooperative or piggybacking purchasing agreement are revised.

The bill passed with the title stricken the House Rules Committee today by a vote of 9 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

**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.

The bill passed the House Business and Commerce Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 9 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**Self-Insurance Guaranty Fund:** [SB 330](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) amends the Self-insurance Guaranty Fund by removing current law requiring the Tax Commission to determine the fund balance and advise the Workers' Compensation Commission.

The bill passed the House Government Modernization and Efficiency Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Cemeteries:** [SB 335](#) by Sen. Roland Pederson (R-Burlington) and Rep. Carl Newton (R-Woodward) is new law authorizing cemeteries, after a reasonable search for heirs, to determine unused burial sites as abandoned and the ownership of the site shall revert to the private or public cemetery. Certified letters or publication in a newspaper is required in addition

to no recorded activity on the burial space for 75 years.

The bill passed the House County and Municipal Government Committee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

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

The bill failed the House A&B Public Safety Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 4 to 5. The bill is dead for this session.

**Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing:** [SB 355](#) by Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) and Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) is new law creating extensive regulation for the new Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act. This program means a business platform that connects vehicle owners with drivers to enable the sharing of vehicles for financial consideration and does not include a business of renting motor vehicles without drivers under 47 O.S. Section 8-101 or service providers who are solely providing hardware or software as a service to a person or entity that is not effectuating payment of financial consideration for use of a shared vehicle. This program shall not be considered a "transportation network company" as defined in 47 O.S. Section 1011. In addition to several sections of new law several Title 47 statutes are amended.

The bill passed the House Business and Commerce Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

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

company and between a parent company and its wholly owned subsidiary.

The bill passed the House A&B – Finance – Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**Sales and Use Tax/Computer and Telecommunications Equipment:** [SB 409](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) amends 68 O.S. Sections 54003 and 54004 exempting from taxes levied in 68 O.S. Sections 1354 and Section 1402 qualified purchases “made after July 1, 1992, and before January 1, 2022”. The bill also limits qualified purchases as defined in 68 O.S. Section 54002 made after July 1, 1992 “and before January 1, 2022”.

The bill passed the House A&B – Finance – Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Manufacturing:** [SB 411](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) amends 68 O.S. Section 1359 deleting current language in paragraph 7 from the sales tax exemption for manufacturing or distribution facilities.

The bill passed the House A&B – Finance – Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Veteran Registration:** [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 Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 32 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Oklahoma Quality Events Incentive Act:** [SB 431](#) by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) and Rep. Jeff Boatman (R-Tulsa) amends the Oklahoma Quality

Events Incentive Act by extending the effective date from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2026 and requiring an economic impact study. Timeframes in current law for the host community completing required duties are altered.

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

**Preemption/Photo Monitoring:** [SB 441](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) is new law prohibit the state and political subdivisions from contracting with any private corporation to provide for use of any photo monitoring device to detect any traffic control signal violation.

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

**Medical Marijuana/Penalties:** [SB 445](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) and Rep. David Hardin (R-Stilwell) amends marijuana penalties in 63 O.S. Section 427.6 by adding “in addition to any other penalties provided under the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act” to the penalty section for impermissible diversion of marijuana, concentrate, or products by a patient or caregiver to an unauthorized person. The bill clarifies the fines are “administrative” fines.

The bill passed with the title stricken the House Alcohol, Tobacco and Controlled Substances Committee today by a vote of 7 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

**Law Enforcement/Open Records Act:** [SB 457](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Terry O’Donnell (R-Catoosa) adds unmanned aircraft audio and video recordings and audio and video recordings from any other source to records that must be disclosed under the Open Records Act.

The bill passed the House Rules Committee on Tuesday with the title and enacting clause stricken by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

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

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

**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.

The bill passed the House Business and Commerce Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Homeland Security Act/Dept. of Emergency Management:** [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 Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 33 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Alcoholic Beverages/Events:** [SB 499](#) by Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) and Rep. Marcus McEntire (R-Duncan) amends the alcoholic beverage tax impacting catering events, public events and special events.

The bill passed the House A&B - Finance - Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**TIF Reporting:** [PCS SB 500](#) by Sen. Mary Boren (D-Norman) and Rep. Dick Lowe (R-Amber) amends 62 O.S. Section 861 by requiring governing bodies of any city, town or county to prepare a disclosure report for any tax incentives financing district and any tax increment financing district established by the body if the district has been operation for at least 12 months. Beginning January 1, 2022, the report shall be published on the city, town, or county's website by June 30 of each year and include certain information for the prior fiscal year.

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

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

The bill passed the House Alcohol, Tobacco and Controlled Substances Committee today by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Law Enforcement/Reward:** [SB 564](#) by Sen. Chuck Hall (R-Perry) and Rep. Garry Mize (R-Edmond) amends 19 O.S. Section 455 impacting county reward fund for the arrest and conviction "or plea agreement", or for evidence leading to the arrest and conviction "or plea agreement" of any person stealing or defacing county road signs or any other county property. The bill creates criteria in determining the amount of the reward and provides that all claims relating to a conviction or plea

agreement shall be considered together by the board of county commissioners and local law enforcement.

The bill passed the House County and Municipal Government Committee on Monday by a vote of 7 to 1. 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 Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 32 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

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

The bill passed the House County and Municipal Government Committee on Monday by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

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

The bill passed the House A&B – Select Agencies Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 6 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**Aeronautics Commission/Unmanned Aircraft Systems:** [SB 659](#) by Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) and Rep. Kyle Hilbert (R-Depew) amends the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission Act by adding regulation of unmanned aircraft systems or drones, establishes the Commission as the Clearinghouse for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (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 on Wednesday by a vote of 86 to 7. The bill goes back to the Senate to accept or reject the House amendments.

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

The bill passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee today by a vote of 4 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

**9-1-1 Management Authority:** [SB 687](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) amends the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority in 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.

The bill passed the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 32 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

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

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

**Tax Commission/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 Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 33 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

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

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

**Pension/Police Disability:** [SB 743](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. Anthony Moore (R-Clinton) amends the Oklahoma Police Pension Act by expanding the definition of "permanent in-line disability. Specifically, a police officer serving in any capacity at a regular police department who becomes so physically or mentally disabled, while in, and in consequence of, the performance of authorizing activities while on duty that he/she is unable to perform the required duties of a police officer. Current law is "incapacity to earn any wages as a certified, commissioned police officer due to accidental injury or occupational disease, incurred while in, and in consequence of, the performance of duty as an officer." In addition, "normal disability benefit" is increased "not to exceed 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."

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

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

The bill passed the House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 9 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 Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 26 to 7. The bill moves to the full House.

**Financing/Reduction:** [SB 825](#) by Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) and Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) amends 68 O.S. Section 2701 impacting municipalities who levy a dedicated tax for the purpose of funding public safety or any other governmental purpose. The municipality shall not redirect all or a portion of these dedicated funds for another purpose without a vote of the people.

The bill passed the House Rules Committee on Tuesday by a vote of 8 to 2. The bill moves to the full House.

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

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

**Sales Tax Exemption/Museums:** [PCS SB 909](#) by Sen. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) and Rep. Garry Mize (R-Edmond) creates a new sales tax exemption for tax exempt museums that are not accredited by the American Alliance of Museum, whose budgets are less than \$1 million and maintains a staff of less than five full-time equivalent employees. (Rep. Trey Caldwell has filed a committee substitute that puts a three (3) year sunset on the exemption.)

The bill passed the House A&B – Finance – Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**Home Bakery Act:** [SB 854](#) by Sen. Nathan Dahm (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Denise Crosswhite Hader (R-Yukon) renames the “Home Bakery Act of 2013” to the “Home Food Processing Act.” The bill modifies the “home food establishment” by allowing the establishment to maintain gross sales of up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). Current law establishes the cap at Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)

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

**Invest in Oklahoma Act:** [SB 922](#) by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) and Rep. Gerrid Kendrix (R-Altus) is new law creating the Invest In Oklahoma Act for specific entities to invest in various Oklahoma-based private equity funds, venture capital funds and growth funds as well as similar funds that make substantial investments in this state. The Department of Commerce shall create the Fund, select funds to qualify for investment pursue rulemaking and the like. Among the entities authorized to invest no greater than five (5) percent of their rolling three (3) year assets are the seven state pension systems.

The bill passed the House A&B – Finance – Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee on Monday by a vote of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

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

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

**Rural Fire Districts:** [SB 958](#) by Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) and Rep. Ty Burns (R-Pawnee) permits a fire protection district's board of directors the authority to acquire a certification or license to

operate an emergency medical services agency from the Oklahoma State Department of Health or contract for services with a certified or licensed emergency medical service agency. The district's emergency medical service agency may respond outside of the district boundaries; provided, that the political subdivisions having jurisdiction over the area provide to the Department proper documentation of their support.

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

**Law Enforcement/Electronic Communications: [SB 980](#)** by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) amends 13 O.S. Section 176.7 by adding child sexual exploitation or permitting child sexual exploitation, soliciting sexual conduct or communication with a minor by use of technology to the judicial process for law enforcement interception of a wire, oral or electronic communications.

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

**Medical Marijuana/Setback: [SB 1033](#)** by Sen. James Leewright (R-Bristow) and Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) requires, after the effective date of this act, that the measurement of one thousand (1,000) feet from a retail marijuana establishment to a public or private school is determined by calculating the distance in a straight line from the school door nearest the front door of the retail establishment to the front door of the retail establishment. On and after November 1, 2019, if any public or private school is established within one thousand (1,000) feet of any retail establishment, after a license has been issued for that location, the setback distance between properties shall not apply if the licensed property is used for its stated purpose. On and after November 1, 2019, the Authority shall not deny any issuance or renewal of a license, deny any transfer of license due to change in ownership or revoke any license due to an error in measurement of the

setback distance or failure to measure the setback distance. Finally, an original marijuana business license issued on or after November 2, 2019 for a marijuana commercial grower, processor or dispensary shall be deemed grandfathered into the location on the date the original license was first issued for the purpose of determining authority to conduct and continue the same type of business.

The bill passed the House Alcohol, Tobacco and Controlled Substances Committee today by a vote of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.