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New Week, Different Story – Your Voices Heard Again

A new week and a different story. Last week, we reported that OML’s good faith attempt to work with the oil and gas industry had failed when it came to negotiations with SB 939. Pleased to report that this week, the industry agreed to address our concerns and Rep. John Pfeiffer is filing a floor amendment.

SB 939 by Sen. Zack Taylor (R-Seminole) and Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall), prior to amendment, would have taken away municipal nuisance power to enforce nuisance ordinances if the offending party was a critical infrastructure system. Rep. Pfeiffer has agreed to an [amendment](#) that will retain municipal nuisance ordinance enforcement, including those nuisances created by critical infrastructure systems.

Again, it was your voices and input that were incredibly valuable in getting this change made. Thank you again for taking the time to react to the Action Alert.

Solution to Extreme Utility Bills Announced

This week Secretary of Energy and Environment Ken Wagner, Sen. James Leewright, Rep. Garry Mize and OML Executive Director Mike Fina announced a plan to help keep utility bills as low as possible due to the winter weather event in February. The legislature is filing two bills creating the February 2021 Unregulated Utility Consumer Protection Act.

SB 1049 by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) and Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) allows for unregulated utilities to enter in a pooled fund for bonds to help offset extraordinary or extreme purchase costs associated with the February 2021 winter storm. The bill passed the Senate today by a [vote](#) of 43 to 4. It now moves to the House.

SB 1050 by Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) and Rep. Kevin Wallace (R-Wellston) allows for regulated utilities to issue ratepayer-backed bonds to help offset extraordinary or extreme purchase costs associated with the February 2021 winter storm. The bill passed the Senate today by a [vote](#) of 42 to 4. It now moves to the House.

BILLS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR STITT

State Military Forces/Regulations: [HB 2508](#) by Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) and Sen. Frank Simpson (R-Ardmore) amends various aspects of state military forces. This includes amendments to 44 O.S. Section 209 providing that all officers and employees of the state or political subdivisions who are not members of the state military forces shall be entitled to leave of absence from regular employment, without loss of status or efficiency rating, when details as a military trial judge or when serving as an appellate military judge with regular pay. Law enforcement agencies conducting a criminal investigation is prohibited from disclosing information unless the disclosure is necessary to gather information and evidence. An exception is created in 51 O.S. Section 155 for a loss or claim from activities of state military forces when on state active duty or on Title 32 active-duty orders. In addition, amendments are made to 72 O.S. Section 48 expanding pay for officers and employees called to active or inactive duty.

The bill went into effect on April 13, 2021.

Administrative Procedures Act: [SB 913](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) and Rep. Terry O'Donnell (R-Catoosa) makes a variety of changes to the Administrative Procedures Act including rule approval procedure, posting and publication on websites, suspension of emergency rules, disapproval of rules by the Governor, expedited rule repeal and the like.

The bill goes into effect on September 1, 2021.

BILLS MOVED TO GOV. STITT'S DESK

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 on Monday by a [vote](#) of 44 to 0.

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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 47 to 0.

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

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

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

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

Quality Events Incentive Act: [HB 1121](#) by Rep. Jeff Boatman (R-Tulsa) and Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) amends the Oklahoma Quality Events Act by extending the effective date of the Oklahoma Quality Events Incentive Act until June 30, 2026. It also creates a required "economic impact study" impacting various areas including "incremental sales tax revenue" including duties by the Oklahoma Tax Commission. In addition, 68 O.S. Section 4304 is amended impacting a host community by altering several time periods.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 40 to 4.

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

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 35 to 12.

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

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

Law Enforcement/Disruption: [HB 1674](#) by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) is new law providing that a motor vehicle operator shall not be criminally or civilly liable for injury or death if he/she unintentionally causes injury or death to an individual while the driver was fleeing from a riot. An organization found to be a conspirator with a person found to have committed crimes in 21 O.S. Sections 1311 through 1320.5 and 1320.10 shall be punished by a fine ten times the amount of fine authorized by the appropriate provision.

The bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 38 to 10.

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

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

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

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

Juvenile 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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 47 to 0.

Workers’ Compensation: [HB 2026](#) by Rep. Terry O'Donnell (R-Catoosa) and Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) amends the Workers’ Compensation Act altering who is not an “employee”. Current law in 85A O.S. Section 2 states “this division shall not be construed to include nursing homes”. The language is deleted.

The bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 37 to 8.

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

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

Law Enforcement/Tires: [HB 2053](#) by Speaker Charles McCall (R-Atoka) and Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) amends Title 47 impacting an officer issuing a citation for tires in use on a vehicle that is in an unsafe operating condition or a certain tread depth as indicated in the bill. The officer shall include the tread depth of the offending tire on the citation.

The bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 47 to 0.

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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 30 to 16.

Firefighters Pension and Retirement: [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 70 ½ years and those at age 72.

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

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

The bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a vote of 44 to 1.

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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 0.

Condemnation Procedures: [HB 2506](#) by Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) and Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) alters the definition of a dilapidated building by providing that the structure was boarded and secured for more than “six” consecutive months. Current law is for more than “eighteen” months.

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 26 to 19.

State Military Regulation: [HB 2545](#) by Rep. Ty Burns (R-Pawnee) and Sen. Frank Simpson (R-Ardmore) is new law creating the Oklahoma

Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act applicable to members of the state military forces while serving on state active duty or Title 32 active duty. The bill contains several provisions including definitions, employer prohibitions including anti-discrimination, reemployment rights with exceptions, employer required procedures and reporting requirements, medical plan coverage, duties by the Commissioner of Labor and the like.

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

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 initial assessment, emergency detention or protective custody is from the initial point of contact to the nearest in state 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. All transportation over 30 miles must be completed by either the Department of Mental Health or the Departments contracted entity. Section 5-207 is similarly amended for law enforcements immediate transport to "an urgent recovery clinic" or to the nearest facility.

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

Law Enforcement/Mental Health Transport: [SB 3](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) and Rep. Justin Humphrey (R-Lane) amends transportation for mental health services by law enforcement act by allowing officers to use telemedicine to have a person assessed by a mental health professional. If the person needs initial assessment, emergency detention or protective custody from the initial point of contact the peace officer is responsible for transportation to the nearest facility, within a thirty (30) mile radius of the officer's operational headquarters. If there is no facility within these thirty (30) miles, transportation shall be completed by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or an entity contracted by the Department. Once an individual has been presented to the facility, by a transporting law enforcement officer, the transporting law enforcement agency shall be responsible for any subsequent transportation pending completion of the initial assessment, emergency detention, protective custody, or inpatient services within a thirty (30) mile radius of the operational headquarters. 43A O.S. Section 5-207 is similarly amended for law enforcements immediate transport to "an urgent recovery clinic" or to the nearest facility.

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

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 in 47 O.S. Section 11-801 (G) by removing the expiration date of November 1, 2022 for the fine for speeding structure. Additionally, the provisions in section 2 of the bill were set to expire on November 1, 2020. This expiration is repealed, and no expiration is put in place.

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

Crime Victims Compensation Act/Sexual Assault: [SB 16](#) by Sen. Kay Floyd (D-OKC) and Rep. Carol Bush (R-Tulsa) amends the Oklahoma Crime

Victims Compensation Act to give the crime victims compensation board the power to have access to any written documentation included with sexual assault forensic evidence kit. For determining when a claim is timely filed for sexual assault, the board may use the date the forensic evidence was tested. The board may deny compensation to a victim of sexual assault if the victim did not get a forensic medical examination within one hundred twenty (120) hours.

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

Tort Claims/Political Subdivisions: [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 on Monday by a [vote](#) of 93 to 0.

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 on Monday by a [vote](#) of 94 to 0.

Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act: [SB 71](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) and Rep. Kevin McDugle (R-Broken Arrow) 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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 85 to 5.

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

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 78 to 10.

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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 93 to 5.

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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 92 to 0.

OMPA/Cybersecurity Matters: [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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 88 to 3. The bill.

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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 86 to 0.

Municipal Operations/Disruption: [SB 403](#) by Sen. Brenda Stanley (R-Midwest City) 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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 74 to 15. The bill moves.

Solid Waste Management/Recycling: [SB 448](#) by Sen. Zach Taylor (R-Seminole) and Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) amends the Solid Waste Management Act by adding “advanced plastic recycling”, “advanced plastic recycling facility”, “depolymerization”, “gasification”, “post-use polymer”, “pyrolysis”, “recovered feedstock” and “solvolysis”. Solid waste is amended to not include post-use polymers or recovered feedstocks under conditions in the bill.

The bill passed the House on Monday by a [vote](#) of 77 to 17.

Residential Care Homes/Licenses: [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 contains details. Finally, the bill amends license requirements for a continuum of care facility or assisted living center.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 96 to 1.

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

The bill passed the House on Monday by a [vote](#) of 92 to 3.

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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 88 to 0. The bill

BILLS ON THE MOVE

Homemade Food Freedom Act/Beekeeping: [HB 1032](#) by Rep. Garry Mize (R-Edmond) and Sen. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) creates the Homemade Food Freedom Act by renaming the Home Bakery Act of 2013. It then amends the Act including creating and changing several definitions, adds an exemption from the Department of Agriculture licensing and other requirements, provides detailed regulations, authorizes the Health Department to investigate reported foodborne illness and authorizes the Department of Agriculture a degree of regulatory authority. The bill contains fines, a provision that counties cannot enact ordinances that conflict with the provisions of this Act and contains selling requirements for beekeepers.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 47 to 0. The bill moves back to the House to accept or reject the Senate amendments.

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

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 43 to 0. The bill moves to the House to accept or reject Senate amendments.

Ad Valorem/Homestead Exemptions: [HB 1062](#) by Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) and Sen. Jessica Garvin (R-Duncan) provides that disabled veterans, his/her surviving spouse or the surviving spouse of a person who died while in the line of duty who occupies improvements that are affixed to real property with title held by a municipality or entity formed by the municipality, the improvements shall be considered the homestead of such disabled veteran/surviving spouse for purposes of the homestead exemption

The bill passed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 43 to 0. The bill moves to the House to accept or reject Senate amendments.

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

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 46 to 1. The bill moves to the House to accept or reject the amendments.

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

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 27 to 17. The bill moves to the House to accept or reject amendments.

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 today by a [vote](#) of 41 to 6.

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 failed the Senate on Monday by a [vote](#) of 15 to 30. The bill was held on a “Motion to Reconsider”. It was brought back up today and passed by a [vote](#) of 36 to 10.

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

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 37 to 10. The bill moves to the House to accept or reject the Senate amendments.

Driver 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 driver licenses including duties of the Department of Public Safety, payment plans provisional licenses and fines.

The bill passed the Senate today by a [vote](#) of 47 to 0.

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

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

Law Enforcement/School Bus: [HB 1967](#) by Rep. Jadine Nollan (R-Sand Springs) and Sen. Dewayne Pemberton (R-Muskogee) amends 47 O.S. Section 11-705 by requiring a school bus driver who witnesses a violation of this section, “on or before

the next day school is in session following the alleged offense”, to report the violation to law enforcement.

The bill passed the Senate today by a [vote](#) of 43 to 2.

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. Now 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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 45 to 3. The bill goes back to the House to accept or reject the Senate amendments.

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

The bill passed the Senate today by a [vote](#) of 43 to 4.

Driver License Examiners: [HB 2183](#) by Rep. Ronny Johns (R-Ada) and Sen. Rob Standridge (R-Norman) amends 47 O.S. Section 6-110 by authorizing the Commissioner of Public Safety to approve a “public transit agency or state, county or municipal government agency” to hire or employ designated examiners approved by the Department to be third-party examiners of the Class A, B or C driving skills portion of the Oklahoma driving examination.

The bill passed the Senate today by a [vote](#) of 47 to 0.

Roadway/Solicitation: [HB 2238](#) by Rep. Stan May (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) amends 47 O.S. Section 11-507 by providing that persons shall not be prohibited from soliciting if performed on a roadway maintained by a city or

town in compliance with a permit and regulations adopted by ordinance.

The bill passed the Senate today by a [vote](#) of 45 to 2.

Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act: [HB 2510](#) by Rep. Chris Kannady (R-OKC) and Sen. Roger Thompson (R-Okemah) amends the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act in various ways. Included are adding addressing the needs of parents and caregivers caring for babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome, mental health response training and reimbursement of attorney fees and expenses related to opioid litigation incurred as part of legal services agreements entered into before May 21, 2020. In addition, an “eligible participant” is changed to be any political subdivision or first responder organization “negatively impacted by the opioid crisis”. Finally, the criteria for making awards are altered by simplifying current law by providing initial awards shall be listed in an opioid grant award “distribution table” approved and adopted by the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board.

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

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 today by a [vote](#) of 47 to 0.

Mental Health Courts: [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 today by a vote of 90 to 0.

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

The bill passed the House today by a [vote](#) of 85 to 4. The bill moves back to the Senate to accept or reject House amendments.

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 Committee on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 32 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

DEQ/Air Curtain Incinerators: [SB 246](#) by Sen. Mark Allen (R-Spiro) and Rep. Sean Roberts (R-Hominy) authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality to require the use of an air curtain incinerator for fires purposely set, in areas with a population greater than five hundred thousand (500,000), or where the Department-certified ambient air quality monitoring data documents a violation of primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards

The bill passed the House on Monday by a [vote](#) of 75 to 18. The bill moves back to the Senate to accept or reject the House amendments.

Law Enforcement/Communications: [SB 272](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) creates new law regulating law enforcement requests to wireless

telecommunication carriers to provide call location information to respond to emergencies. The bill gives duties to the OSBI including rulemaking.

The bill passed the House today by a [vote](#) of 92 to 2. The bill moves back to the Senate to accept or reject the House amendments.

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 as [amended](#) the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 86 to 1. The bill moves to the Senate to accept or reject the House amendments.

Finance/Municipal Bonds: [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 today by a [vote](#) of 93 to 0.

Electrical Licensing Act: [SB 317](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) and Rep. Lonnie Sims (R-Jenks) amends various sections of Title 59 and the Electrical License Act by adding 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 today by a [vote](#) of 92 to 1.

Research Development and Incentives Act: [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 Committee on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 32 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Sales Tax Exemption/Manufacturing Repeal: [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 repeals 68 O.S. Section 1359.1.

The bill passed the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 34 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

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

The bill passed the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 31 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

Local Development Act/Incentive Payment Fund: [SB 606](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Mulhall) amends the Oklahoma Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act in 62 O.S. Section 845. The bill creates an "agency special account" for the Oklahoma Tax Commission after deleting the current fund. It also removes the State's limit on liability to make incentive payments.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 94 to 0. The bill moves back to the Senate to accept or reject the House amendments.

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 as [amended](#) the House today by a [vote](#) of 79 to 10. The bill moves back to the Senate to accept or reject the House amendments.

OTC/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 today by a [vote](#) of 74 to 23. The bill moves back to the Senate to accept or reject the House amendments.

Sales Tax Exemption/Museums: [SB 909](#) by Sen. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) and Rep. Trey Caldwell (R-Lawton) 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 One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) and maintains a staff of less than five full-time equivalent employees.

The bill passed the House A&B Committee on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 32 to 1. The bill moves to the full House.

Commerce/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 Committee on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 31 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

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

The bill passed the House today by a [vote](#) of 95 to 0.

Workers' Compensation/Confidential 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 on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 85 to 0. The bill moves back to the Senate to accept or reject the House amendments.

OWRB/Permits: [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 on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 91 to 3. The bill moves back to the Senate to accept or reject the House amendments.