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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: FLOOR ACTION UNDERWAY

Legislative floor work is now underway at the Capitol. The House moved through a large number of bills this week, even bringing in dinner Wednesday night to continue their work. The Senate heard legislation at a more moderate pace.

Both chambers will have a shorter schedule next week due to Spring Break and the Oklahoma Youth Expo taking place in Oklahoma City.

Several Oklahoma Municipal League priorities are still awaiting a hearing. This week, OML issued an Action Alert on [HB 3883](#) by Rep. Josh Cantrell (R-Kingston) and Sen. Mark Mann (D-OKC.) We encourage you to take advantage of the weekend while legislators are back in their communities to visit with them and continue to share the importance of this issue. Thank you for responding to the Action Alert - multiple members said they heard from their cities on this bill.

OML will continue working at the Capitol to move our remaining priorities to the next stage of the legislative process. These include:

- Retired Municipal Judge Carry - [HB 3062](#) by Rep. Derrick Hildebrant (R-Catoosa) and Sen. Christi Gillespie (R-Broken Arrow)
- Sales Tax Exemptions for Municipal Trusts - [HB 4178](#) by Rep. Clay Staires (R-Skiatook) and Sen. Christi Gillespie (R-Broken Arrow)
- Single-Stair Policy - [HB 4203](#) by Rep. Melissa Provenzano (D-Tulsa) and Rep. John Haste (R-Broken Arrow)
- Ordinance Publication Requirements - [HB 4303](#) by Rep. Jason Blair (R-Moore) and Sen. Christi Gillespie (R-Broken Arrow)
- Municipal Trust Sales Tax Measure - [HB 4304](#) by Rep. Rande Worthen (R-Lawton) and Sen. Kelly Hines (R-OKC)

We hope you can take advantage of next week's lighter schedule to recharge. Your engagement will be important as we return to the Capitol and work toward the next legislative deadline on March 26.

BILLS ON THE MOVE:

OML Priority/Harassment of Public Officials: [HB 3678](#) by Rep. Melissa Provenzano (D-Tulsa) and Sen. Christi Gillespie (R-Broken Arrow) expands the protection of public officials to include any person elected or appointed to a municipal office, authority, board or commission, or public-school board member from individuals that use electronic communication devices to threaten, intimidate or harass them.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 85 to 4. The bill moves to the Senate.

Law Enforcement/Public Safety Technology Revolving Fund: [HB 1250](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Todd Gollihare (R-Kellyville) creates the Public Safety Technology Revolving Fund for the purpose of funding grants to local law enforcement divisions to cover some of the costs associated with using technology to better interface with the public.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 68 to 23. The bill moves to the Senate.

Law Enforcement/Domestic Violence: [HB 1322](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Christi Gillespie (R-Broken Arrow) creates the Persistent Domestic Violence Offenders Registration Act. OSBI is required to create a registry of persistent domestic violence offenders. Beginning January 1, 2028, OSBI shall maintain a registry based upon information supplied to OSBI by district court clerks and information available to OSBI from local law enforcement agencies. OSBI shall make the registry available for public inquiry on the internet. The registry shall contain the name, date of birth, conviction date, county or counties of conviction and a current photograph of the offender. The information shall be sent by district court clerks and law enforcement agencies in an electronic format in a manner prescribed by OSBI. A defendant required to register shall pay a fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) paid to the district clerk. The bill directs OSBI to promulgate policies and procedures to implement this act. Data shall be open to the public upon request. However, the data will not include the names of any victim or suspect involved

in an incident of domestic abuse or any information which would serve to identify such individuals.

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

OLERS Contributions: [HB 1739](#) by Rep. Mark Chapman (R-Broken Arrow) and President Pro Tempore Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) increases the employer and employee contribution rates for members of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System (OLERS) and expands eligibility for the top base pay benefit computation to all OLERS retirees, including members who died in the performance of their duties, regardless of their entry date into the system. The employee contribution rate will increase from eight percent (8%) to nine percent (9%). The employer contribution rate increase will be phased in each year, until the rate is sixteen and one-half percent (16.5%).

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 90 to 3. The bill moves to the Senate.

Pensions/COLAS: [HB 1889](#) by Rep. Stan May (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) provides an inflated-adjusted retirement benefit for certain retired firefighters and police officers who are "tweeners." A "Tweener" is defined to be a retiree who did not qualify for automatic benefit adjustments granted to those eligible for retirement before May 26, 1983, and did not have the opportunity to participate in deferred option plans, which were introduced after November 1, 1989.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 91 to 2. The bill moves to the Senate.

Battery Stewardship Act: [HB 1907](#) by Rep. Arturo Alonso-Sandoval (D-OKC) and Sen. Jack Stewart (R-Yukon) creates the Battery Stewardship Act. The bill restricts the sale of certain batteries unless they are following the requirements of Section 4 of this act. No later than June 1, 2027, each producer shall submit a battery stewardship plan to DEQ for review. No later than January 1, 2028, each producer shall operate under an approved battery stewardship plan. A battery stewardship plan submitted to DEQ shall have a term of no more than five (5) years and include several requirements.

DEQ shall calculate the total cost of administering and implementing the battery stewardship program on an annual basis. No later than March 1, 2029, and annually thereafter, a producer shall submit to DEQ a report listing certain requirements. There are penalties for improper disposal up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each violation.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 55 to 36. The bill moves to the Senate.

Pensions/OLERS/Fire Marshal's Office: [HB 2116](#) by Rep. Mike Lay (R-Jenks) and Sen. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) expands membership in the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System (OLERS) by adding CLEET-certified officers hired by the Office of the State Fire Marshal on or after July 1, 2026. Current law has these officers participating in the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 90 to 1. The bill moves to the Senate.

OLERS/School Resource Officers: [HB 2206](#) by Rep. Mike Lay (R-Jenks) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) expands membership in OLERS by adding active CLEET-certified school resource officers employed by public schools on or after July 1, 2026. Such employees shall not make contribution to any plan offered by the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma. The public school district employing such employees shall be a participating employer for all such employees participating in OLERS.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 91 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

DEQ/Aluminum: [HB 2976](#) by Rep. Emily Gise (R-OKC) and Sen. Bryan Logan (R-Aden) directs DEQ to promulgate rules that establish the numeric water quality criteria for aluminum by December 1, 2028. DEQ may adopt or incorporate by reference any EPA criteria, guidance documents, or calculation tools necessary to implement the provisions of this section. DEQ shall include the aluminum criteria in each triennial review of Oklahoma Water Quality Standards required under Section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act. DEQ shall revise such criteria as needed to reflect new science, updated EPA

recommendations, or site-specific data, and shall submit any revisions to the US EPA for approval.

The bill failed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 50 to 42. Rep. Gise moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill failed, and that motion passed 54 to 29. The bill was then withdrawn back to General Order in order to allow amendments, and will be placed back on the House Floor Agenda.

Environment & Natural Resources Advisory Councils/Sunset: [HB 3007](#) by Sen. Gerrid Kendrix (R-Altus) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Big Cabin) extends the sunset to July 1, 2031, for the following Councils: Water Quality Management Advisory Council, Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Council, Solid Waste Management Advisory Council; and Radiation Management Advisory Council.

The bill passed the House on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 69 to 23. The bill moves to the Senate.

Law Enforcement/Loitering/Youth Events: [HB 3040](#) by Rep. Josh West (R-Grove) and Sen. Warren Hamilton (R-McCurtain) broadens the designated safety zone for individuals required to register as sex offenders. The restriction on loitering within five hundred (500) feet now applies not only to schools and similar areas, but also to any facility, business or location primarily serving or providing services to minors including, but not limited to, skating rinks, youth recreation centers, public swimming pools, arcades, amusement parks, or water parks.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 86 to 5. The bill moves to the Senate.

Records Fees/Accident Response Records: [HB 3045](#) by Rep. Mark Tedford (R-Tulsa) and Sen. Aaron Reinhardt (R-Jenks) adds fire departments and municipalities from imposing an accident response fee; however, this prohibition does not apply to a volunteer fire department.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 65 to 23. The bill moves to the Senate.

Law Enforcement/CLEET Director: [HB 3055](#) by Rep. David Hardin (R-Stilwell) and Rep. Jonathan

Wingard (R-Ada) requires the Executive Director of CLEET to be a certified peace officer in this state.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 89 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Firefighter Extinguisher Licensing Act: [HB 3081](#) by Rep. Mike Kelley (R-Yukon) and Sen. Grant Green (R-Wellston) lowers the age for an individual obtaining a fire extinguisher license from twenty-one (21) years of age to eighteen (18). The bill removes requirements for a license. The bill also adds that the State Fire Marshal shall issue all licenses. These licenses shall be valid for one (1) year.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 90 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Medical Marijuana/Zero-Tolerance Policy: [HB 3127](#) by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Sen. Jerry Alvord (R-Wilson) prohibits an employer from refusing to hire, discipline, discharge, or otherwise penalize an applicant or employee on the basis of a positive test for marijuana, unless such action is taken pursuant to a written drug and testing policy adopted and enforced in accordance with the Oklahoma Standards for Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing. An applicant or employee employed in a safety-sensitive position shall be subject to zero-tolerance drug and alcohol standards. This requirement shall apply regardless of any employer policy permitting impairment-based testing or alternative standards for positions not designated as safety-sensitive. The bill modifies "safety-sensitive position". The bill does not require an employer to permit or accommodate the use, possession, sale, transfer, or being under the influence while performing job duties.

The bill failed the House on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 47 to 46. Rep. West served notice on a "Motion to Reconsider."

Open Meetings Act/Attorney General: [HB 3278](#) by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Orlando) and Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) authorizes the AG to determine after an investigation, by the greater weight of the evidence, that a public body, agency, or officer has violated the Open Meeting Act to enter into a

consent order with a public body, agency or officer or may issue a finding of violation. If the AG enters into a consent order, the consent order may contain admissions of fact any or all of the following: for a first-time violation, there is required completion of training approved by the AG concerning the requirements of the Open Meeting Act; impose civil penalties up to One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for each violation; and language that the public body will comply with the Open Meeting Act. If the AG issues a finding of violation to a public body, agency or a officer, the finding may require any or all of the following: cease and desist from further violations of the Open Meetings act; comply with the provisions of the Act; complete training approved by the AG; and pay a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each violation. The AG may apply to the district court to enforce a consent order or finding of violation.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 82 to 4. The bill moves to the Senate.

Firearms/Definitions: [HB 3301](#) by Rep. Jay Steagall (R-Yukon) and Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R- Big Cabin) deletes the definitions of "sawed off shotgun" and "sawed off rifle". The bill states that it is lawful to own or be in possession of any firearm or suppressor pursuant to the National Firearms Act.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 79 to 15. The bill moves to the Senate.

CIB/Swimming Pool License: [HB 3338](#) by Rep. Chris Banning (R-Bixby) and Sen. Bryan Logan (R-Paden) creates the Pool Contractor Licensing Act. CIB is authorized, empowered and directed to make, prescribe, enforce, amend, establish fines and repeal rules governing the licensure of swimming pool contractors. No later than the effective date of this act, CIB must establish requirements for experience, training, continuing education, and examinations to obtain the license. a person licensed as a swimming pool contractor shall not perform electrical work or plumbing work that is outside the slope of standard pool installation or involves a direct connection to a public water supply, sanitary sewer, or electrical service, unless such person is licensed to perform such work pursuant to the Plumbing license Law of 1955 or the Electrical

Licensing Act. The initial license fee is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), with an annual renewal fee of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00.) A license is valid for a one (1) year period.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 55 to 35. The bill moves to the Senate.

Oklahoma Biosolids Land Application Research Pilot Program Act: [HB 3403](#) by Rep. Kenton Patzkowsky (R-Balko) and Sen. Jack Stewart (R-Yukon) creates at OSU the Oklahoma Biosolids Land Application Research Pilot Program "Pilot Program". The Pilot Program shall be administered by DEQ in cooperation with OSU. The Pilot Program shall operate for an initial five-year period, unless extended by the Legislature. The Pilot Program lists several items it will do including coordinating with DEQ and may utilize biosolids supplied by Oklahoma municipal wastewater treatment facilities that meet DEQ and EPA standards and provide outreach and education to Oklahoma farmers, ranchers, conservation districts, and municipalities through OSU extension programs. A report shall be submitted annually to the Governor, Speaker, Pro Tempore, and DEQ regarding the findings, data, and recommendations. The Pilot Program may be funded by legislative appropriations, federal research grants, municipal contributions, private or industry research partnerships, or in-kind contributions of biosolids or laboratory services.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 63 to 27. The bill moves to the Senate.

Forest Fire Prevention/Burn Bans: [HB 3404](#) by Rep. Kenton Patzkowsky (R-Balko) and Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) requires landowners to have a written prescribed burn plan that provides detailed information such as the purpose for the burn, contact information, firebreaks, potential weather and safety plans for the parcel of land to be covered by the Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Indemnity Fund (Fund). The Fund will not reimburse the participating landowner for damages incurred on his or own property. Landowners are required to notify adjacent landowners and local authorities prior to conducting a burn. There is a filing fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to accompany

the plan. The maximum amount the Fund shall pay for losses from any one prescribed fire event is One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00.)

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 89 to 4. The bill moves to the Senate.

Environment/Biosolids: [HB 3411](#) by Rep. John George (R-Newalla) and Sen. Grant Green (R-Wellston) directs DEQ to conduct testing of biosolids or by a laboratory appropriately accredited to perform such an analysis in order to determine PFAS amounts prior to land application. Farmers and ranchers whose lands are being applied with biosolids must be given a written notification describing the potential hazards related to biosolids. Biosolids may not be applied to land where crops are grown for human consumption. Additionally, biosolids must not be applied in the same place more than once a year. DEQ must propose rules and implement the requirements of this measure no later than January 1, 2028.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 89 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Municipal Bond Elections: [HB 3435](#) by Rep. Jonathan Wilk (R-Goldsby) and Sen. Lisa Standridge (R-Norman) requires that every municipal bond proposal to be voted on by the citizens of the municipality shall contain only one subject and that subject should be expressed in the ballot title. Multiple bond proposals shall be permitted on the same ballot, provided they require separate votes to be cast. A bond proposal may violate this act if the monies raised through the bond are appropriated and spent by more than a single agency, department or director within the municipality, unless otherwise provided in the ballot proposal. Nothing in this section shall prevent funds from being transferred to another department, agency, or director provided it is used for the project contained in the bond proposal.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 89 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Sales Tax Exemption/OK Youth Entrepreneurs Promotion & Development Act of 2026: [HB 3548](#) by Rep. Cody Maynard (R-Durant) and Sen. Julie McIntosh (R-Porter) creates the Oklahoma Youth Entrepreneurs Promotion and Development Act of 2026. The bill exempts sales and income taxes on tangible personal property and services sold by businesses primarily owned and operated by individuals under eighteen (18) years of age. Sales tax exemptions are valid when the business is a sole proprietorship, with limited adult assistance, and annual gross revenue remains under One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00.) The business needs to operate with the property owner's consent or as part of an event that registers youth vendors.

The bill modifies the Oklahoma taxable income code, providing an annual income exemption of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) derived from any lawful business activity for sole proprietors under eighteen (18). No person who is less than eighteen (18) years of age is required to obtain a business license from any entity of state or local government and are not subject to any fine or penalty as result of conducting such businesses for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days per year; provided they comply with all Oklahoma licensing and registration laws, including holding a current license or registration in good standing.

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

Law Enforcement/Riots: [HB 3581](#) by Rep. Mark Lepak (R-Claremore) and Sen. Todd Gollihare (R-Kellyville) provides that the commission of assault and battery in the course of a riot is to be a Class D2 felony punishable by a term of not more than two (2) years imprisonment. Aggravated assault and battery in the course of a riot is to be a Class B1 felony punishable by a term of not more than ten (10) years imprisonment. The willful damage or vandalization of a government building during the course of a riot is to be a Class D3 felony punishable by not more than two (2) years if the damage was less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). If the damage was greater than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), the offense is a Class D1 felony punishable by not more than four (4) years imprisonment. The wearing of a mask, hood,

covering, or disguise for the purpose of concealing identity in the course of a riot is to be a Class D3 felony. The punishment for the obstruction of a public street or highway is to be a Class D3 felony. The bill modifies the list of instances in which the state or political subdivision is not liable for a loss or claim that results from a riot unless the loss or claim results from instances where the state or political subdivision was aware of the dangerous condition and failed to act.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 72 to 17. The bill moves to the Senate.

Elections/Officials: [HB 3787](#) by Rep. Mark Chapman (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Julie McIntosh (R-Porter) prohibits a person who is not a qualified elector as described in Section 1 of Article III of the Oklahoma Constitution to file as a candidate for any municipal, county, or state office and from being elected to a board of education of a school district or technology center school district. Also, persons who do not meet the qualified elector requirements cannot be appointed to fill any unexpired term for elected municipal, county, state, local board of education, or local technology center office.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 79 to 13. The bill moves to the Senate.

Emergency Management Teams: [HB 3831](#) by Rep. Stan May (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Kelly Hines (R-OKC) recognizes the Oklahoma Task Force 1 (OK-TF1) as the official deployment asset team for urban search and rescue missions and for floods and disasters in Oklahoma; provided, OK-TF1 is not deployed for wildland firefighting. The bill creates the Oklahoma Task Force 1 Revolving Fund. Monies from the fund are to be used by OK-TF1 for costs incurred during in-state or out-of-state deployments and by the Oklahoma City and Tulsa task force teams for personnel, equipment, logistics, transportation, lodging, operational expenses, deployment readiness, and capability enhancements. Appropriate funds shall not be used for routine or daily fire department operations, staffing, facilities, maintenance or other expenses not related to the task force.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 77 to 14. The bill moves to the Senate.

Law Enforcement/Peeping Toms/Sex Offender Registration: [HB 4104](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Todd Gollihare (R-Kellyville) adds three crimes to the classification list as B5 crimes. The crimes are: second and subsequent offense of watching, gazing, or looking upon a person in a clandestine manner for prurient interests; using photographic, electronic, or video equipment in clandestine manner for prurient interests; and second or subsequent offense of using photographic, electronic, or video equipment in clandestine manner to capture image of private area without consent. The bill also requires any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be required to register as a sex offender under the Sex Offenders Registration Act. Any person who has been convicted, has been assigned a level designation of one, has been registered for a period of five (5) years, and has not been arrested or convicted for any felony or misdemeanor offense and no felony or misdemeanor charges are pending, shall be authorized to petition the district court in the jurisdiction where the person resides for the purpose of removing the level designation and no longer subject to the requirements of the Sex Offenders Registration Act. Any person who has been twice convicted is not authorized to petition the court for relief.

The bill passed the House on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 91 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Outdoor Sirens/Tampering Fines: [HB 4107](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Julie McIntosh (R-Porter) makes it unlawful to willfully or knowingly tamper with, activate, attempt to activate, or cause to be activated an outdoor warning siren without proper authorization. Punishment is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), up to one (1) year in the county jail or both fine and imprisonment. If an unauthorized activation causes a false emergency response or public panic, the offense becomes a felony punishable by up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), up to one (1) year in the county jail or

both fine and imprisonment. The bill defines "authorized person" and "outdoor warning siren."

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

Law Enforcement/Critical Infrastructure Facilities: [HB 4108](#) by Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) and Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) expands the scope of intruding and forbidden entry without site authorization to the operational area of an airport including runways, taxiways, ramps, apron areas, aircraft parking and storage areas, fuel storage areas, maintenance areas, and any other area of an airport used or intended to be used for landing, takeoff, or surface maneuvering of aircrafts.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 91 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

Open Records/Law Enforcement Records: [HB 4144](#) by Rep. Robert Manger (R-OKC) and Sen. Warren Hamilton (R-McCurtain) require law enforcement agencies to make all arrest and incident reports available for public inspection.

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

Water/Groundwater Measurement Programs: [HB 4459](#) by Rep. Carl Newton (R-Cherokee) and Sen. Darcy Jech (R-Kingfisher) OWRB, beginning January 1, 2027, is required to provide a five-year flex allocation of groundwater usage based off the previously determined allocated annual use of the basin or subbasin. A five-year flex allocation shall not require a new permit for existing holders. Permit holders must annually report their prior year's usage using an approved meter and pay the annual fee. A five-year flex allocation shall not require a new permit for existing permit holders. The five-year allocation for a new applicant is based on the current maximum annual yield. A permit holder may exceed their annual allowable amount in any one year but must adhere to their five-year limit overall. They may not exceed their annual allocation by one hundred fifty percent (150%) in any one year. Permit holders that don't have a five-year allocation or are in a groundwater irrigation district or a cost-share conservation district must

develop a program for providing measuring systems on a loan or cost share basis.

The bill passed the House on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 65 to 28. The bill moves to the Senate.

DEQ/Environmental Permitting Act: [SB 1246](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Orlando) requires DEQ to publish information instructing the public on how it may view documents, subscribe to updates, and receive electronic notice of public participation opportunities related to pending Tier II applications and agency decisions. Such notification is required to be published on the Electronic Environmental Permit Application Docket on the Department's website. Tier III applications shall include electronic notifications and publication of denials, responses to comments, and opportunities for an administrative permit hearing on the Electronic Environmental Permit Application Docket on the Department's website. The measure strikes language requiring the Department to post notice of such opportunities and hearings in a local newspaper.

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

OWRB/Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Investment Program: [SB 1346](#) by Sen. Tom Woods (R-Westville) and Rep. Carl Newton (R-Cherokee) requires OWRB to establish and administer a Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Investment Program. The program shall include development of competitive loans for eligible entities seeking to develop and implement water or wastewater improvement projects. OWRB shall promulgate rules to effectuate the provisions of this act and loan criteria for the program. Loan applications shall be ranked on criteria. All loans must include a claw back provision in the funding agreement with an eligible entity. OWRB shall create and publish an interactive map on their website displaying the critical infrastructure needs showing the status of proposed and approved projects, estimated completion dates and any other information deemed necessary by OWRB. Loan monies shall be allocated based on the most current census data available and shall be as follows: twenty-five percent (25%) for projects located within a municipality or county with a population of more

than four hundred thousand (400,000); twenty-five percent (25%) for projects located within a municipality or county with a population that is greater than thirty thousand (30,000) but less than four hundred thousand (400,000); and fifty percent (50%) for projects located within a municipality or county with a population of less than thirty thousand (30,000.)

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 32 to 15. The bill moves to the House.

Funding/Olympics: [SB 1378](#) by Sen. Kristen Thompson (R-Edmond) and Rep. Mark Lawson (R-Sapulpa) creates the Olympics in Oklahoma Revolving Fund. The Fund is used for the purpose of hosting the 2028 Olympic Games. The bill provides that at least five percent (5%) of all funds dispensed from the Fund shall be awarded to contracts fulfilled by Oklahoma based businesses, subject to the approval of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

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

Law Enforcement/Peeping Toms: [SB 1460](#) by Sen. Todd Gollihare (R-Kellyville) and Rep. Ross Ford (R-Broken Arrow) clarifies, on or after January 1, 2026, second or subsequent offenses of watching, gazing or looking upon a person in a clandestine manner, using recording equipment in a clandestine manner, and subsequent convictions for using photographic, electronic, or video equipment in a clandestine manner as B5 offenses. Persons convicted of second or subsequent B5 offenses shall be subject to a term of imprisonment not to exceed five (5) years and/or a maximum fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00.)

The bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 38 to 3. The bill moves to the House.

Law Enforcement/Official Investigation: [SB 1730](#) by Sen. Kristen Thompson (R-Edmond) and Rep. Robert Manger (R-OKC) directs a law enforcement officer who receives a report or complaint that, if substantiated, would result in the defendant being required to register as a sex offender, to submit a record of the complaint or report to the OSBI within one (1) month of the report's receipt. The bill

requires the record to include the name or identifying information of the accused, the nature of the alleged offense, the date, time, and location of the alleged offense, and the agency report number. The report shall be submitted regardless of whether an arrest is made. The report shall remain confidential except as authorized by law for official investigative or prosecutorial purposes.

The bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 37 to 6. The bill moves to the House.