

LEGISLATIVE REPORT



2023 Missouri Session Final Session Update May 25, 2023

The session of the 102nd General Assembly is in the books with legislators back home in their districts. As the dust clears, the session saw nearly 2,300 bills and resolutions introduced with just 59 sent to the Governor's desk. As always, many of the bills contain sections from multiple pieces of legislation but still shows most issues linger on the sidelines.

Several issues of interest to APWA Kansas City Metro made it across the finish line. The negotiator's budget bill includes \$2.8 billion to widen Interstate 70 from Blue Springs to Wentzville. \$1.4 billion comes from the general revenue surplus and \$1.4 billion from bonds. Additional language also requests studies for the needs of Interstate 44. The budget has been sent to Governor Parson.

Other transportation bills, particularly related to the 2021 fuel tax increase and general appropriations process for MODOT projects saw discussion but did not pass.

Legislation also earmarked \$250M for the broadband grant program.

Natural resources legislation moved several issues forward with SB 109, related to DNR fees, including language from another bill to add any earthen basin constructed to retain and settle nontoxic, nonmetallic earthen materials to the activities excluded from construction permits.

HB 202 establishes the "Waterways and Ports Trust Fund" for possible project grants for improving commerce or terminal and transportation facilities on navigable rivers, land owned by a Missouri port authority, among others.

LIST OF BILLS TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED:

- SB 13 - Crawford - Modifies provisions relating to financial institutions
- SB 20 - Bernskoetter - Modifies provisions relating to retirement
- SB 24 - Hough - Creates the "Missouri First Responder Mental Health Initiative Act"
- SB 25 - Hough - Authorizes an income tax deduction for certain federal grant money
- SB 28 - Brown (16) - Modifies provisions relating to access to public records of the Missouri highway patrol
- SB 34 - May - Authorizes school districts to offer elective social studies courses on the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament
- SB 35 - May - Modifies provisions relating to the suspension of licenses for failure to comply with a child support order
- SB 39 - Thompson Rehder - Establishes guidelines for student participation in athletic contests organized by sex
- SB 40 - Thompson Rehder - Modifies provisions relating to background checks
- SB 45 - Gannon - Modifies provisions relating to health care
- SB 49 - Moon - Establishes the "Missouri Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act" and modifies provisions relating to public funding of certain gender transition procedures
- SB 51 - Eslinger - Modifies provisions relating to physical therapists
- SB 63 - Roberts - Creates new provisions relating to financial institutions
- SB 70 - Fitzwater - Modifies provisions relating to professional licensing
- SB 75 - Black - Modifies provisions relating to retirement systems
- SB 94 - Hoskins - Establishes tax credits for the production of certain entertainment
- SB 101 - Crawford - Enacts provisions relating to property and casualty insurance
- SB 103 - Crawford - Modifies provisions relating to judicial proceedings
- SB 106 - Arthur - Modifies provisions relating to public health
- SB 109 - Bernskoetter - Modifies provisions relating to mining
- SB 111 - Bernskoetter - Modifies provisions relating to the administration of state employees
- SB 116 - Brown (16) - Modifies provisions relating to the disposition of the dead

- SB 127 - Thompson Rehder - Enacts provisions relating to the designation of infrastructure
- SB 138 - Eslinger - Requires the Department of Economic Development to promote Missouri hardwood forest products and modifies provisions relating to foreign ownership of agricultural land
- SB 139 - Bean - Establishes the "Stars and Stripes Historic Region of Missouri"
- SB 157 - Black - Modifies provisions relating to professions requiring licensure
- SB 167 - Brown (26) - Specifies the means by which a medical examiner's certificate may be provided to the state when applying for a commercial driver's license or instruction permit
- SB 186 - Brown (16) - Modifies provisions relating to public safety
- SB 189 - Luetkemeyer - Modifies provisions relating to criminal laws
- SB 190 - Luetkemeyer - Modifies provisions relating to tax relief for seniors
- SB 227 - Coleman - Modifies provisions relating to the culpable mental state necessary for a homicide offense
- SB 398 - Schroer - Enacts provisions relating to motor vehicles
- SJR 26 - Fitzwater - Authorizes a property tax exemption for certain property used for childcare
- HB 115 - Shields - Modifies provisions relating to licensing of health care professionals
- HB 131 - Griffith - Allows for payment of state employee salaries every two weeks
- HB 202 - Francis - Repeals provision related to regulation of industrial hemp
- HB 402 - Henderson - Modifies provisions relating to health care
- HB 417 - Henderson - Creates incentives for the purpose of encouraging certain individuals to obtain employment-related skills
- HB 447 - Davidson - Establishes provisions regarding adult high schools, educational funding for students being treated at a residential treatment facility, and the enrollment of foster children in public school districts
- HB 802 - Dinkins - Authorizes the conveyance of certain state property

Upcoming Dates

- June 30, 2023 - Last day for Governor to sign or line item veto budget items
- July 1, 2023 - First day of the new fiscal year
- July 14, 2023 - Last day for Governor Parson to sign or veto policy legislation
- August 28, 2023 - Effective date for policy bills without an emergency clause

- September 13, 2023 - Veto Session
- December 1, 2023 - First day of bill filing
- January 3, 2024 - First day of Legislative session

Bills of Interest List:

Emergency Responders

<https://www.govwatch.net/report/27445>

Water

<https://www.govwatch.net/report/27446>

Right of Way

<https://www.govwatch.net/report/27447>

Transportation

<https://www.govwatch.net/report/27448>

Workforce Development

<https://www.govwatch.net/report/27449>

Main Track

<https://www.govwatch.net/report/27454>

Miscellaneous

<https://www.govwatch.net/report/27455>