

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT



2024 MO Session  
Report- Week Seven  
February 16, 2024

## *House Keeps Issues of Interest Moving*

Heading into the eighth week of the legislative session, the Senate continues to debate initiative petition process while debating only two bills, both tangentially related to abortion rights and neither have passed. The week saw limited activity as a result cancelled meetings after the Chief's Super Bowl win.

In general state news, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission announced its selection of the contractor for the first phase of reconstruction of I-70 Highway. That phase is scheduled to begin this summer and will add an additional east/west third lane starting in Columbia and ending in Kingdom City (a twenty mile stretch).

In committees, water contamination sources saw discussion with the House Conservation and Natural Resources Committee convening for HB 2561. The bill modifies the definition of "water contaminant source" by removing "non-point source pollution" from the definition within the Missouri Clean Water Law. The sponsor stated his intent is to align state statute with federal law without interfering with the current permitting process. Missouri Corn Growers Association, Associated Industries of Missouri and Missouri Cattlemen's Association provided supporting testimony. The Open Space Council for the St. Louis Region, Sierra Club Missouri Chapter, and dozens presented opposing testimony stating that this legislation would negatively impact the environment and lessen current regulations. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources provided informational testimony and answered technical questions. No action was taken on the

### Key Upcoming Dates:

- March 18-22, 2024 – Legislative Spring Break
- May 17, 2024 – Last day of Legislative Session

bill.

The House Local Government Committee met to discuss HB 2083. Currently, a state standard for the location, size of sewage tanks, and length of lateral lines is based partially on the percolation or permeability rate of the soil, as well as other specified factors. This bill modifies this provision to state that the standard is based partially on soil properties and also establishes the costs associated with testing. The MO Center for Public Health Excellence, and MO Small Flows Organization supported the bill. No opposing testimony was presented and no action was taken on the bill.

Please see below for the new bills of interest.

Respectfully,

Travis Lowe, CAE

**Filed Bills of Interest:** (Below are two links under each category. The first link will show a list of bills filed this week. The second link will take you to your full list of bills and their summaries.)

**APWA-General**

<https://govwatch.net/report/GLWyGXyqoZ>

<https://govwatch.net/report/ZLr96KRqeE>

**APWA-Emergency Responders**

<https://govwatch.net/report/VgbwG81b9O>

<https://govwatch.net/report/2abBP0wrwv>

**APWA-Water**

<https://govwatch.net/report/eJWGIOjrog>

<https://govwatch.net/report/ZebQGPBr6X>

**APWA-Transportation**

<https://govwatch.net/report/OdbeB4vWVY>

<https://govwatch.net/report/59bxGBkqON>

**APWA-Workforce Development**

<https://govwatch.net/report/g0W45OjrJz>

<https://govwatch.net/report/EeqO4OpbDX>

**Upcoming Hearings of Interest:**

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02/19/2024 1:30 PM [House-Special Committee on Government Accountability Committee Hearing, HR 7](#)

**Executive Session (1):**

[HB2301](#) Rep. Peggy McGaugh (R) Changes the law regarding advertisements and orders of publication in newspapers

02/19/2024 2:15 PM [House-Rules-Regulatory Oversight Committee Hearing](#), HR 4

**Executive Session (4):**

[HB2279](#) Rep. Cheri Toalson Reisch (R) Relating to roadway signs

[HB2352](#) Rep. Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway (R) Modifies provisions relating to the "Waterways and Ports Trust Fund"

02/20/2024 8:00 AM [House-Local Government Committee Hearing](#), HR 7

**Executive Session (2):**

[HB2083](#) Rep. Kurtis Gregory (R) Modifies provisions relating to sewage disposal

02/20/2024 10:00 AM [Senate-Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy, and the Environment Committee Hearing](#), Senate Lounge

**Public Hearing (3):**

[SB947](#) Sen. Holly Thompson Rehder (R) Modifies provisions relating to video services

02/20/2024 12:00 PM [House-Elections and Elected Officials Committee Hearing](#), HR 6

MEETING TIME: 12:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later)

**Public Hearing (2):**

[HB2146](#) Rep. Peggy McGaugh (R) Modifies provisions relating to the Missouri ethics commission

02/20/2024 12:00 PM [House-Special Committee on Tax Reform Committee Hearing](#), HR 7

MEETING TIME: 12:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later)

**Public Hearing (2):**

[HB1712](#) Rep. Adam Schnelting (R) Allows Missouri National Guard member educational assistance grants to be available for tuition at out-of-state educational institutions

[HB2503](#) Rep. Dane Diehl (R) Modifies provisions relating to local use taxes

**Executive Session (2):**

[HB2061](#) Rep. Ben Keathley (R) Creates provisions relating to local ballot proposals by political subdivisions to impose a new tax or increase the rate of an existing tax

02/20/2024 2:00 PM [House-General Laws Committee Hearing](#), HR 7

**Public Hearing (3):**

[HB1986](#) Rep. Terry Thompson (R) Modifies provisions relating to state funds for regional planning commissions

**Executive Session (11):**

[HB2056](#) Rep. Ben Keathley (R) Requires municipalities and the department of transportation to reimburse non-rate regulated utilities for site relocation costs incurred due to road maintenance

02/20/2024 2:00 PM [House-Healthcare Reform Committee Hearing](#), HR 1

**Public Hearing (4):**

[HB2164](#) Rep. Kent Haden (R) Modifies provisions relating to emergency medical services data

02/20/2024 6:00 PM [House-Consent and House Procedure Committee Hearing](#), HR 5

**Executive Session (6):**

[HB1870](#) Rep. Tim Taylor (R) Modifies provisions relating to certain fees collected by the "Missouri Emergency Response Commission"

02/21/2024 8:15 AM [House-Economic Development Committee Hearing](#), HR 1

**Executive Session (4):**

[HB1936](#) Rep. Travis Wilson (R) Establishes tax credits to revitalize facilities of historic significance

02/22/2024 8:30 AM [House-Transportation Accountability Committee Hearing](#), HR 1

MEETING TIME: 8:30 AM or upon adjournment (whichever is later)

**Public Hearing (3):**

[HB1811](#) Rep. Louis Riggs (R) Modifies laws regarding the composition of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission

[HB2289](#) Rep. Louis Riggs (R) Modifies provisions relating to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission

[HB2568](#) Rep. Don Mayhew (R) Modifies provisions relating to the highways and transportation commission