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LEGISLATIVE REPORT



2023 MO Session:

Week Nine

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As the session concludes its ninth week, a major deadline marks the end for filing new bills. This allows APWA to focus on the existing key bill list and tracking movement and possible amendments. Overall, 2,200 bills and resolutions (1,478 House and 770 Senate) linger through the process. APWA KC Metro Chapter has dozens on the tracking list.

State road funding continues to receive attention as the House dedicated floor time to debate HJR 37, sponsored by Representative Don Mayhew (R-Crocker). Upon voter approval, the proposed constitutional amendment would require that the State Road Fund be subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, rather than standing appropriated without legislative action. During the bill's progression, language was adopted to include language that specifies that part of the Department and the Commission's responsibility is to create the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which is used to determine what projects need to be completed. After a lengthy debate, the House provided the first of two necessary approval votes.

The Senate Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure reviewed SB 317, sponsored by Senator Bill Eigel (R-St. Charles). The bill establishes the Interstate 70 Improvement Fund. No opposing testimony was presented, and the committee took no action on the bill.

Several other bills, pertaining to fuel tax refunds related to the 2021 law, have been reviewed in committee hearings.

Three bills dealing with waterways aim to establish the Waterways and Ports Trust Fund. HB 476, HB 491 and SB 26 recently had hearings. The fund would be used to support projects that meet criteria listed in the bill for water commerce.

Committees will continue to stay active with one week until the Legislature's spring break.

Please see below for bills of interest:

Bills of Interest:

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>