

Legislative Update
Week of March 3, 2014

The first week of March will be a short week in the Kansas Legislature as Representatives and Senators return after the midsession break following "Turnaround Day". In the previous week the Legislature spent full days on the floor of the House and Senate debating bills moving multiple bills across the rotunda to start in the opposite house for the remainder of the session.

Also this week the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee passed Senate Bill 411 out of Committee and onto the Senate floor. This legislation will make significant changes to current law providing for counties to enter into districts for Extension program delivery. Several county commissioners from existing districts and citizens appeared before the committee in opposition to the bill.

The Senate Ways and Means Education Subcommittee will report their recommendation onto the full Senate Ways and Means Committee this week on the Governor's budget recommendations for higher educations.