

MEMORANDUM

TO: St. Joseph Area Legislative Partnership

FROM: Mark Rhoads and Trent Watson

RE: Legislative Report

DATE: March 10, 2011

In the news...

- U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill came under republican fire this week for her decision to repay the U.S. Treasury \$88,000 in costs for flights in Missouri using a family-owned private airplane. Senator McCaskill's office issued a statement that she had expended less on chartered flights than former Sen. Kit Bond and former Sen. Jim Talent. Current Republican Senator Roy Blunt's only comment was that he was impressed that she could write an \$88,000 check. This story, on the back of the recent press stories relating to Governor Nixon's and Lt. Governor Peter Kinder's flight billing practices, could lead one to believe that we might see some paid political commercials next year.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Committee on Veteran's Affairs, Emerging Issues, Pensions and Urban Affairs conducted a much anticipated hearing on the issue of an Early Site Permit for a second nuclear power plant in Calloway County. Although there were four bills filed on the issue, only two (at the request of the sponsors) were heard (SB 321 and SB 406). The hearing, which ran almost seven hours, attracted about three hundred individuals, corporations and associations. The primary subject of the hearing was the issue of consumer protection. The hearing featured presentations from: 1) The Missouri Public Service Commission; 2) the Office of Public Counsel (OPC); 3) the publicly-owned utilities who desire to obtain an Early Site Permit for a second nuclear facility to be funded by ratepayers; 4) a panel of consumer groups and large industrial users who insist on funding for the Office of Public Counsel (OPC); 5) the Missouri Coalition for the Environment, a group that generally opposes a second nuclear plant in Missouri; and public testimony. The committee took no action on either of the bills. Stay tuned.
- Also attracting a crowd this week in the capitol was the passage of SB 113 (Senator Mike Parson (R-Bolivar) which makes changes to the so-called "Puppy Mill" ballot initiative passed last November (Proposition B). The bill lessens penalties contained in Prop B and increases licensure fees for dog breeders to enhance enforcement activities by the Missouri Department of Agriculture. The final vote in the Senate was 20 -14 and the bill now goes to the House for consideration.
- Senate Majority Leader Tom Dempsey (R-St. Charles) announced at the conclusion of this week's session that senators should be prepared to debate SB 1 on Monday. The bill, sponsored by Senator Luann Ridgeway (R- Smithville) is the Right to Work legislation that would prohibit union dues as automatic deductions from union-related employee's paychecks from union employers.
- The newest member of the Senate, Senator Shalonn "Kiki" Curls (D – Kansas City) was sworn in as the Senator from the 9th District on Wednesday, March 8th. Senator Curls replaces former Senator Yvonne Wilson, who retired from the Senate in December.

Floor Action:

JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISSOURI'S PROMISE: This week the Senate Perfected, without amendment, SB 173 sponsored by Sen. Dixon (R-Greene). This act creates an additional area of study for the Joint Committee on Missouri's Promise. The Committee shall develop long-term strategies and plans for investing in, and maintaining, a modern infrastructure and transportation system and identifying potential sources of revenue to sustain such efforts.

MISSOURI AGRICULTURAL AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

AUTHORITY: This week the Senate Perfected, without amendment, SB 161 sponsored by Sen. Munzlinger (R-Lewis). Currently, the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority may provide loan guarantees on loans for the purchase or improvement of agricultural property. This act allows the loan guarantees to also be provided on loans for the purchase, expansion, or improvement of an agribusiness.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT: This week the Senate Perfected, without amendment, SB 63 sponsored by Sen. Mayer (R-Stoddard). This act prohibits large water consumers from taking and transporting water from within the Southeast Missouri Regional Water District to locations outside the District, if such taking and transporting interferes with the normal water usage of certain other large water consumers. If such interference occurs, the Attorney General or the affected parties may seek an injunction. No injunction may be issued if it would harm public health or safety. Later in the week the Senate Third Read and passed SB 63 by a vote of 34-0.

MISSOURI HUMAN RIGHTS ACT: This week the Senate Third Read and passed SCS SB 188 sponsored by Sen. Lager (R-Nodaway) by a vote of 25Y-9N. This bill caps damages that could be paid in employment discriminations and whistleblower cases and raises the standard to prove such cases. This bill also abrogates several circuit court cases. Senators Justus, Callahan and Ridgeway all spoke in opposition of the Third Read motion, stating that this bill is bad for people; it gives no protection to whistleblowers. For the full text of this bill:

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/11info/pdf-bill/perf/SB188.pdf>

CLASSIFYING SAWMILLS FOR TAX PURPOSES: This week the Senate Perfected, without amendment, SB 55 sponsored by Sen. Brown (R-Phelps). This act classifies sawmills and planning mills, as defined in the United States Department of Labor's Standard Industrial Classification Manual, as agricultural and horticultural property instead of commercial property for property taxation purposes.

SAWMILL TAX CLASSIFICATION: The House took up and Third Read and Passed HB 112 & 285. HB 112 & 285, sponsored by Representative David Day, classifies certain sawmills and planning mills as agricultural and horticultural property instead of commercial property for property taxation purposes. Two amendments were adopted. Amendment 1 states that any classification changes will not affect employer liability. Amendment 2 is a technical amendment that defines "sawmill" according to US Department of Labor Standards. The House voted 116-40.

Committee Action:

ELECTION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: On Tuesday, the House Elections Committee met to hear testimony on the following bills.

- HB 503 (Dugger) – This bill repeals a provision requiring the presidential primary to be held in February in presidential election years and sets the primary to be held in March. There was no testimony in favor or in opposition.

- SJR 2 (Stouffer) – This constitutional amendment allows for enabling legislation requiring photographic identification at polling places. Testifying in opposition was attorney Denise Lieberman, the ACLU and the Missouri Secretary of State’s Office. Opponents asserted that mandatory photo ID could disenfranchise over two hundred thousand registered voters and is unconstitutional.
- SB 3 (Stouffer) – This is the implementing legislation relating to mandatory photo ID. Opponents were Denise Lieberman, AARP, League of Women Voters and the Missouri Civic Engagement Table who had the same objections as noted above. Testifying in an informational capacity was Darryl Kempf, MACC/EA, who addressed the Association’s desire to effect two changes to the bill in anticipation that the committee was intending to combine this measure with early voting. Mr. Kempf asked the committee to include language that would permit the state appropriation to be distributed to election officials prior to early voting at any given election. He also indicated that election officials should not be compelled to employ the use of envelopes for early voting and that it was time consuming and costly to do so. Finally, he asked that language be included that would permit the use of electronic voting equipment for early voting purposes.
- HB 478 (Wyatt) – This bill provides that no state department shall contract with or provide money to any entity that has been found guilty of or pled guilty to violating any election, tax, or immigration law of the state. There were no witnesses in support or in opposition to the measure.
- HB 629 (Cierpoit) – This measure removes the elections from being held in February or in June. Testifying in support were Todd Smith, Missouri Association of Counties and Darryl Kempf, MACC/EA. Both witnesses said that the removal of thee election dates would result in significant cost savings to local jurisdictions. There was no opposition testimony.
- HCS/HB 521 (Dugger) – This substitute is an omnibus election bill which contains the following issues:
 - Language from HB 478 (see above);
 - *A provision that requires a one-year county residency requirement for any person seeking to run for the office of county clerk;*
 - *Provisions from HB 629 removing the election dates in February and June;*
 - *A provision that electioneering may not be done within 50 feet of a polling place;*
 - *A provision calling for a non-election in cities, towns or villages with more than 35,000 inhabitants for nonpartisan elections when the number of candidates is equal to the number of positions to be filled;*
 - *A provision moving the opening filing date for municipal offices to the first Tuesday in December;*
 - A provision that state committees must provide proof of US citizenship in their certification of party nominees for the offices of president and vice-president;
 - *A provision that provides for a recount of an election result if the defeat was less than ½ of 1%;*
 - Provisions relating to the recall of an ambulance district board member.
 - *A repeal of current law requiring the printing of a party emblem.*

Testifying in favor of the bill was Darryl Kempf who supported selected issues in the bill (those in italics above) and Todd Smith, Missouri Association of Counties. Doug Crews, Missouri Press Association opposed the portion of the bill relating to non-election elections. A citizen opposed the portion of the bill relating to the permissible distance from polling places for electioneering.

The House Elections Committee met on Wednesday March 9 in executive session to discuss the following legislation: SJR 2, SB 3, and HB 121.

- HCS/ SJR 2 was voted “do pass” 5-3, with Representatives Pat Conway, Joe Fallert and Stacey Newman voting no. This substitute, as expected, mirrors the provisions of HJR 14, sponsored by Rep Cox and combines a constitutional amendment for the issues of early voting and mandatory photo ID at polling places.
- HCS/SB 3 was voted “do pass” 7-3. This again is a House substitute that combines the issues of early voting and mandatory photo ID. The bill passed with an amendment offered by Rep Dugger that made two changes to the existing bill which were: 1) changes the time from 12am to 8am on Saturdays for early voting (four hours on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the discretion of the election authority); 2) three days after the election the voter will return to the election authority instead of the election judge to verify identification. Representatives Pat Conway, Joe Fallert and Stacey Newman voted no.
- HB 121 was voted “do pass” 9-0 with two amendments offered. Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Myron Neth which changed the limit of campaigning near voting areas from 25 feet to 250 feet. Representative Don Wells offered an amendment to Amendment 1 which returned the limit of campaigning near voting areas to 25 feet, which was adopted. Amendment 2 was offered by Representative Stan Cox which adds another election offense. This offense includes any person attempting to prevent another person from filling for public office. The amendments were adopted.

CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX: The House Committee on International Trade and Job Creation held a hearing on SCS SB 19 sponsored by Sen. Schmitt (R-St. Louis). This act caps corporate franchise tax liabilities at the amount of each corporation's tax liability for the 2010 tax year. If a corporation did have a corporate franchise tax liability in 2010 because such corporation was not doing business within the state or did not exist, such corporation's franchise tax liability will be capped at the amount of such corporation's franchise tax liability for its first full-year of existence. Beginning January 1, 2012, the corporate franchise tax rate will be gradually reduced over a five year period until it is completely phased-out. Effective January 1, 2016, no corporate franchise tax will be imposed. Testifying in support of this bill were Associated Industries of Missouri, NFIB, Greater K.C. Chamber of Commerce, St. Louis RCGA and the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. The committee then moved into executive session and voted SCS SB 19 Do Pass by a vote of 11-1.

REASSESSMENT EVERY SIX YEARS: On Thursday, the House Ways and Means Committee conducted a hearing on HB 744, sponsored by Rep. Cloria Brown. The bill changes the time period for reassessment for real property from every two years to every six years until 2017. Rep. Brown said that the bill would result in savings due to the longer cycle and told the committee that their constituents would love the idea of less frequent reassessments. The bill was not that well received by the committee with several members questioning the validity of the longer cycle and the potential loss of revenues to school districts. There were no witnesses in favor or in opposition. A lobbyist for the Kansas City testified in an informational capacity, telling the committee that the longer reassessment cycle would result in a decrease of revenues by over 5%. The committee took no action on the measure.

DISTRIBUTION OF GAMING PROCEEDS: On Thursday, the House Ways and Means Committee conducted its hearing on HB 745, sponsored by Rep. Cloria Brown. The bill would make revisions regarding the distribution of gaming revenues received by home dock cities and

counties. Specifically, the bill requires home dock cities and counties to dedicate ten percent of proceeds to “safety”, which includes law enforcement, fire, EMS and infrastructure. If a jurisdiction does not allocate to each of those categories, it must establish a special panel to direct such expenditures. The bill was not well received by the committee. Rep. Brown read a letter of support from the Lemay Fire District. Speaking against the bill were Steve Jackson (Maryland Heights), Bill Gamble (Kansas City), Mark Rhoads (St. Joseph and Buchanan County), Jewell Patek (Riverside), two police officers from St. Louis County and Mike Winter representing the Missouri Gaming Association. Opposing witnesses indicated that this bill impacts all gaming jurisdictions in the state and that the home dock cities and counties should be able to ascertain appropriate expenditures of revenues derived from gaming proceeds. The committee took no action on the measure.

RED LIGHT CAMERAS: On March 7, the House Crime Prevention Committee held a hearing on HB 406 sponsored by Rep. Wieland (R). This bill prohibits any entity that is authorized to issue traffic tickets from using an automated red light enforcement system at any intersection within its jurisdiction. The sponsor had two main problems with the current use of red light cameras. The first was that the current system did not treat red light camera tickets the same as tickets given by an officer, more specifically that no points are put on a person’s license when given a ticket by camera, The second was that just the cars are identified, not the person actually driving the car. Some members of the committee asked the sponsor if these problems were resolved would he no longer have issues with the cameras. The sponsor replied maybe.

Testifying in support of the bill was Wrongonred.com, a Jefferson County Councilman, St. Louis 10th Ward Republican Committeeman, St. Louis Liberty Restoration Project and two private citizens. The supporters stated that red light cameras are just a money-making scheme for municipalities and that in some instances fatalities and incidents of people running red lights have actually gone up. It was further stated by proponents that if safety was the main concern of municipalities, there are other more cost effective measure that can be used at intersections. It was also stated that the way red light cameras are used is unconstitutional and cases are thrown out and many tickets are simply not paid without any consequence.

Testifying in opposition was American Traffic Solutions, Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety, Hazelwood City Council, Creve Coeur Police Department, Ellisville Police Department, Missouri Municipal League and one private citizen. Opponents of the bill claim that red light cameras are a safety issue and have the statistics to show that there have been fewer incidents where red light cameras are present. It was further argued that red light ticket cases are not automatically thrown out of courts on constitutional grounds and furthermore, the Missouri Attorney General has given the opinion that the cameras are a valid form of enforcement. There was no further action on the bill.

BIG GOVERNMENT GET OFF MY BACK ACT: On March 10, the Senate committee on Ways and Means and Fiscal Oversight held a hearing on HCS HB 45 sponsored by Rep. Hoskins (R). This bill changes the laws regarding the Big Government Get Off My Back Act and provides an income tax deduction for certain small businesses that create new full time jobs. The sponsor stated this is economic development for main street, not Wall Street. The bill extends the Big Government Get Off My Back Act from 4 years to five and changes the definition of “small business” from businesses that have 25 or fewer employees to 50 or fewer employees. Testifying in support of the bill was NFIB and Associated Industries of Missouri. There was no opposition and the committee took no action on the bill.

ATHLETE AND ENTERTAINERS TAX: On March 10, the Senate committee on Ways and Means and Fiscal Oversight held a hearing on SB 293 sponsored by Sen. Schaaf (R). Currently the athlete and entertainers tax has a sunset date of December 31, 2015. This bill would remove that date and keep the fund perpetually. Testifying in support of the bill was Missouri Citizens for the Arts, Missouri Library Association and the Missouri Humanities Council. There was no opposition. There was no further action on the bill.

MISSOURI TAX CREDIT MODIFICATIONS: The Senate committee on Ways and Means and Fiscal Oversight held an executive session on SCS SB 280 sponsored by Sen. Purgason (R). This bill modifies provisions of Missouri tax credit programs in accordance with recommendations made by the Missouri Tax Credit Review Commission Report. The committee substitute has numerous changes from the introduced version. The changes include the addition of SB 279 (Compete Missouri Program), capping the corporate franchise tax liabilities, and modifies the small business incubator tax credit into a grant program. The substitute removed the two year sunset of: the Examination Fee Tax offset; the Missouri Health Insurance Pool Tax offset; and the Missouri Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Tax offset. The committee substitute was voted “do pass” by a vote of 5-0.

HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS: This week the House Budget Committee held a hearing on HCS HB 3 sponsored by Rep. Silvey (R-Clay). This bill appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education.

- Section 3.050, Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program
 - Access Missouri Financial Assistance Fund \$34,827,307
 - Lewis and Clark Discovery Fund \$30,000,000
 - Total \$64,827,307
- A+ Schools Fund
 - General Revenue \$ 753,878
 - Lottery Proceeds \$21,659,448
 - Guaranty Agency Operating Fund \$ 7,000,000
 - Total \$29,413,326
 - *This is fully funded without the pending language to expand the program.*
- Preparing to Care Grant Program
 - *New Decision Item*
 - Lewis and Clark Discovery Fund \$12,000,000
 - Total \$12,000,000
- Missouri Western State University
 - General Revenue \$18,827,339
 - Lottery Proceeds \$ 1,968,039
 - Debt Offset Escrow Fund \$ 75,000E
 - Total \$20,870,378

Also of note, the committee got into a lengthy discussion regarding the need to review the how the state allocated moneys to each university. Paul Wagner with the Department of Higher Education stated that it does make sense to reevaluate the appropriation process, but also cautioned as to how the general assembly would choose to compensate each school – do you compensate according to cost or results.

MOSIRA / DATA STORAGE CENTERS FACILITIES: This week the House Economic Development Committees’ Chair Rep. Zerr (R-St. Charles) released the HCS for HB 468 sponsored by Rep. Diehl (R- St. Louis) to the committee members. This HCS combines to HB

468 HB 357 sponsored by Rep. Leara (R-St. Louis). HB 468 deals with the establishment of the Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act and HB 357 changes the law regarding enhanced enterprise zones. Rep. Zerr plans on holding an executive session on this bill next week. This bill is expected to become an omnibus economic development bill.

OMNIBUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILL / TAXATION: This week the Senate Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government met in executive session and voted **Do Pass** SCS for SBs 189, 217, 246, 252 & 79. This SCS differs from the introduced version in that it changes the title of the bill to relating to taxation and combines the bill with the following bills:

1. SCS/Senate Bill 217 – Data Storage Centers
2. SCS/Senate Bill 246 – Angel Tax Credits
3. Senate Bill 252 – Qualified Research Tax Credits; and
4. Senate Bill 79 – MOSIRA

This version also lowers the acreage requirements for dormant manufacturing zones contained in the quality jobs act provisions from no less than two hundred and fifty acres to no less than one hundred acres and increases the period of time since the plant engaged in manufacturing activities from six years to three years. Provisions modifying the linked deposit program to allow for low-interest loans for businesses seeking to make energy improvements have been added to the bill. This version also contains provisions which establish the proof of concept business finance program which will be administered by the Missouri Technology Corporation. The provisions of Senate Bill 203 (2011) creating a tax credit to attract sporting events have also been added to this version of the bill. This version incorporates the sales and use tax exemptions provided under the Compete Missouri legislation (Senate Bill 279 (2011)) but limits their availability to information technology centers.

COMPETE MISSOURI PROGRAM: This week the Senate Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government met in executive session and voted SCS for SB 279 sponsored by Sen. Schmitt (R-St. Louis) **Do Pass**. This version incorporates a provision which would grant recaptured up-front Compete Missouri tax credits the same priority as other tax liabilities for bankruptcy purposes. (Subdivision (5) of Subsection 3 of Section 620.2010). For the full bill text: <http://www.senate.mo.gov/11info/pdf-bill/intro/SB279.pdf>

NUISANCE ABATEMENT ORDINANCES: This week the Senate Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government held a hearing on SB 25 sponsored by Sen. Schaaf (R-Buchanan). This act adds Buchanan County and Andrew County to the list of counties that may enact nuisance abatement ordinances regarding the condition of real property. Testifying in support of this legislation was the St. Joseph Area Legislative Coalition. No one testified in opposition or for informational purposes. The committee took no further action.

MISSOURI CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMISSION: This week the House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education met in executive session and voted HCS HB 473 sponsored by Rep. Jones 63 (D-St. Louis) **Do Pass**. For the whole bill text click the link: <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills111/biltxt/commit/HB0473C.htm>

HEARINGS OF INTEREST:

House-Budget
TUESDAY - 03/15/11
8:00 AM, HR 3

Bills to be considered:

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| HB 3 | Silvey | Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education. |
| HB 7 | Silvey | Appropriates money for the expenses and distributions of the departments of Economic Development; Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration; and Labor and Industrial Relations. |

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

House-Agriculture Policy

TUESDAY - 03/15/11

12:00 PM, HR 6

Public hearing:

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| HB 653 | Cauthorn | Changes the laws regarding noxious weeds. |
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Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

House-Trans. Funding and Public Institutions

TUESDAY - 03/15/11

Upon morning adj or Recess; South Gallery

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

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| HB 104 | Nance | Relating to red light traffic violations |
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Committee Members: Sally Faith, Chair / Mike Cierpiot, Vice Chair / Susan Carlson / Gary Cross / Rory Ellinger / Lyndell Fraker / Bill Lant / Brent Lasater / Thomas Long / Tom McDonald

House-Budget

WEDNESDAY - 03/16/11

8:00 AM, HR 3

Bills to be considered:

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| HB 7 | Silvey | Appropriates money for the expenses and distributions of the departments of Economic Development; Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration; and Labor and Industrial Relations. |

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Committee Members: Ryan Silvey, Chair / Rick Stream, Vice Chair / Sue Allen / Randy Asbury / Eric Burlison / Chris Carter / John Cauthorn / Sally Faith / Tom Flanigan / Jeff Grisamore / Casey Guernsey / Marsha Haefner / Denny Hoskins / Jason Kander / Shelley Keeney / Chris Kelly / Jeanne Kirkton / Mike Lair / Sara Lampe / Gail McCann Beatty / Genise Montecillo / Jamilah Nasheed / Mark Parkinson / John Rizzo / David Sater / Dwight Scharnhorst / Dave Schatz / Tom Shively / Mike Thomson

House-Tax Reform

WEDNESDAY - 03/16/11

8:00 AM, HR 5

Public Hearings:

HB 335 Burlison Allows, upon voter approval, a political subdivision to replace any personal property taxes levied for funding the political subdivision with a revenue-neutral increase in local sales or real property taxes.

Executive session will be held on the following bills:

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Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Committee Members: Doug Funderburk, Chair / Gary Cross, Vice Chair / Charlie Davis / Rory Ellinger / Andrew Koenig / Jeanie Lauer / John McCaherty / Gail McCann Beatty / Margo McNeil / Tommie Pierson / Lindell Shumake / Bill White

Senate-Governmental Accountability

WEDNESDAY - 03/16/11

1:30 PM, SCR 1

SB 82 Pearce Removes an expiration date of August 28, 2011 on state universities being able to convey land without authorization from the General Assembly and requires that such conveyances be done at fair market value.

SB 88 Schaaf Removes an expiration date of August 28, 2011 on state universities being able to convey land without authorization from the General Assembly and requires that such conveyances be done at fair market value.

During this committee on Government Accountability we will continue to look into how Fee Offices are awarded in the State of Missouri and how the provisions are being carried out pursuant to HB 381, signed into law in 200 , which requires the Department of Revenue to award fee office contracts by a competitive bidding process.

Executive session may follow

Committee Members: Jim Lembke, Chair / Brad Lager, Vice Chair / Maria Chapelle-Nadal / Will Kraus / Chuck Purgason

BILLS OF INTEREST: Bills of Interest.

Holding down the "Ctrl" button and clicking the bill number will take you to the bills website.

HB 772 Peters-Baker Allows Kansas City to collect an additional fourteen dollars in municipal ordinance violation cases.

<u>HB 775</u>	<u>Wyatt</u>	Allows a sheriff to receive reimbursement for the actual costs of transporting a person to and from a mental health facility.
<u>HB 780</u>	<u>Mott Oxford</u>	Establishes the Good Jobs First Act which provides development subsidies to certain corporations.
<u>HB 801</u>	<u>Nichols</u>	Establishes the Uniform Planned Community Act which specifies the requirements for creating, governing, managing, and terminating planned community developments.
<u>HB 806</u>	<u>Hughes</u>	Establishes the Economic Development Grant Program to allow companies to reopen a closed manufacturing factory.
<u>HB 815</u>	<u>Scharnhorst</u>	Changes requirements for published county financial statements.
<u>HB 843</u>	<u>Conway-27</u>	Authorizes the city of St. Joseph to impose a sales tax for public safety purposes.
<u>HB 846</u>	<u>Wieland</u>	Authorizes the governing body of any city or county to enter into design-build project contracts for neighborhood improvement districts.

If you would like the full text of a bill or a bill summary, they will be posted at <http://www.moga.state.mo.us/> as they become available. This report was distributed by the St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce with support from the City of St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Heartland Health.

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