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This week the 2011 Legislature worked on a rescission bill for the FY 2011 budget which runs through July 1, 2011. The House and Senate Committees have passed out their bills and will have floor debates next week. The Governor has asked for spending freezes and significant reductions in this year's budget to account for the revenue shortfall. Bills continue to be introduced on many topics as bill deadlines approach. This week a bill to repeal the one-cent sales tax increase that was passed last year will be heard in the House Tax Committee. The House Tax Committee is likely to pass out the bill as is the full House. The Senate and the Governor has not expressed support for the one-cent sales tax repeal at this time. However, the Governor has expressed support for other tax reductions, such as the corporate and individual income tax rates. We are expecting the Governor's proposed expensing provision and economic develop tax credit elimination bill to be out this week in bill form and we will send it to you for comments and input.

The Governor's Executive Reorganization Order (ERO) which moves the Division of Travel and Tourism to the Department of Wildlife and Parks is out in bill form and can be found below, ERO 36. The House and the Senate have 60 days to respond to this ERO. If they take no action, the ERO will become effective on July 1, 2011. For the ERO to be rejected, either body can take a vote to reject it. We will continue to work with the TIAK membership, the Division of Travel and Tourism and the Department of Wildlife and Parks to continue to gather information and work towards the best outcome for the travel and tourism industry in the state.

Below please find a listing of bills of interest to the TIAK membership. Within the bill tracker you will find the bill number and its subject matter as well the current status of the bill and whether there is pending committee action on the bill. **Please note that the bills with upcoming hearings have been highlighted.** You may access the full text of the bill by holding down your computer control key and clicking on the bill number in the report or by going to www.kslegislature.org. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding any bills below, please do not hesitate to contact Bright and Carpenter at Natalie@brightcarpenter.com or at 316.640-1422 or Marlee@brightcarpenter.com or at 785.213.0185.

Bill Number	Bill Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action Date	Last Action
HB 2002	Robert Grant, D-2nd	Amendments to the Kansas expanded lottery act	In House Federal and State Affairs	01/10/2011	House - Introduced; referred to Federal and State Affairs
HB 2008	Lance Kinzer, R-14th	Making identity theft a person felony	In House Corrections and Juvenile Justice	01/26/2011	House - Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/3/2011, 1:30 PM, Rm 144-S
HB 2026	House Federal and State Affairs	Kansas immigration accountability act	In House Federal and	01/19/2011	House - Referred to Federal and State Affairs

	Committee		State Affairs		
HB 2037	Mike O'Neal, R-104th	Committees; creating the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development	In House Rules and Journal	01/20/2011	House - Referred to Rules and Journals
HB 2039	House Health and Human Services Committee	Smoking regulations; casino exemption deleted	In House Health and Human Services	01/20/2011	House - Referred to Health and Human Services
ERO 36	Governor Sam Brownback	Renaming the Department of Wildlife and Parks as the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; Abolishing the Assistant Secretary of Operations position and creating an Assistant Secretary of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Boating and an Assistant Secretary of Parks and Tourism; and transferring the Division of Travel and Tourism Development at the Department of Commerce to the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources In Senate Natural Resources	01/28/2011	Senate - Referred to Natural Resources