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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Friday, February 13, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

The House met session pro forma, pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Hawkins in the chair.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill and concurrent resolution were introduced and read by title:

HB 2779, AN ACT concerning the Kansas state fair board; relating to membership thereof; requiring at least one member to be a resident of Reno county; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-520a and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5031**—

By Representative Croft

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ratifying the State of Disaster Emergency declaration issued on February 9, 2026, by Governor Laura Kelly in response to the impacts associated with the 2026 FIFA World Cup activities affecting Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte counties; providing for the continuation thereof in Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte counties through July 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, On February 9, 2026, Governor Laura Kelly issued a State of Disaster Emergency declaration for Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte counties pursuant to K.S.A. 48-924 in response to the significant public safety, security, transportation and infrastructure challenges associated with the 2026 FIFA World Cup; and

WHEREAS, The 2026 FIFA World Cup will take place from June 11, 2026, through July 19, 2026, across 16 host cities in North America, with Kansas City, Missouri, hosting six matches, including one quarterfinal match; and

WHEREAS, Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte counties will host teams, training sites and practice facilities and are expected to experience substantial increases in population density, traffic and public gatherings, including FanFest events and watch parties; and

WHEREAS, The event is projected to generate approximately 650,000 visitors in the region, placing extraordinary demands on local public safety, emergency management, transportation systems and other essential infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The State Emergency Operations Center must be activated to provide situational awareness to elected officials, coordinate with federal partners and other states and support local jurisdictions in maintaining public safety and continuity of operations; and

WHEREAS, The Governor has determined that these conditions constitute a disaster as defined in K.S.A. 48-904 and that a coordinated state response is necessary to protect life, property and public safety: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the State of Disaster Emergency declaration issued on February 9, 2026, for Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte counties pursuant to K.S.A. 48-924 is hereby ratified and continued in full force and effect through July 30, 2026.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and resolution were referred to committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2778, HR 6030.**

Financial Institutions and Pensions: **SB 300, SB 331, SB 435.**

Judiciary: **SB 358.**

Taxation: **HB 2775, HB 2776, HB 2777.**

Transportation: **SB 367.**

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Announcing passage of **SB 344, SB 355, SB 364, SB 387, SB 396, SB 434.**

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate bills were thereupon introduced and read by title:

SB 344, SB 355, SB 364, SB 387, SB 396, SB 434.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Commerce, Labor and Economic Development** recommends **HB 2737** be amended on page 3, in line 24, by striking "12-770" and inserting "12-1770";

On page 8, in line 22, by striking "an" and inserting "in"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Commerce, Labor and Economic Development** recommends **HB 2346** be amended as recommended by the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development as reported in the Journal of the House on March 19, 2025, and the bill, as printed as Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2346, be further amended on page 1, in line 26, after the period by inserting "Applications shall be submitted at least 90 days before the sports tourism event."; also in line 26, after "fee" by inserting "of up to \$100";

On page 2, in line 2, by striking all after "sponsorship"; by striking all in lines 3 and 4; in line 5, by striking all before the period and inserting "from the community's official destination marketing organization. If the community does not have an official destination marketing organization, the city's sports commission shall serve as sponsor. If the city does not have an official destination marketing organization or a sports commission, the city department that serves in the lead tourism advocacy role for the community shall serve as the sponsor"; in line 16, after the period by inserting "The secretary shall make such determination and respond to the applicant with any proposed grant award within 45 days of the date of the application's submission."; in line 27, after "(d)" by inserting "(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2)."; in line 28, after the first

"the" by inserting "national association for stock car auto racing."; in line 34, after the period, by inserting:

"(2) The secretary may award grants for exhibition games by teams from major professional sports leagues.

(3)";

On page 6, in line 10, by striking "2030" and inserting "2031"; in line 11, by striking "2030" and inserting "2031"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Health and Human Services** recommends **HB 2520** be amended on page 2, in line 39, after the period by inserting "Any home plus that provides care for more than 12 individuals on and after July 1, 2026, shall develop and maintain written plans demonstrating the ability of such home plus to meet residents' needs, respond to emergencies and maintain resident health and safety at the increased capacity. Such plans shall be available for review during survey or inspection to ensure that the home plus has the capacity to safely serve additional residents without diminishing the quality of care.";

And the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Higher Education Budget** recommends **HB 2374** be amended on page 2, in line 5, by striking "2024" and inserting "2025"; in line 43, by striking "2024" and inserting "2025";

On page 4, by striking all in lines 20 through 43;

On page 5, by striking all in lines 1 through 22; following line 22, by inserting:

"Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 76-384 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-384.

(a) Upon the selection of a service commitment area for the purposes of satisfying a service obligation under a medical student loan agreement entered into under this act, the person so selecting shall inform the university of Kansas school of medicine of the service commitment area selected.

(b) A person serving in a service commitment area pursuant to any agreement under this act may serve all or part of any commitment in the service commitment area initially selected by such person. If such person moves from one service commitment area to another service commitment area, such person shall notify the university of Kansas school of medicine of such person's change of service commitment area. Service in any such service commitment area shall be deemed to be continuous for the purpose of satisfying any agreement entered into under this act.

(c) A person receiving a medical student loan under this act; in primary care may satisfy the obligation to engage in the full-time practice of medicine and surgery in a service commitment area if the person serves as a full-time faculty member of the university of Kansas school of medicine in general internal medicine, general pediatrics, family medicine; or family practice; ~~general psychiatry or child psychiatry~~ and serves two years for each one year of such obligation, or the equivalent thereof on a two-for-one basis, except that, at the time any person commences satisfying such service obligation as a full-time faculty member pursuant to this subsection, the number of persons satisfying service commitments or service obligations, pursuant to agreements under the medical student loan act, as full-time faculty members pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed the number equal to 25% of the total number of full-time faculty members of the university of Kansas school of medicine in general internal medicine, general pediatrics, family medicine; or family practice; ~~general psychiatry or~~

child psychiatry.

(d) A person may satisfy the obligation to engage in the full-time practice of medicine and surgery in a service commitment area by performing at least 100 hours per month of on-site primary care or mental health care at a medical facility operated by a local health department or nonprofit organization in this state serving medically indigent persons or at a community mental health center or at Larned state hospital, Osawatomic state hospital, south central regional mental health hospital or any facility that provides mental health services and that is operated by a state agency. As used in this subsection:

(1) "Medically indigent" means a person who is:

(A) Unable to secure healthcare because of inability to pay for all or a part of the costs thereof due to inadequate personal resources, being uninsured, being underinsured, being ineligible for governmental health benefits; or

(B) eligible for governmental benefits but is unable to obtain medical services; and

(2) "primary care" means general pediatrics, general internal medicine, family medicine and family practice.";

Also on page 5, in line 23, by striking "2024" and inserting "2025";

On page 9, in line 10, by striking "2025" and inserting "2026"; in line 35, by striking "76-384 and"; also in line 35, by striking "2024" and inserting "2025"; in line 36, before "and" by inserting ", 76-384";

On page 1, in the title, in line 7, by striking "76-384and" and inserting "76-380 and"; also in line 7, by striking "2024" and inserting "2025"; also in line 7, after "76-382" by inserting ", 76-384"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2747** be passed.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2521** be amended on page 1, in line 12, by striking all after the period; by striking all in lines 13 and 14; in line 18, after "means" by inserting ":

(1)";

Also on page 1, also in line 18, after "municipality" by inserting ";

(2) a child placement agency as defined in K.S.A. 65-503, and amendments thereto, if such agency had an active contract with the secretary for children and families at the time that the act or omission giving rise to the claim occurred";

And the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Monday, February 16, 2026.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

