

The **Association** report

from the **Capitol**

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The mid-session legislative spring break is behind us now (it ended March 21) and it's time to get a better feel for where we're headed over at the capitol.

During the session's first half there was plenty of talk regarding well-intended state employee pay upgrades, worker safety improvements and even public employee retirement reform. That's not to mention, also, enhanced funding for transportation projects.

We'll soon find out just how serious the 2019 legislature is about moving ahead with some of the following;

[SCR14](#) – Would authorize \$350 million in bridge construction bonds. It appeared promising in the Senate until House leaders decided the way to move is through general revenue appropriations. (Still possible but we've learned to be only "cautiously" optimistic.)

Pay Raises – It actually looked pretty good early (the governor is promoting it). The momentum has weakened somewhat as unforeseen expenses started to emerge.

[HB499](#) (Griesheimer) Would require automatic driver license revocation if a highway worker is struck by a motor vehicle. After some revisions, the bill passed the House and was sent to the Senate on March 14.

[HB416](#) (Gray) Specifies that a state employee who works 10-hour days and 40 hours a week cannot be required to take two hours vacation leave for paid holidays. It has not been assigned to a committee.

[HB1193](#) (Ingle) Would require the Department of Health to administer a child care service for children of state employees. It has not been assigned to committee.

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