

The Association report

from the Capitol

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A MoDOT employee pay raise moved closer to reality this week when the Missouri Senate passed its version of the 2020 budget. It includes a one-step repositioning increase plus a 1.1% raise for all our employees.

It is significant to point out the senate's state employee pay plan is identical to that proposed by the house. This means it does not require further negotiations in a conference committee but instead goes directly to the governor for his signature and approval.

Also on Wednesday (April 24) the House assigned the senate's bridge-construction bill, [SCR14](#), to the House Budget Committee. This is the senate's proposal to repair (or replace) 215 bridges using about \$300 million in bonds to be retired with general revenue. A hearing for [SCR14](#) has not been scheduled.

On Thursday, the Senate Fiscal Oversight Committee reported "do pass" in regards to house legislation which would require automatic license revocation for a driver whose vehicle strikes a highway worker in construction or work zone. Sponsored by Rep. Aaron Griesheimer, [HB499](#) is expected to be taken up for debate by the full senate in the final weeks of the legislative session which is to end at 6 p.m. Friday, May 17.

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