

The Association report

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The legislative session that kicked off back in the dead of winter has reached the critical final weeks. (The session ends at 6 p.m. on May 13) This is the home stretch and could also be called “transition time.” It’s the short span of time when the house considers senate bills and the senate takes up house proposals.

And there’s quite a bit left on the table, beginning with SB623 which would raise the transportation fuel tax by 5.9-cents a gallon contingent on a favorable public vote. It has passed the senate and was heard Tuesday (4/26/16) in the House Transportation Committee.

Other bills of some interest include HB1891 which would place onerous restrictions on public employee organizations. It was passed by the legislature early in the session but vetoed by the governor on March 18. (Will the legislature attempt a veto over-ride?)

HB2592 – Would raise the maximum state contribution to the deferred compensation program from \$75 to \$100 a month. It was referred to the House Pensions Committee.

HB1422 – Attempts to clarify the law as it applies to state employees who work 10-hour days and 40 hours a week. It has passed the house and was heard 4/13/16 in a senate committee.

HB2228 – Specifies that state employees would be given 10 consecutive days of paid leave upon the birth or adoption of a child. It was voted from a house committee on March 8th.

HB1432 – Would require a hearing to be held with 60 days if a state employee is placed on administrative leave. It was heard 4/19/16 in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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