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## **1 | Legislative Updates**

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League legislative staff continues to monitor several bills and legislative issues. Here's a recap of items from this week:

**Amusement Park Ride Legislation:** The House Federal and State Affairs Committee worked legislation dealing with amusement park rides. The original bill was HB 2389 but, after amendments were approved during the committee discussion, the content was transferred to H Sub for SB 70 ([http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/sb70/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/sb70/)). The amendments lessened the impact on cities; however, if your city has amusement rides as defined by this bill you should study the bill to determine how it will impact your operations. H Sub For SB 70 ([http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/sb70/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/sb70/)) will be on Final Action on Monday, April 3. Eric Smith (<mailto:esmith@lkm.org>) is the League contact on this issue.

**Compensating Use Sales Tax:** The House Tax Committee discussed two bills in committee regarding remote sales tax. HB 2235 ([http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/hb2235/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/hb2235/)), which would require out of state

retailers who do not collect Kansas sales or compensating use tax to furnish a notice to a Kansas purchaser and the Kansas Department of Revenue listing the amount of purchase. HB 2235 ([http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/hb2235/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/hb2235/)) is similar to a Colorado law. HB 2400 ([http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/hb2400/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/hb2400/)) takes it one step further, requiring any out-of-state retailer, receiving gross revenues more than \$100,000 or delivering 200 or more separate transactions into the state, to collect Kansas sales tax and remit to the Kansas Department of Revenue. This legislation is similar to a bill passed in South Dakota. Both bills passed out committee to the full House. Cindy Green (<mailto:cgreen@lkm.org>) is the League contact on these bills.

**KPERS:** SB 205 ([http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/sb205/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/sb205/)) allows KPERS and KP&F members away from work for a period of time, while in a paid status, to receive service credit. HB 2111 ([http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/hb2111/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/hb2111/)) revises death benefits for surviving spouses covered by KP&F. SB 138 ([http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/sb138/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/sb138/)), amended for technical issues, impacts working after retirement for KPERS members. SB 138 ([http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/sb138/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/sb138/)) would only impact any retirant whose retirement is on or after January 1, 2018. SB 138 ([http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/sb138/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/sb138/)) would not fix the working after retirement issues local governments are having with current retirees. HB 2268 ([http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/hb2268/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/hb2268/)) has not been heard on the Senate floor but has the fixes to working after retirement that impact local governments for current retirees and future retirees. We hope to see this heard in Senate or added in during Conference Committee. Amanda Stanley (<mailto:astanley@lkm.org>) is the League contact on this issue.

**Common Consumption:** Sub HB 2277 ([http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/hb2277/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/hb2277/)) allows cities and counties to designate a common consumption area, with boundaries and hours for liquor consumption. As cities approve developments with new gathering spaces and multiple retailers, this legislation will allow liquor consumption in those areas. Cindy Green (<mailto:cgreen@lkm.org>) is the League contact on this bill.

## 2 | Leadership Summit Update

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Have you registered for the Leadership Summit & Mayor's Conference in Dodge City on April 21 and 22? This is going to be a great conference full of inspiring ideas on leadership and the skills necessary to effectively lead an organization. The topics include effective decision making, economic development ideas for rural communities, tips for having a difficult conversation with constituents, employees and other elected officials, media relations for elected officials and how to create a great State of the City Address. Sign up online (<http://www.lkm.org/page/LeadershipSummit>) today!

## **3 | MTI - Municipal Training Institute**

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The League's MTI program is a continuing education program designed for and is open to both elected and appointed city officials. Each month, MTI courses are offered in an interactive format in various locations across the state to further your understanding of municipal issues. MTI participants can receive Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) or Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) certification credit. In April, the trainings offered at the Leadership Summit are part of the core curriculum. In May, the focus of the MTI will be on emergency management and the best practices cities can employ when faced with a crisis or emergency. Sign up for the MTI program today (<http://www.lkm.org/page/MTI>) and mark your schedule for May 5 and 12 for the MTI classes in Lyons and Pratt respectively.

## **4 | Small Cities Resiliency Competition**

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How are you working to improve your city's resilience to natural disasters or economic stress? Have you assessed your risk or identified projects that would reduce it? The Sustainable Cities Institute at the National League of Cities is teaming up with Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS) to launch a Small Cities Resilience Competition.

Cities of 100,000 or less residents are invited to apply for direct, on-the-ground assistance to improve their resilience through local projects. Deadline to apply is April 28, and you must be a member of NLC; the application consists of four essay questions, maximum 250 words for each question. Click here for more information (<http://www.nlc.org/ibts>) and to apply.

## **5 | Budget Webinar**

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Have you signed up for the April 10 Budget 2018 webinar? The League and the Department of Administration are teaming up to offer this abbreviated version of the full-day workshops offered by the DOA in several cities across Kansas. Webinar registration is required ahead of time (limited to 100 participants). Webinar cost is \$25 for member cities, \$35 for non-member cities. Register online: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7031491590330542851> (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7031491590330542851>).

## **6 | KDHE Public Water Infrastructure Loans**

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KDHE asked the League to notify cities of a low-interest loan opportunity for public water supply systems. Project submittals are now being accepted at <http://www.kdheks.gov/pws/loansgrants/loansgrants.html> (<http://www.kdheks.gov/pws/loansgrants/loansgrants.html>).

## 7 | Add Your City Events to the League Website!

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Did you know you can submit city events, festivals and other public events to our website? We use the web listings to grab items for the *Kansas Government Journal* as well as promote on social media. Log on today and add your city's events (<http://www.lkm.org/page/CityEvents>)!

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