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1 | **Legislative Updates**

Veto session has been underway for one week. The League staff are continually tracking legislative efforts. Make sure to stay tuned for information from the League through our listservs and League News each week.

Tax Lid Exemptions (HB 2424) – A new bill, HB 2424 (http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/hb2424/) was introduced in House Taxation Committee that would allow exemptions under the tax lid for employee benefits. Actual language is “increases in employer contributions for social security, workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance, health-care costs, employee benefit plans and employee retirement and pension programs.” Double-digit increases to employee benefits continues to be the largest budget item cities have little control over. Cities should continue to discuss this issue with their legislators and share your actual increases. Cindy Green (<mailto:cgreen@lkm.org>) is the League contact for this issue.

Common Consumption: The Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee held a hearing on Sub HB 2277 (http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/hb2277/) on Friday, May 5, 2017; the hearing will continue to Monday, May 8. The bill would allow cities and counties to establish areas for the consumption of alcohol known as common consumption areas. The local government would create a defined area that would have specific boundaries. The purpose of this bill would be

to allow individuals to step out of a drinking establishment that adjoins the consumption area without violating current law. Eric Smith (mailto:esmith@lkm.org) is the League contact on this issue.

Law Enforcement Protection Act: SB 112

(http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/sb112/) was signed by the governor today. This bill includes the Law Enforcement Protection Act formerly HB 2049 (http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/hb2049/). This bill amends K.S.A. 21-6804 and adds a provision shifting the application of the sentencing guidelines for nondrug felony offenses, or any attempt or conspiracy to commit a nondrug felony offense, against a law enforcement officer. SB 112 (http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/sb112/) also includes what was formerly SB 92 (http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/sb92/) which will require law enforcement agencies to adopt detailed written policies requiring the electronic recording of custodial interrogations for homicides and felony sex offenses.

KPERS Working After Retirement: This issues is currently being worked in Conference Committee. The League is continuing to closely following this issue. Amanda Stanley (mailto:astanley@lkm.org) is the League contact on this issue.

2 | Early Bird Deadline for Service Awards is Fast Approaching

You still have time to get your Service Award certificates and names in the book by filling out the City Employee Template form. The City Employee Template must be submitted no later than May 10. Once the employee list is received and uploaded you will receive a confirming E-Mail from the Green Co., that you may begin ordering Service Awards for your employees. Gift orders must be placed no later than May 17. Orders received after May 17 will be assessed a late fee. Please return the City Employee Template by email to Anna DeBusk (mailto:adebusk@lkm.org) at your convenience.

3 | Budget Tips Now Online

Budget Tips Online: The 2017 Budget Tips for creating 2018 budgets is now online at <http://www.lkm.org/page/BudgetTips> (<http://www.lkm.org/page/BudgetTips>). Please note in the 2017 Budget Tips we have provided two budget calendars - one is for municipalities not seeking an election to exceed the tax lid, the other outlines the timeline if an election is not needed. We have also posted the information for FY 2018 city and county local alcohol tax distribution and the 2018 city and county special street/highway fund on our Budget Tips page (<http://www.lkm.org/page/BudgetTips>). Eric Smith is the League's resource on the Budget Tips

document. The recording of the League's budget webinar with the Department of Administration on April 10 is available online (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/5974319956780214785>).

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