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1 | **Legislative Update and Bill Concerning Lien Filing Against Public Officials**

On Monday, the legislative session in Kansas began with the swearing in of Senators and Representatives. Governor Sam Brownback gave his State of the State Address in the House Chambers on Tuesday. Finally, bill introductions began in earnest on Wednesday and committees heard informational briefings on issues of interest from state agencies. New to this session is the availability of live audio streaming in committee rooms. Whenever the League participates in a hearing in which audio streaming is available, we will include a link on our calendar.

For this upcoming week, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hear testimony on SB 10 (http://kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/sb10/) on Thursday, January 19th, at 10:30 a.m. in room number 346-S. SB 10 (http://kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/sb10/) would prohibit an individual from re-filing liens or claims that have already been set aside by the court without judicial approval. The bill would also make it unlawful for any person file a false lien or claim against the real or personal property of a public official when he or she knows or reasonably should know that the lien or claim is false or contains any materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations. Public officials would include public officers, candidates for public office or public employees. The League will be testifying in support of SB 10 (http://kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/sb10/).

For a full view of legislative activities arising in committees this week, take a look at the League's Legislative Calendar (/resource/resmgr/files/league_news/2017/Additional_Documents/Leg_Cal_1-13.pdf)!

2 | **Local Government Day Registration**

Registration is still open (<http://www.lkm.org/page/LocalGovernmentDay>) for League members for Local Government Day, co-hosted with the Kansas Association of Counties. In the morning, we encourage you to make appointments with your local legislators at the Capitol. Then, join us at 2:00 p.m. in the Sunflower Ballroom for the 'If I Were Mayor'

presentations.

The rest of the schedule is as follows:

- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Speakers: House and Senate Leadership (invited), Sunflower Ballroom, Maner Conference Center
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Reception with Legislators, Emerald Ballroom, Capitol Plaza Hotel (the room will be divided into regions to encourage interaction and assist in finding your local leaders).

All Local Government Day activities are free to members, however, we ask that you register (<http://www.lkm.org/page/LocalGovernmentDay>) so that we may get an accurate headcount for seating and refreshments.

3 | Rural Broadband Loan Program Accepting Applications

The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program, operated by the Rural Utilities Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is accepting applications for FY 2017. The program provides loans and loan guarantees that would provide the required funds to offer broadband service in eligible rural areas. There are two windows for accepting applications, with the first window being from March 1st through March 31st, 2017. The second window being from September 1st through September 30th, 2017.

For more information, please visit the Rural Utilities Services' webpage (<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/farm-bill-broadband-loans-loan-guarantees>) on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's website.

4 | Airport Emergency Planning Webinar

Kansas Department of Transportation's Aviation Division has teamed up with the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) to offer information on Airport Emergency Planning (AEP). Planning for airport accidents and incidents must involve communication between many parties including Airport Managers, City Managers, Emergency Responders, Police Departments and many other stakeholders.

The presenters will discuss what they view as the most important aspects of an Airport Emergency Plan and lay the foundation of basic airport emergency planning for smaller GA airports. The webinar has airport emergency planning tips for those who are or may be involved with Airport Emergency Planning. While the webinar is focused on smaller airports, concepts can be expanded upon for larger airports as well.

The event is January 25th at 2:00 p.m. You can register for the event here (<http://www.nasao.org/education/upcoming-webinars/>).

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