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## MPUA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

The [MAMU Legislative Committee](#) is scheduled to meet TOMORROW, Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 10am. All MAMU Board Members are welcome to join us by phone or at 316 Governor Office Bldg in Jefferson City (200 Madison St.).

This week, MPAU will monitor hearings on the Sunshine Law (HB 35, HB 230), changes at the PSC (HB 160, HB 355, HB 481), a bill on water fluoridation (SB 278), and financial records of political subdivisions (HB 761). We are finalizing legislation on transparency in fourth class city utility system sales and expect a bill to be filed this week.

Last week, the Senate Commerce Committee conducted a hearing on [SB 122](#) which establishes the Stop Socialism Act. The act creates a cause of action against a state or local public body if the public body

provides, or offers to provide, a competitive service that is also provided by separate private entity within its jurisdiction. Upon showing a preponderance of evidence that the service by the public body has been to the economic detriment of the private party, a court can award the entity damages equal to the revenue lost due to the actions of the public body. CenturyLink testified in favor of the bill citing municipal utilities providing broadband as an example. MAMU and City Utilities of Springfield testified in opposition.

The House Utilities Committee held a hearing on [HB 220](#) that clarifies the taxation of property involved in producing wind energy. Currently, when a wind farm is developed, the taxes stay in the county where the farm is located. If the development company sells

the wind asset to an IOU, those taxes are spread throughout the system and the county loses revenue. The legislation keeps the taxes collected in the county where the farm is located.

In general news, the legislature worked on two bills last week. [HB 445](#) will impose contribution limits from the Clean Missouri initiative on local elected officials and changes the sunshine laws for politicians. Secondly, the House gave first round approval to [HB 188](#), a bill creating a statewide prescription drug monitoring program. The Department of Health and Senior Services will establish a program for monitoring the prescribing and dispensing of all Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances. MO is the only state without such a program.

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

- [Economic development topics dominate proposed legislation at Capitol](#) - JC News Tribune, Feb 11
- [Ameren's pitch to advance EV charging efforts gets partial approval from state](#) - Post-Dispatch, Feb 9
- [Missouri to regulate coal ash ponds for the first time](#) - St. Louis Public Radio, Feb 6
- [Columbia Water & Light exceeds 15 percent renewable target](#) - APPA -Public Power Daily, Feb. 6
- [CU says no new Springfield solar farm yet, due to expense](#) - Springfield News-Leader, Feb. 3

### MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

#### Senator Ed Emery,

R - District 31

Elected to Senate:  
2012

#### Committees:

Chair — Government Reform; Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy & Environment; Education; Gubernatorial Appointments; Judiciary and Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence

Lives in: Lamar

MPUA Cities: Butler, Harrisonville, Lamar, Rich Hill

Tidbit: Sen. Emery has a degree in engineering, and once worked in the oil and gas industry. He previously served four terms in the Missouri House of Representatives.



### BILL BYTES: A quick look at bills being tracked by MPAU

[Find the complete bill report online here.](#)

#### HB 160 / SB 55

House: [Knight, Jeff \(R\)](#)

Senate: [Crawford, Sandy \(R\)](#)

*HB 160:* Allows Public Service Commission to authorize a low income rate for water and sewer service. *[NOTE: hearing in House on Tuesday]*

*SB 55:* Authorizes PSC, during general rate proceedings for water or sewer corporations, to set a separate, lower fixed/customer charge for low-income customers of water & sewer corps.

#### HB 761

[Pfautsch, Donna \(R\)](#)

Changes laws on financial reports by political subd's.

*NOTE: hearing n House on Tuesday*

#### HB 831 / SB 330

House: [Sharpe, Greg \(R\)](#)

Senate: [Brown, Justin \(R\)](#)

*Both:* Establish special license plate for Assn of MO Electric Coops

*NOTE: AMEC has agreed to include MAMU*

#### SB 66

[White, Bill \(R\)](#)

Establishes provisions relating to water safety and security

#### SB 278

[Wallingford, Wayne \(R\)](#)

Requires public water and PWSs that intend to modify their water supply fluoridation to seek and receive information about the impact from the local health department *NOTE: Hearing in Senate on Wednesday*

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### LINKS

[Find Your Legislator](#)  
[House Session Dates](#)  
[Senate Session Dates](#)  
[MPUA Website](#)

### MPUA CALENDAR

[Full Calendar](#)

Feb. 12 | 10am  
MAMU Legislative  
Committee Mtg  
Gov. Office Bldg 316

Feb. 21 | 10am  
MoPEP Services &  
Rates Committee Mtg  
Columbia, Mo.

Feb. 25-27  
APPA Legislative Rally  
Washington, DC

Feb. 27 | 10am  
Lineworker & Mutual  
Aid Committee Mtg  
Columbia, Mo.

### TRAINING

Feb. 20 | 10:00 am  
Work in Water Training,  
Columbia, Mo.

Spring Tech 2019  
March 13 - Waynesville  
March 14 - Hannibal



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