

# ALLIANCE INSIDE

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## MPUA CALENDAR

*Full Calendar*

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

March 6 | 10am  
Member Services  
Committee Mtg  
Columbia, Mo.

March 6 | 1pm  
Joint Operating &  
Exec-Committees Mtg  
Columbia, Mo.

March 7 | 9am  
MPUA Board Meetings  
Drury Plaza Hotel  
Columbia East

March 12 | 10am  
MAMU Legislative  
Committee Mtg  
Gov. Office Bldg 460

## TRAINING

Spring Tech 2019  
March 13 - Waynesville  
March 14 - Hannibal



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## MPUA SUPPORTS LICENSE PLATE BILLS

Last week, MPUA testified in favor of [SB 330](#) (Sen. Brown-Rolla), a bill on establishing a license plate for rural cooperative lineman. Our support hinged on the addition of language that would allow the Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities (MAMU) to similarly have a license plate for municipal utility workers. Money raised from the license plates would support MAMU's training efforts. [HB 831](#) (Rep. Sharpe-Ewing) is a similar bill.

The House Utilities Committee conducted a hearing on [HB 287](#). The legislation results from a court ruling declaring all electric vehicle charging stations as utilities regulated by the PSC. This bill exempts from the definition of "public utility" any person/corporation that purchases electricity from an electrical utility, furnishes electricity

exclusively to charge battery operated vehicles and plug-in hybrid vehicles for compensation, and is otherwise not a public utility as that term relates to the PSC. MAMU supported the bill, but voiced concerns about territorial issues related to supplying these charging stations.

The Senate Commerce Committee heard [SB 169](#). This bill brings Missouri in line with federally mandated natural gas safety standards. The measure sets forth maximum civil penalties for any gas plant facility that violates federally mandated natural gas safety standards. This act repeals such penalties and instead states that violations of such standards shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed an amount as determined by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation pursuant to federal regulations. This bill

was put forth by the PSC. MAMU and City Utilities of Springfield testified in support. Some IOU's testified in opposition and cited the enormous increase in potential fines related to existing state law.

This week staff is split between Jefferson City and Washington, DC. In Missouri, MPUA will monitor hearings this week on electric vehicle (EV) chargers ([SB 296](#)), critical infrastructure ([SB 293](#)), and video service providers ([HB 759](#) & [SB 273](#)). In DC, staff will attend a legislative rally of APPA on Capitol Hill. The Missouri advocates will meet with most all of the state's Congressional delegation, including Senators Blunt and Hawley. Issues covered will be on municipal bonds, broadband & pole attachments, LIHEAP, carbon emissions, hydropower allocations, and cybersecurity.

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

[Weather service: High flood risk in Missouri this spring](#) - Associated Press, Feb. 24  
[Push to steer MO coal ash oversight away from EPA raises alarm with watchdog groups](#) - Post-Dispatch, Feb 24  
[Local governments worry 'Stop Socialism Act' could endanger services](#) - Springfield News-Leader, Feb. 22  
[Ameren files \\$6.3B grid transformation plan with Missouri regulators](#) - Utility Dive, Feb. 19  
[How One Small Missouri City is Handling Small Cell Rollouts](#) - Government Technology, Feb. 13

## MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

### Senator Mike Cunningham

R - District 33

Elected to Senate: 2012

**Committees:** CHAIR- Fiscal Oversight; VICE- CHAIR- Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy & the Environment; Insurance & Banking; MEMBER - Appropriations; Professional Registration

Lives In: Rogersville

**MPUA Cities:** Ava, Cabool, Houston, Mansfield, Mountain Grove, Mountain View, Rogersville, Seymour, Thayer, West Plains, & Willow Springs.

**Tidbit:** Sen. Cunningham was city administrator at Marshfield for 5 yrs.



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

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

[HB 831](#) / [SB 330](#) House: [Sharpe, Greg\(R\)](#)  
Senate: [Brown, Justin\(R\)](#)  
**Both:** Establish special license plate for Assn of MO Electric Coops  
**NOTE: Amended to include MAMU**

[HB 909](#) / [SB 383](#) House: [Francis, Rick\(R\)](#)  
Senate: [Emery, Ed\(R\)](#)  
HB: Modifies provisions for the sale of municipally owned utilities.  
SB: Modifies provisions relating to the sale of utilities in fourth class cities.  
**NOTE: MAMU requested**

[SB 273](#) / [HB 759](#) Senate: [Emery, Ed\(R\)](#)  
House: [Bondon, Jack\(R\)](#)  
**Both:** Modifies provisions relating to video service providers  
**NOTE: SB Hearing in Senate**

[SB 293](#) / [HB 954](#) Senate: [Hough, Lincoln\(R\)](#)  
House: [Knight, Jeff\(R\)](#)  
**Both:** Creates new criminal offenses involving critical infrastructure facilities.  
**NOTE: SB Hearing in Senate**

[SB 296](#) / [HB 287](#) Senate: [Cierpiot, Mike\(R\)](#)  
House: [Kidd, Bill\(R\)](#)  
SB: Relating to electric vehicle charging stations.  
HB: Modifies the definition of "public utility".  
**NOTE: SB Hearing in Senate**