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MPUA CALENDAR

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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

MPUA MEMBERS ADVOCATE IN DC

Twenty-one public power utility leaders from Missouri traveled to Washington, DC last week to advocate for municipal utility concerns with the state's congressional delegation, including Senators Blunt and Hawley. As part of the MPUA's annual congressional outreach, the representatives from eleven utilities and MPUA attended policy briefings of the American Public Power Association and discussed a variety of issues affecting hometown utilities. Those involved with meeting the Missouri congressional delegation represented utilities from Carthage, Columbia, Hannibal, Independence, Kirkwood, Macon, Nixa, Rolla, Springfield, Sullivan and West Plains. Issues covered ranged from municipal bonds, broadband & pole attachments, LIHEAP, carbon emissions, hydropower allocations, and cybersecurity.

In Jefferson City, the legislative team testified in favor of [SB 296](#) on electric vehicle charging stations and [SB 293](#) on the security of critical infrastructure. Staff also monitored hearings on the video service provider franchise tax bill ([HB 759](#) & [SB 273](#)). [SB 383](#) (utility sale transparency) was referred to the Senate Commerce and Environment Committee and a hearing is expected the week of March 11.

The Missouri Senate was in session for over sixteen hours Tuesday negotiating, [Senate Bill 7 \(SB 7\)](#) the venue and joinder laws in Missouri. SB 7 stems from a Missouri Supreme Court case dealing with where lawsuits are filed and who has standing. Proponents claim many class action lawsuits are filed in St. Louis because they have a history of producing higher awards. The bill is a priority for the Senate and needs one

more vote before heading to the House.

The Missouri House spent much of their week working on [House Bill 126 \(HB 126\)](#). The bill would ban abortions once a fetal heartbeat and brain function is detected. Proponents are calling HB 126 the most pro-life bill in the nation. Democratic Senators vow a filibuster. This will be a big issue when it is debated in the Senate later this session.

This week MPUA will monitor [HB 482](#) (shielding utility cybersecurity activities from sunshine law) and testify for [HB 831](#) (license plate bill for utility worker training). MPUA is working with the sponsor to include municipal utility training to the bill. The MPUA legislative team will also be working to line up member utilities to weigh in on the utility sale transparency bills requested by MPUA.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

[Energy Transfer gas pipeline rupture caps Missouri mainline capacity](#) - Bloomberg - March 3
[Resolutions adopted on grid costs, pole attachments at APPA Legislative Rally](#) - Public Power Daily, Feb 28
[Missouri regulators signal readiness to OK Grain Belt Express](#) - Energy News Network, Feb. 28
[Experts say nearly two-thirds of rural Missouri does not have adequate broadband speed](#) - KRCG-TV, Feb 28
[Supreme Court Clean Water Act case could have big impact on coal ash disposal](#) - Utility Dive, Feb. 20

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

Rep. Bill Kidd

R - District 20

Elected to House: 2014

Committees: VICE-CHAIR

- Utilities; Special
Committee on

Homeland Security';

MEMBER - Joint Committee on

Disaster Preparedness and Awareness;
Special Committee on Aging

Lives In: Northeast Jackson County

MPUA Cities: Independence

Tidbit: Prior to his legislative duties, Rep. Kidd was a small business owner in Independence and held various positions with corporations.



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

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

[HB 482](#) [Kidd, Bill\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions for disclosure of public records by the Public Service Commission **NOTE: House hearing this week.**

[HB 831 / SB 330](#) House: [Sharpe, Greg\(R\)](#)
Senate: [Brown, Justin\(R\)](#)

Both: Establish special license plate for Assn of MO Electric Coops
NOTE: House hearing this week.

[HB 1025](#) [Black, John\(R\)](#)

Modifies definition of "electric supplier" as it relates trespass rules for trimming, removing, and controlling trees
NOTE: Changes to include municipal utilities.

[HB 1062](#) [Hansen, Jim\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions for eminent domain for utility purposes.
NOTE: Targets Grain Belt.

[HB 1138](#) [Miller, Rocky\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions for relating to electric energy
NOTE: Impacts to MJMEUC generators.



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