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MPUA CALENDAR

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May 17
MoPEP Services & Rates
Committee mtg
(Columbia)

May 19-25
Nat'l Public Works Wk

May 27
MPUA office closed
(Memorial Day)

May 5 | 10am
Member Services
Committee Mtg
(Columbia)

June 5 | 1pm
Joint Operating & Exec-
Committees Mtg
(Columbia)

June 6 | 9am
MPUA Board Meetings
Drury Plaza Hotel
Columbia East

TRAINING

May 29 & 30
Substation Training
(Chillicothe)

May 30
Digital Media Workshop
(Columbia)

FINAL DAYS PUSH

With the Friday 6 p.m. end to the Missouri Legislature looming, this week will be filled with a flurry of activity as legislators finish their priorities. It is worth noting that some lawmaker priorities are to stop legislation, leading to long filibusters and procedural maneuvers. Major debates are left on economic development incentives, abortion, rewriting Clean Missouri redistricting, eminent domain, and prescription drug monitoring.

Grain Belt - Last week, the Senate Commerce committee on Monday voted HB 1062 from committee by the closest of margins (6-5). By Wednesday, the House amended the anti-Grain Belt language to SB 202, a mining bill. A privileged motion led to a bipartisan filibuster lead by Senators Holsman (D-Kansas City), Emery (R-Lamar), and Sifton (D-St. Louis). After hours of debate, the bill was sent to a conference

committee to potentially strip the troublesome anti-Grain Belt language out. There are three bills to watch – SB 131 (state energy plan), HB 1062 (original bill), and SB 202 (mining – sent to conference). The Senate is expected bring this issue up one last time. If you are a MoPEP or a GBX participant city, please make one last call to your Senator, as well as Senators [Schatz](#) and [Rowden](#).

Utility Sale Transparency - Last week, a compromise was reached with Missouri American Water, Liberty, and Summit, who opposed the MPOA-sponsored bill on transparency when selling a municipal water, sewer, or gas system. The compromise position makes all Board of Alderman choices permissive rather than mandatory. We are working diligently to attach this compromise to various bills.

Asset Management - MPOA has opposed and worked to mitigate this onerous bill to a few requirements with long timelines. The most onerous asset management requirements have been removed, leaving water utilities to complete an already federally-mandated risk and resiliency plan in the next 10 years, a hydrant inspection plan, cyber security implementation, and an isolation and control valve maintenance plan. We are monitoring this legislation to see if it will make it to finish.

Tree Trimming, Customer Sunshine Protections, and EV Charging - MPOA is working to find vehicles for these measures to get them over the finish line: HB 1025 - municipal utility tree trimming, SB 453/HB 1098 - customer record sunshine law exemptions, and SB 296/HB 297 - electric vehicle charging stations.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

What to watch for in this final week of the Missouri Legislature's session, [Missourinet, May 13](#)
Missouri lawmakers pass \$30B budget proposal, [Associated Press, May 10](#)
Bill targeting Grain Belt Express power line stalls in Missouri, [Electric Light & Power, May 9](#)
Legislature passes bill providing more funding for utility training programs, [Missouri Times, May 8](#)
Eminent domain bill, targeting Grain Belt project, survives Senate committee vote, [Missouri Times, May 6](#)

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

Senator Jason Holsman

R - District 7

Elected to Senate: 2012

Committees:

Agriculture, Food
Production & Outdoor Resources;
Appropriations; Education; Health &
Pensions; Rules, Joint Rules,
Resolutions & Ethics

Lives in: Kansas City

Tidbit: Sen. Holsman previously served as a state representative from 2007-2012. As a House member he authored the state's net metering law.



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

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

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| HB 1062 | Hansen, Jim(R) |
| Modifies provisions for eminent domain for utility purposes. [NOTE: watch SB 131, SB 202, et al] | |
| SB 203 | Senate: Nasheed, Jamilah(D) House: Plocher, Dean(R) |
| Modifies nuisance actions in certain cities and counties. [NOTE: Amended to include utility sale transparency. Also watch SB 160, HB 355, SB 206] | |
| HB 831 | Sharpe, Greg(R) |
| Establishes special license plate for the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives. [NOTE: Utility worker training monies from license plates] | |
| HB 355 | House: Plocher, Dean(R) Senate: Wallingford, Wayne |
| Modifies provisions for appealing orders and decisions of the public service commission. [NOTE: Includes EV charging changes] | |
| SB 131 | Senate: Emery, Ed(R) House: Kidd, Bill(R) |
| Modifies provisions relating to Modifies provisions relating to the distribution of energy [NOTE: Amended to include Municipal tree trimming – ALSO includes Grain Belt. Watch HB 113, SB 333, SB 355, SB 145, SB 363 for tree trimming.] | |



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