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MPUA CALENDAR

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February 13 | 10 am
MAMU Legislative
Committee Mtg
Gov. Office Bldg 315

February 26—28
APPA Legislative Rally
Washington, DC

March 8 | 8:30 am
MPUA Board Mtg.
**Hilton Garden Inn -
Event Center**

March 14 | 10 am
MAMU Legislative
Committee Mtg
Gov. Office Bldg 315

TRAINING

Spring Tech 2018
March 14– Marshall
March 15 - Lebanon



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LAWMAKERS CONTEMPLATE SALES OF NATURAL GAS UTILITIES

A bill to lower the voting requirement to sell a water or wastewater utility in fourth class cities may expand to municipal natural gas utilities. [HB 1947](#), introduced by [Rep. Alferman](#) (R-Hermann), was heard in House Local Government committee last week, where legislators openly pondered whether to include municipal natural gas utilities. MAMU testified in opposition, asking the committee to include measures to provide citizens with information on system valuation, the sale's influence on city funds and annexation, and customer rate impacts, along with public hearings on the sale. The bill will be voted on in committee this week. A similar bill, [SB 658](#), introduced by [Sen. Hegeman](#) (R-Andrew County), will be heard in

the Senate Local Government Committee on Tuesday.

The legislation concerning the implementation of a state plan to deal with coal ash ponds ([HB 2041](#) – [Fitzwater, R-Fulton](#)) was passed out of the House Utilities committee last week, with MAMU's support. MAMU continues to work with industry stakeholders and DNR to properly fund the program through participant fees.

An executive session and vote will be had on Wednesday evening on the measure dealing with the deployment of wireless cell antennas ([HB 1991](#) – [Rhoads, R-West Plains](#)). There have been significant changes to the bill, but we continue to have major concerns with the legislation. Issues of pricing

and the grandfathering of existing agreements have not been resolved. The Senate Commerce committee will have a hearing on the companion bill, [SB 837](#) ([Rowden, R-Columbia](#)), on Wednesday at noon.

Finally, the House Local Government committee will hear [HB 2242](#) ([Rep. Wiemann, R-O'Fallon](#)) establishes the "Missouri Municipal Government Expenditure Database," to be maintained by the State Treasurer. MAMU opposes the idea, as it is an unfunded state mandate that is inequitably applied to local governments. These records are already fully open to the public. MML has put out an action alert asking that city leaders contact members of the [House Local Government Committee](#) to voice opposition.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

[Commission seeks VW settlement funds](#) - Daily Journal
[Water utility seeking new rate formula](#) – Jefferson City News Tribune
[Rate increase proposal for water/sewer service in St. Louis County attracts criticism](#) – Post-Dispatch
[‘I think it raises taxes.’ GOP lawmakers aren’t buying Greitens’ tax-cut plan](#) – KC Star
[Trump infrastructure plan seeks to shift burden to states](#) - Associated Press

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

Senator Dan Hegeman
R - District 12



Elected to Senate:
2014

Committees:
Chair, Local Government and Elections; Vice-Chair, Economic Development

MPUA Cities: Albany, Bethany, Cameron, Gallatin, Gilman City, Milan, Plattsburg, Ravenwood, Rock Port, Stanberry, Trenton, Unionville

Tidbit: Sen. Hegeman, a lifelong farmer, also currently serves as community affairs manager for Kansas City Power & Light.

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

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

[SB 658](#) [Hegeman, Dan\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions relating to municipally owned utilities

[SB 933](#) [Hegeman, Dan\(R\)](#)

Modifies property assessed clean energy (PACE) provisions

[HB 1973](#) [Wiemann, John D.\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions of the Missouri Clean Water Law

[HB 1991](#) [Rhoads, Shawn\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions relating to wireless facilities & related infrastructure

[HB 2242](#) [Wiemann, John D.\(R\)](#)

Establishes MO Municipality Government Expenditure Database