

December 15, 2023

And the Silly Season Begins:

Bill pre-filing for the 2024 legislative session began December 1, with a total of 1,021 bills and joint resolutions being filed within the first week. This number represents an increase over the 769 bills and joint resolutions filed within the same period last year. Topics within the legislation range from property tax assessments and elimination, tax credits, sports wagering, foreign ownership of land, initiative petition reform, gun control, crime, abortion, local government modifications, elementary and secondary education, among others. Capitol regulars are predicting a contentious year and the bills filed thus far suggest the predictions may prove correct.

Budget update

Governor Mike Parson announced the state's consensus revenue estimate (CRE) for FY25. The number jointly is determined by the Governor and legislative leaders to build and balance Missouri's budget. Net general revenue collections in FY25 are expected to be \$13.16 billion, which represents only a 0.2 percent net general revenue growth over the revised CRE for FY24. Governor Parson will outline his proposed FY25 budget during his annual State of the State address, which is scheduled to be held January 24 at 3:00 p.m.

House budget sub-committees began meeting this month to hear departmental FY 24 supplemental budget requests and FY 25 budget requests. The early start reflects House leadership's announced plan to deliver its version of the FY 25 budget to the Senate prior to legislative spring break in March to allow more time for the Senate to craft its version of the budget.

Key upcoming dates

January 3, 2024 – First day of the 2024 legislative session January 15, 2024 – Martin Luther King holiday January 24, 2024 – State of the State Address March 1, 2024 – Last day of bill filing March 18-22, 2024 - Legislative spring break May 10, 2024 – Last day to pass the FY 2025 budget May 17, 2024 – Last day of the 2024 legislative session

Bill listing

We have reviewed the bills filed and prepared the following bill listing for your review: <u>https://govwatch.net/report/3BrZGXRqA5</u>. We will continue to update it as bills are filed and alert you accordingly. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

My thanks,

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KC Chamber Missouri State Affairs Meeting

Senate Minority Leader J.J. Rizzo and House Floor Leader Dr. Jon

Patterson

January 12, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Chamber Boardroom, Union Station

Register Today: January Missouri State Affairs Committee Meeting