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**Compensation of KDOT Professional Engineers.** This week, House and Senate Budget Committees are hearing for the first time about a comprehensive study of state employee compensation being conducted by the Hay Consulting Group. House Speaker Melvin Neufeld was quoted this past week in the Topeka paper expressing concern that state employee salaries stay competitive with private sector options to ensure the state has quality employees. KSPE will partner with state agencies to communicate to state policy makers the need for competitive salaries and benefits for Professional Engineers in state jobs.

**Driving Force Task Force.** About 30 legislators attended a special lunch meeting on Wednesday of last week to hear Dr. Robert Foss, the nation's leading expert on Graduated Drivers License, explain the merits of rethinking the restrictions on teenage drivers. Dr. Foss presented data from North Carolina that showed widespread acceptance among parents and teenagers for restrictions on driving hours and the number of non-sibling teenage passengers prior to receiving their unrestricted licenses. Moreover, moving to a Graduated Drivers License results in significant reduction in teenage accidents and related fatalities. KSPE supports implementation of the recommendations of the Driving Force Task Force.

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**Bill Deadlines -**

February 1<sup>st</sup> – last day for bill requests

February 9<sup>th</sup> – last day for bill introductions

February 24<sup>th</sup> – last day for consideration of bills in house of origin (except “exempt” bills)

March 24<sup>th</sup> – last day for consideration of bills in second house (except “exempt” bills)

April 7<sup>th</sup> – anticipated end of regular session

April 25<sup>th</sup> – anticipated start of Veto Session

**Bill Updates** - Following is a list of bills of interest to KSPE members. Click on the bill number for an electronic copy of the bill. Please contact me via email at [rgaches@gbbaks.com](mailto:rgaches@gbbaks.com) or cell phone at 785-633-6514 if you have questions or to add a bill to our tracking list.

**Kansas Legislature Website** - Additional resources, including copies of other bills, roster of legislators, committee roosters, a link to identify your legislator and much more can be found at ... <http://www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-legisportal/index.do>

<b>Kansas Society of Professional Engineers</b>			
<b>Bill Number and Sponsor</b>	<b>Bill Subject</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
<a href="#">SB 15</a> Special Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources	State conservation commission; relating to dam safety; creating the Kansas Dam Rehabilitation Program	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>1/12/2007 - Senate</b> Hearing: Thursday, 1/18/2007, 8:30 AM, Rm 423-S
<a href="#">SB 30</a> Derek Schmidt, R-15th	School finance; establishing the Keeping Education Promises Trust Fund; transferring moneys from the State General Fund to the fund and prohibiting expenditure of such moneys during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008; making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009	Pending motion to concur or nonconcur	<b>1/24/2007 - House</b> Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 105, Nays 17
<a href="#">SB 34</a> Jay Emler, R-35th	Transportation Development District Act; relating to definitions; projects	On General Orders in Senate	<b>1/25/2007 - Senate</b> Committee Report: Be passed as amended by Assessment and Taxation
<a href="#">SB 60</a> Senate Agriculture Committee	Conservation districts; concerning funding	On General Orders in Senate	<b>1/23/2007 - Senate</b> Committee Report: Be passed by Agriculture
<a href="#">SB 89</a> Senate Agriculture Committee	Water; concerning the Republican River and the disposition of moneys recovered from certain litigation; establishing the Republican River Water Conservation Projects Fund	In Senate Agriculture	<b>1/17/2007 - Senate</b> Referred to Agriculture; Hearing: Wednesday, 1/24/2007, 8:30 AM, Rm 423-S

<a href="#">SB 91</a> Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Licensure, certification or registration by state authority; relating to social security numbers or tax identification numbers	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>1/17/2007 - Senate</b> Referred to Assessment and Taxation; Hearing: Wednesday, 1/24/2007, 10:30 AM, Rm 519-S
<a href="#">SB 123</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Water; providing for establishment of an Upper Arkansas River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	In Senate Natural Resources	<b>1/25/2007 - Senate</b> Hearing: Thursday, 2/1/2007, 8:30 AM, Rm 423-S
<a href="#">SB 186</a> Chris Steineger, D-6th	The Kansas and Missouri Regional Mass Transit District Compact	In Senate Transportation	<b>1/26/2007 - Senate</b> Referred to Transportation
<a href="#">SB 193</a> Senate Commerce Committee	Matters pertaining to the state debt	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>1/26/2007 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means
<a href="#">HB 2007</a> Jason Watkins, R-105th	Contracts; relating to indemnification provisions and additional insured parties	In House Judiciary	<b>1/12/2007 - House</b> Withdrawn from Transportation and Public Safety Budget; Referred to Judiciary
<a href="#">HB 2011</a> Special Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources	State Conservation Commission; relating to dams; requiring preparation of certain inundation maps	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>1/10/2007 - House</b> Hearing: Tuesday, 1/16/2007, 3:30 PM, Rm 423-S
<a href="#">HB 2024</a> Bill Otto, R-9th	Interpretation of federal statutes, regulations and national codes	In House Federal and State Affairs	<b>1/10/2007 - House</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs

<a href="#">HB 2048</a>	Conservation districts; relating to funding therefor	On General Orders in House	<b>1/24/2007 - House</b> Committee Report: Be passed by Agriculture and Natural Resources
House Appropriations Committee			
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House Appropriations Committee			
<a href="#">HB 2052</a>	Water Projects Environmental Coordination Act	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>1/22/2007 - House</b> Hearing: Wednesday, 1/24/2007, 3:30 PM, Rm 423-S
Bill Otto, R-9th			
<a href="#">HB 2056</a>	Enacting the Public Water Supply System Training Act; providing for training for governing bodies of certain public water supply systems	In House Federal and State Affairs	<b>1/12/2007 - House</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
House Government Efficiency and Technology Committee			
<a href="#">HB 2057</a>	Rural water districts	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget	<b>1/12/2007 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget
House Government Efficiency and Technology Committee			
<a href="#">HB 2058</a>	Counties; relating to enforcement of county codes and resolutions	In House Elections and Governmental Organization	<b>1/18/2007 - House</b> Hearing: Wednesday, 1/24/2007, 3:30 PM, Rm 231-N
Don Schroeder, R-74th			
<a href="#">HB 2070</a>	Intensive groundwater use control areas	In House Agriculture and	<b>1/17/2007 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture

House Appropriations Committee		Natural Resources Budget	and Natural Resources Budget; Hearing: Monday, 1/22/2007, 1:30 PM, Rm 235-N
<a href="#">HB 2126</a> Tom Sloan, R-45th	Kansas Water Authority; relating to membership	In House Elections and Governmental Organization	<b>1/22/2007 - House</b> Referred to Elections and Governmental Organization
<a href="#">HB 2136</a> House Transportation Committee	Motor vehicles; concerning the use of safety belts	In House Transportation	<b>1/22/2007 - House</b> Referred to Transportation
<a href="#">HB 2137</a> House Transportation Committee	Regulating traffic; requiring the wearing of helmets when operating motorcycles	In House Transportation	<b>1/22/2007 - House</b> Referred to Transportation
<a href="#">HB 2160</a> House Transportation Committee	Regulating traffic; concerning auxiliary driving lamps	In House Transportation	<b>1/24/2007 - House</b> Referred to Transportation
<a href="#">HB 2184</a> House Appropriations Committee	Water; providing for establishment of the Upper Arkansas River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>1/25/2007 - House</b> Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">HB 2201</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities; relating to building codes	In House Elections and Governmental Organization	<b>1/26/2007 - House</b> Referred to Elections and Governmental Organization

<a href="#">HB 2228</a>	Construction contracts; relating to indemnification provisions and additional insured parties	In House Judiciary	<b>1/26/2007 - House</b> Referred to Judiciary
House Judiciary Committee			