



# Legislative Update

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## Status of Priorities:

- **Auto Thefts and Attempt to Elude:** [HB2448](#) passed the House 98-25. Now assigned to Senate Judiciary. *Hearing 3/10/20.*
- **Drug Offender Registry:** [HB2474](#)/[HB2475](#) The House Committee amended both bills and recommended they be passed. Both were stricken from the House Calendar but the House Judiciary Committee placed the contents of HB2474 into SB420, bringing that topic back to life.
- **Medical Marijuana:** Two bills are now out, HB2740 and HB2742. No hearings have been scheduled. A bill was introduced ([HB2709](#)) that decriminalizes marijuana but it is now dead. Another bill (SB449) was introduced and legalizes products with up to 0.3% THC. [SB449](#) is *technically dead but the topic may still be addressed in the veto session.*
- **Red Flag Laws:** No bill yet. However a similar bill ([SB415](#) and [HB2733](#)) now exists applying only after a domestic battery conviction that is a prohibitor to purchase or possess a firearm. An amendment attempted on the Senate floor to add this to a bill was ruled not germane.
- **State Hospitals:** Testimony supporting funding to add OSH and regional beds provided to House committee on 2/5/20 and to Senate Committee on 2/13/20. *The funding recommended in the Governor's Budget was retained.*
- **Release of investigative records of deaths involving LE:** Committee hearings were held on [HB2424](#) and [HB2667](#) in House Judiciary on 2/18/20. Both bills died in committee and the topic will likely be referred for further study.
- **KP&F Benefits after death while on medical disability:** [HB2452](#) Passed House. Hearing in Senate committee on 3/12/20. *It is unclear whether a window is still open to address it in the veto session.*

## **Other High Interest Bills:**

- [SB491](#) (was [SB320](#)) Infectious disease testing for first responders to include more diseases than just HIV and Hep B. *Was passed by Senate 39-0. Can be amended into a conference committee bill, but it is unclear whether a window is still open to address it in the veto session.*

## **Key New Bills Introduced Last Week**

- [HB2744 - Allowing evidence-based program account money to be used on certain children, requiring the department of corrections to build data systems, and allowing for overall case length limit extensions for certain juvenile offenders.](#)

## **Activities of this week:**

### **Key Legislative Action**

- The legislature passed the budget bill containing budget adjustments for the current fiscal year and FY2021. Assuming they will be back as scheduled in late April, several things have been left to the omnibus budget bill.
  - The funding for the KHP aircraft was removed from the budget in its entirety with a promise to consider it when they return as they work the omnibus budget bill.
  - The funding for adding beds at OSH and the regional beds was approved.
  - The funding for 8 acute care psychiatric beds in Hays was approved.
  - A proviso was included transferring the Hemp processor oversight to the Fire Marshall including background checks have worked hard to include in the program.

### **Testimony at Committee Hearings**

- All committee meetings where we planned testimony were cancelled.

### **Other Actions Related to Legislative Matters**

- Met with Senators on Agriculture Committee to discuss bill allowing THC in CBD
- Spoke with House Health and Human Services Committee Chair about our infectious disease testing bill.

### **General Comments**

The legislature adjourned Thursday evening and are not scheduled to return until April 27. Normally, this would have been the end of committee action on bills. But hardly anything has moved out of committee the last half of the regular session. As a result, they have adjusted the deadlines. We now have the week of April 27 to finish committee work and to get all the bills out of the second chamber before starting the conference committee process. We will have to wait to see what leadership will allow to move forward and the time frames for getting our bills out of committee.

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