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Class I Railroads Set To Invest \$13 Billion in 2012

In a positive sign for the U.S. economy, the major, Class I railroads will invest a record \$13 billion in various infrastructure upgrades in 2012, including vital freight corridors that will link the West Coast seaports to Texas and the Southwest.

That encouraging news comes from the Class I industry group, The Association of American Railroads, (AAR) located in Washington, D.C. The AAR also said the railroads would hire 15,000 workers, to replace retiring workers, but also expanding employment by creating new positions.

While not an operator in Kentucky, Omaha, Nebraska-based **Union Pacific** recently told investors and a group of Wall Street analysts that their capital budget for 2012 would be about \$3.6 billion.

A key component of these investments is so-called **double tracking**. Double tracking allows freight cargo to move much faster than a single-track route. On a single track route, one train has to shift to a siding to allow the other train to pass. Double tracks allows both trains to continue, unimpeded and without delay.

Railroad employment can be very lucrative, to say the least. The AAR said that the nation's 175,000 railway employees enjoy an average salary of about \$100,000 a year, "with jobs ranging from engineers to dispatchers, to law enforcement, to information technology and industrial development." The AAR says that one in five new hires, or 20%, are military veterans.



Contact Your Frankfort Senator: SB 89



This weekend, KBT encourages ALL of its members to contact your State Senator while they are home from Frankfort for the weekend.

The message: **urge your State Senator to co-sponsor Senate Bill 89**, a bill supported by KBT, that will expand Kentucky's primary seat belt law to include both 12-passenger vans and 15-passenger vans. The bill is sponsored by Senator Ernie Harris (Crestwood). In addition to being the Chairman of the Senate – Transportation Committee, Chairman Harris' full-time vocation is a UPS pilot. Said another way: Senator Harris understands, first-hand, the value of being "buckled in". He's always buckled in when he flies, or when he drives.

The reason that SB 89 needs to become law is simple: the current Kentucky statute only requires passengers to wear seat belts if the vehicles holds ten (10) passengers, or less. So the passage of SB 89 will require passengers in all sizes of vans must be wearing a restraint. Of course, we all remember the tragic accident on I-65 in Hart County that occurred in March 2010. Ten adult passengers of a 15-passenger van, a Mennonite family, were fatally injured, and none of the adults were wearing seat belts. They used terribly poor judgment, but they were not breaking the law.

If you are unable to speak with your State Senator over the weekend while they are home, call their Frankfort office on Monday, at 502 564 8100, and then ask to be connected to your State Senator. **Leave a message with a secretary or assistant if your Senator isn't immediately available.**

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Long-Awaited Multi-Year Aviation Bill To Become Law?



This week, on late Wednesday evening in Washington, D.C., House and Senate negotiators reached an agreement to reconcile the different House and Senate versions of legislation to reauthorize **the multi-year** operating authority of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

At the risk of sounding skeptical, KBT notes that the multi-year authorization for the FAA last expired on September 30, **2007**. Since that time FAA programs have been operating under a series of **23** short-term extensions. (The current, 23rd extension, will expire on February 17, if this agreement were to fall apart).

Earlier failed attempts on multi-year legislation have been stymied by a nasty and divisive labor issue being included in the bill. The House and Senate compromise wisely doesn't include that provision.

The agreed-to compromise, the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, is a four-year bill, authorizing just shy of \$16 billion each year to operate and improve the national civil aviation system. The measure would authorize the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) which is the discretionary grant program for airport capital projects, at the current FY 2012 level of \$3.35 billion through FY 2015. Technically, this level is \$165 million less per year than was provided in the program from 2006 through 2011.

At this writing, there are indications the House of Representatives will take up the compromise FAA bill as early as today, Friday, February 3, and that the U.S. Senate will follow with their vote shortly thereafter. Keep your fingers crossed!



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DOT Announces 2012 Tiger Grant Funds and Dates



(We're grateful to Leader Mitch McConnell and his staff this week, because they shared a "hot tip" with KBT this week, and in a very timely fashion).

On Tuesday, January 31, the U.S. DOT announced the availability of \$500 million for TIGER projects having significant impact on the nation's transportation network, regardless of whether it is located in an urban or rural setting. As in prior rounds of funding, the 2012 TIGER grants are for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and are to be awarded on

a competitive basis. Projects will be evaluated on the primary criteria including: safety, economic competitiveness, livability, environmental sustainability, state of repair and short-term job creation.

The 2012 TIGER grant pre-application system will open on or before February 13. The deadline for pre-applications is February 20. The deadline for final applications is March 19. Applicants are encouraged to coordinate their applications with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and submit their applications in advance of the application deadlines.

The official notice is <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-01-31/pdf/2012-1996.pdf>.

Gaddie Shamrock

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House Repubs Unveil SAFETEA-LU Proposal

Hope springs eternal. Maybe something is finally moving on SAFETEA-LU in the U.S. House of Representatives.

On Tuesday this week, January 31, House – Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Chairman John Mica (Florida) and other Republican members of the Committee announced the introduction of a 5-year surface and public transit reauthorization proposal dubbed “The American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012”. **The bill is numbered H.R. 7.** Sadly, no House Democratic members participated in the rollout of the bill. At the Tuesday news conference, House Transportation leaders did not offer details on where the money for their proposal would come from. But House leaders have previously proposed deriving new revenues from domestic energy production, which would then be deposited in the Highway Trust Fund.



The measure would authorize approximately \$260 billion in highway, public transit and safety investments from FY 2012 through FY 2016.

H.R. 7 Core Transportation Program Authorizations						
	FY 2011*	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Highways	\$41.1	\$39.1	\$40.1	\$40.3	\$40.4	\$40.7
Transit	\$10.1	\$10.4	\$10.5	\$10.5	\$10.5	\$10.5
Safety	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$1.2
Total	\$52.4	\$50.7	\$51.8	\$52	\$52.1	\$52.4

*FY 2011 not included in H.R. 7, but provided for comparison Source: ARTBA

If approved by the House and Senate, H.R. 7 would be the first multi-year long-term transportation bill passed in Congress **since 2005**. The current highway funding bill, SAFETEA-LU, expired on September 30, 2009, and has been extended eight (8) times since its multi-year authorization expired. The current eighth short-term extension expires on March 31.

If enacted, H.R. 7 would provide six (6) major changes from the current SAFETEA-LU law. They include:

1. Consolidate the existing Interstate Maintenance Program into an expanded National Highway System Program. This new program would receive roughly one-half of the bill’s highway funding authorization.
2. Continue the Highway Safety Improvement and Surface Transportation Programs (STP), but would eliminate the current requirement that states use 10% of their STP funds for “transportation enhancements”. In general, “transportation enhancements” support alternative transportation and environmental initiatives.
3. House Ways & Means Committee would create a new “Alternative Transportation Account” which would be within the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). The new Alternative Transportation Account would support public transportation, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) and research programs as well as other small initiatives. Under H.R. 7, funds in this new account would have the same budgetary protections as funds from the HTF.
4. A provision that would allow states to use CMAQ funds for new, single-occupancy vehicle highway capacity, as long as the project either reduced congestion or improved air quality.
5. Increase from \$122 million to \$1 billion the funds allocated for the Transportation Infrastructure

Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA). H.R. 7 would also authorize \$750 million annually to capitalize state infrastructure banks. Both of these items are intended to increase the financial leverage of limited federal funds with added financial investment from the private sector.

6. Finally, H.R. 7 offers a number of serious and significant reforms to the tedious environmental review process of any project, including: (a) strengthening the role of the USDOT to act as the lead agency in the review and approval of transportation projects; (b) setting a total "cap" of 270 days for the completion of the environmental review process and (c) reducing the deadline under which project opponents can file a lawsuit from 180 days down to just 90 days.

The U.S. Senate is also considering a different 2-year highway surface and public transportation program, dubbed "MAP -21". That bill's author, Senator Barbara Boxer (California) hopes to see a Senate floor vote in February. This measure offers transportation advocates increased funding over the House proposal, as its "price tag" is **\$56 billion each year**.



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CORRECTION: Water Transportation Advisory Board on Tuesday, Feb. 7



Last week's *KBT Transportation News* was **mistaken** when we said that the 7-member Kentucky Water Transportation Advisory Board will meet in Frankfort on **Wednesday**, February 7, 2012 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Frankfort.

We should have said **Tuesday, February 7, 2012**. The meeting will be held in Room C 106 in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Building at 200 Mero Street. Greg Pritchett (Henderson Riverport Authority) chairs the all-volunteer panel.

Agenda items include presentations by Mark Locker of the Ohio Dept of Transportation. Locker will discuss the ODOT Maritime and Freight Program. Chuck Knowles of the Kentucky Transportation Center at UK will discuss waterways research efforts at KTC. KBT President Stan Lampe will brief the Advisory Board on pending legislation in the 2012 Session that has implications for waterways commerce.

The Water Transportation Advisory Board meetings are public meetings, and KBT members with interest in waterways commerce are encouraged to attend.



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Our Readers Write



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Great conference...even though I was able to attend only one day!

With my limited ciphering ability, I have some information for those who say, "I don't want to pay tolls on something that I already have!"

Assuming that the present fuel tax has been around for 55 years and I have driven 15,000 miles for each year that I have driven. Also assume that I have driven a vehicle that has averaged 20 miles per gallon fuel efficiency.

Without further assumption, the average cost of reconstruction of our highways, including new drainage, stone base, minor widening, with complete resurfacing is \$575,000 per lane mile.

Using the current tax rate of \$0.367 per gallon and driving 15,000 miles per year at 20 mpg, I will consume 750 gallons of gasoline this year. This results in a whopping fuel tax of \$275.25 per year.

A lane mile of reconstruction is \$575,000, which is \$109 per lane foot.

Bottom line, I will pay, over my 55-years of driving, \$15,138.75 in fuel taxes. This will reconstruct 69.4 feet of the two-lane road in front of my house!

Gilbert Newman

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Weekly Intermodal Traffic Rises 3%

U.S. freight carload traffic in early 2012 rose again, up 1.6% for the week ending January 21. But U.S. intermodal volume moved up even more, rising 3.0% for the week of January 16 – January 21, against the comparable week in 2011.

Of the 20 carload commodity groups, 14 of them posted increases compared with the same week in 2011. Leading the category increases were: metallic ores, which were up 50.8%; petroleum products, which were up 26.8% and motor vehicles and equipment, which were up 16.7%. Declining groups included grain and other farm products which exclude grain.



Railroad volumes are considered a fundamental economic indicator. Intermodal traffic, which tends to be higher-value goods and merchandise compared to bulk commodities, uses trains for the long haul and trucks for the shorter distance at either end of the trip.



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Let Us Pray.....From 34th Ky. Transportation Conference

It is NOT a rare instance for us to hear from our KBT members. In fact, it now occurs every day. But what was rare...last week... **that we heard from about 15 of you, and you were all asking for the very same thing.**

Henderson Riverport's Greg Pritchett delivered the Invocation on Friday, January 20, at the 34th Annual Kentucky Transportation Conference Closing Luncheon. It was a special moment, and we wanted to share it with those of you requested that we reprint it here in the ***KBT Transportation News***.



Let Us Pray:

The stories of our faith remind us that it was You, who put us into motion. You transported the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land.

You engineered the parting of the Red Sea and the dry road.
You provided the navigation star for the three Kings.
You created the Wind and Water to carry us.
You gave us the capacity to convert natural resources and construct our modern paths and transport vehicles.
You entrusted us with the opportunity and resources to enhance your Kingdom.
Give us the wisdom, grace, compassion and confidence to move forward with your plan and transport us towards your perfect design.
In your name we pray. Amen.



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Bill Summary for 2012 Ky. General Assembly

Selected State Transportation Legislation

Selected State Transportation Legislation for KBT Members

(as of Thursday, February 2, 2012)

(Updated status of bills available at www.lrc.ky.gov)

Administrative

Airports

HB 124 (Rep. Wayne) Allow a planning unit to incorporate airport noise overlay districts within its zoning texts and maps; allow the planning unit to incorporate guidelines on building techniques and materials that are designed to provide acoustical insulation benefits. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Local Government on 1/3.

Auto Dealerships

Bidding and State Contracting Practices

Building Materials, including Stone, Sand Gravel

DUI Legislation

Energy Conservation: Energy Standards

HB 167 (Rep. Marzian) Encourage greater energy efficiency, conservation, and the use of renewable energy resources in order to promote energy independence and energy security; established targeted low-income weatherization programs; other provisions. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Tourism Development & Energy on 1/4.

HB 246 (Rep. Adkins)(28 co-sponsors). Relating to the promotion of alternative energy, expand the types of alternative and renewable energy eligible for incentives. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To Tourism Development and Energy Committee on 1/12; passed favorably from Committee on 1/26; to House Floor on 1/27.

Fuels, Including All Transportation Fuels

HB 245 (Rep. Hall) Establish a tax credit for individuals who convert or retrofit vehicles to run on LNG or CNG; also establish tax credit for individuals who purchase new vehicles that do so. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House - Transportation Committee on 1/11.

Highways, Streets & Bridges

SB 128 (Sen. P. Clark; Sen. Harper-Angel) Prohibit the imposition of tolls or user fees on a federal interstate highway currently in existence. **KBT Position: Opposed.** Introduced 1/31. Committee not yet assigned.

HB 333 (Rep. DeCesare, Rep. Dossett) Increase the speed limit on US Route 68 and Kentucky Route

80 West of the Natcher Parkway to 60 miles per hour; require violator of the speed limits to be subject to fine and other related penalties. **KBT Position: Support.** To House – Transportation Committee on 1/30.

HJR 77 (Rep. Overly; Rep. Rand, and 5 others) Provide that the General Assembly shall adopt the last four years of the six-year Road Plan as a joint resolution. **KBT Position: Support.** Introduced 1/17. To House – Appropriations & Revenue on 1/18.

Leases and Leasing Practices

SB 65 (Sen. Jensen) Provide that leases of motor vehicles or trailers which contain a terminal rental clause do not become or convert into sales contracts. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To Senate – Transportation on 1/4 .

License Plates, Operator's Licenses and Vehicle Registrations

SB 46 (Sen. Schickel) Permit a veteran to request, at the time of application, that a personal identification card or operator's license bear a designation denoting the applicant's status as a veteran. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To Senate- Transportation on 1/3.

SB 53 (Sen. Palmer) Direct KYTC to establish special NASCAR themed license plates; allow KYTC to enter into licensing agreement with NASCAR; direct that EF fees for NASCAR plates to be distributed to local health departments, in accordance with the number of plates issued in each county; set state fee for plate at \$32 and EF fee at \$10. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To Senate – Transportation on 1/3.

SB 124 (Sen. Buford) Provide that motor vehicle instruction permit holders are not required to be accompanied by a person who is at least 21 years of age in the seat beside them when being supervised by a driver training instructor. **KBT Position: Oppose.** Introduced on 1/30. Not yet assigned to Committee.

HB 95 (Rep. Steele) Permit a veteran to request, at the time of application, that a personal identification card or operator's license bear a designation denoting the applicant is a veteran. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Veterans, Military Affairs & Public Safety on 1/3.

HB 105 (Rep. Butler) Require the design of the Purple Heart license plate include a picture of the Purple Heart medal and the words "Combat Wounded". **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety.

HB 194 (Rep. S. Lee) Permit a veteran, at the time of application or renewal, to request an operator's license bear a designation that the applicant is a veteran. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety on 1/5

HB 195 (Rep. S. Lee) Require that an applicant for initial title and registration of a motor vehicle present a valid Kentucky operator's license or other proof of U.S. citizenship. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Transportation on 1/5.

HB 197 (Rep. Pullin) Establish a new effective date for the I Support Veterans special license plate; require manufacturing to being no later than June 12, 2012. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety on 1/5. Passed favorably out of Committee on 1/11; To House Floor. Passed House floor 99-0 on 1/18; To Senate – Transportation on 1/24.

HB 221 (Rep. Nelson) (42 co-sponsors) Permit a veteran, at the time of application or renewal, that a personal identification card or license may denote applicant's status as a veteran. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety on 1/9. Passed favorably out of Committee on 1/24; To House Floor. Passed House floor vote 96-0 on 1/26. To Senate. To Senate – Transportation Committee on 1/31.

HB 327 (Rep. Osborne) Allow renewal of an operator's license by mail for a license holder residing temporarily out of state while enrolled in full-time postsecondary educational institution. **KBT Position: Monitor.** Introduced on 1/26; not yet assigned to a Committee.

Motor Vehicles

HB 347 (Rep. Collins) Regarding defective new motor vehicles, amend the time limits to repair new defective motor vehicles to provide reasonable cases for extensions in cases where parts or supplies are unavailable due to civil unrest or natural disaster. **KBT Position: Support.** In House – on 1/31; not

assigned to Committee yet.

Public Transit

Rail and Railroads

HR 14 (Rep. Nelson) Urge CSX officials to require the maintenance of all CSX railroad crossings located in the Commonwealth. **KBT Position: Opposed.** To House – Transportation on 1/3.

HR 85 (Rep. Nelson) Urge corporate railroad officials to require the maintenance of all railroad crossings located in the Commonwealth. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Transportation Committee on 1/20; passed favorably out Committee on 1/24; To Consent Calendar To House Floor; passed 98-0 on 1/31.

Safety

SB 75 (Sen. Winters)(7 co-sponsors) Allow slow-moving, motor-less vehicles operating at night to use markings of reflective tape, rather than using the slow-moving vehicle emblem. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To Senate – Transportation on 1/5. Passed favorably out of Committee on 1/25; To Rules Committee, add amendment to declare an emergency;

HB 30 (Rep. Mills) (8 co-sponsors) Allow local school boards to sell advertising on school buses; prohibit certain types of advertising; require annual reporting. **KBT Position: Opposed.** To House – Education on 1/3; Posted in Committee on 1/5; Voted Favorably out of Committee on 1/10 to House floor. Passed House 67 to 29 on 1/18; to Senate; to Senate- Education Committee on 1/24.

HB 64 (Rep. Keene) Expand instances to allow ignition interlock devices be installed, including driving the wrong way on a four-lane highway; establish an ignition interlock assistance fund operated by KYTC for indigent offenders. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Judiciary on 1/3.

HB 86 (Rep. Embry) Add “mini-trucks” to the definition of motor vehicles; permit mini-trucks on public roadways with a posted speed limit of 45 MPH or less; require operators/owners of mini-trucks to comply with insurance, title and registration and useage tax requirements as motor vehicle. **KBT Position: Opposed.** To House – Transportation on 1/3.

HB 114 (Rep. Crimm) Provide alternate lighting system for slow-moving, motor-less vehicles operated at night; provide for marking motor-less vehicles with reflective tape rather than using the slow-moving emblem. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Transportation on 1/3.

HB 133 (Rep. Bell) Provide for a means of marking motor-less slow-moving vehicles with reflective tape rather than using the slow-moving vehicle emblem. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Transportation on 1/3. Posted for consideration in Committee on 1/19.

HB 165 (Rep. Denham) Require motorists to illuminate headlights during any period of precipitation that necessitates the use of their windshield wipers. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Transportation on 1/4. Passed favorably out of Committee on 1/24; To House floor; potentially vote on Monday, 1/30.

HB 184 (Rep. Meeks) Require that KYTC forward a copy of all uniform traffic citations issued to drivers under 18 years of age to the parent or guardian. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Transportation on 1/4.

HB 199 (Rep. Butler) Require that information contained on a disabled parking placard be written on a tamper-evident sticker that is color coded based on the year in which the placard expires. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Transportation on 1/5.

HB 283 (Rep. Harmon) relating to driving under the influence; restructure current four-tiered penalty structure to a three-tier penalty structure; expand the five-year look back window for prior offenses to a ten-year look back. **KBT Position: Support.** To House- Judiciary Committee on 1/20.

HB 328 (Rep. R. Adams) Allow person who has received an intermediate operator’s license to apply for a motorcycle instruction permit; make motorcycle instruction permit good for 1 year with ability to renew the permit one time; allow person with expired motorcycle instruction permit to apply for motorcycle operators license if the person can present proof of successful completion of motorcycle safety education course. **KBT Position: Support.** Introduced on 1/26; To House – Transportation Committee on 1/30;

State Tax Code / Transportation Budget Bills/ Road Fund

HB 46 (Rep. Nemes) Allow for local option election for expanded gaming, not held on primary and regular election days; establish commission for as agency to solicit bids for casino gaming; establish procedure for evaluating bids for full casinos. **KBT Position: Support.** To House – Licensing & Occupations on 1/3.

HB 120 (Rep. Farmer) Make trade-in allowance permanent for motor vehicles purchased on or after 10/1/2012; amend tax code to expand sales and use tax to include selected services; lower sales and use tax rate; tax all pass-through entities at a flat rate of 2.5%; modify the tax rates for llc entities; decrease wholesale alcohol tax to 5.5 % from current rate of 11%. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Appropriations & Revenue on 1/3.

HB 140 (Rep. Keene) Create a new section of KRS 154A to require that local option elections for the approval of casino gaming in counties with population greater than 90,000 or in cities of the fourth class or greater; specify license fees and stipulate requirements for licensing. **KBT Position: Support.** To House – Licensing & Occupations on 1/3.

HB 266 (Rep. Rand) Provide appropriations and financing for the operators, maintenance, support and functioning of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House- Appropriations & Revenue Committee on 1/18;

HB 267 (Rep. Rand) (5 co-sponsors) Establish the fiscal year 2012-2014 Biennial Highway Construction Plan; declare an emergency (bill becomes law upon the signature of the Governor) **KBT Position: Monitor;** To House – Appropriations & Revenue Committee on 1/18.

HB 277 (Rep. J. Richards) Require the Secretary of State to create a standard form, to be used by all local tax districts for the filing of returns of net profits, gross receipts and occupational license taxes. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Local Government Committee on 1/20.

Waterway

SB 83 (Sen. Palmer) Create a water vessel removal assistance fund to be administered by the Kentucky River Authority; require the Kentucky River Authority to establish criteria for when removal of abandoned water vessel is necessary. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To Senate – Transportation on 1/9.

HB 93 (Rep. Gregory) Clarify that the Rules of the Road for personal watercraft are part of the Inland Navigation Rules and provide specific citation for those rules. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To House – Transportation on 1/3.

HB 154 (Rep. Bell) Allow for an alternative apportionment method to tax commercial watercraft if the statutory method does not adequately reflect the use of watercraft by a company in this state. **KBT Position: Support.** To House – Appropriations & Revenue on 1/3.

SB 112 (Sen. McGaha) Relating to boating while under the influence; establish a new penalty scheme for boating while intoxicated; amend current statute to allow for arrest based on probable cause for boating while intoxicated. **KBT Position: Monitor.** To Senate – Judiciary on 1/24.



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