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93rd General Assembly Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021 – Session Day 43

TODAY AT THE CAPITOL

The House and Senate will convene at 1 p.m. today.

Today's Committee Meetings

8:30 a.m. – Joint Budget

9:30 a.m. – Senate Agriculture/Economic Development and City/County/Local | House Education and Health

11 a.m. – Senate Transportation

Noon – Arkansas Legislative Council Executive Subcommittee

2 p.m. – Senate State Agencies and Insurance/Commerce | House Tax, Judiciary and Transportation

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Today's Bills

* *State Chamber/AIA Priority Agenda Bill*

^See Status Report link below for bill summaries.

*UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE EXPERIENCE FORGIVENESS[^]

HB 1212 by Rep. Jack Ladyman and Sen. Missy Irvin

Received a Do Pass recommendation yesterday from the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee and is on this afternoon's Senate Calendar.

The State Chamber Supports

PROHIBIT OR CLOSE AEDC OFFICE IN CHINA

SB 252 by Sen. Trent Garner seeks to prohibit the Arkansas Economic Development Commission from establishing or maintaining an office in China. It would also require AEDC to close any existing offices in China as of the effective date of the act.

This bill was defeated on February 4, but is on today's Agenda in the Senate State Agencies Committee.

The State Chamber/AIA Opposes this bill.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

SB 260 by Sen. Kim Hammer and Rep. Keith Brooks would prohibit the use of an experience modification factor in a contract for construction services as a means of determining eligibility to participate in the solicitation or to be awarded a contract.

This bill is on today's Agenda in the Senate Insurance & Commerce Committee.

The State Chamber/AIA Opposes this bill.

YESTERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX EXEMPTION[^]

SB 236 Sen. Jonathan Dismang and Rep. Joe Jett

Passed the House yesterday 92 to 2. The Senate will vote on concurrence in a House amendment today.

The State Chamber Supports

***PPP INCOME TAX EXEMPTION[^]**

HB 1361 by Rep. Les Eaves and Sen. Jonathan Dismang

Passed the House yesterday 96 to 0 and has been assigned to the Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee

The State Chamber Supports

TOMORROW AT THE CAPITOL

BUSINESS TAXPAYER REPORTING

SB 293 by Sen. Bill Sample would require taxpayers claiming certain sales and use tax credits, refunds, or rebates to provide notification to the executive head of the county or municipality that levied the tax, to complete prescribed forms and disclose pertinent tax information.

The bill also seeks to: require a taxpayer to provide a duplicate copy of the taxpayer's claim for a credit or rebate; require the secretary to prescribe forms, and include a statement on the forms describing the above requirements.

Finally, the bill would establish a penalty in an amount equal to 33 percent of the amount of a tax credit, refund, or rebate that a taxpayer claimed and failed to report and provides that the taxpayer will provide the notification on a form prescribed by the department.

This bill is on tomorrow's Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee.

This State Chamber/AIA has concerns about exposing private tax information of businesses, but we understand the problem local governments are experiencing. We would like to help solve this problem and have developed a proposed alternative.

STATUS REPORT:

STATE CHAMBER/AIA PRIORITY AGENDA BILLS | SUPPORTED BILLS | OPPOSED BILLS

To view a complete list, summary and status of all bills that are part of our Priority Agenda, bills we support and bills we oppose, click [here](#).

STATE CHAMBER/AIA BILL TRACKING

Total Bills Filed: 878 | New Bills Filed: 45 | House 27 – Senate 18

Bills and resolutions added to State Chamber/AIA Tracking: 21 | Total Tracked: 332

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