



OGWA STATE LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

March 11, 2019

Below is the current status of the bills we are tracking after the third week of the 2019 legislative session. You will notice this list is much shorter and now stands at only 21 active bills now that the deadlines have passed to get bills out of committee. This Thursday, March 14th, is the deadline to have bills heard on the floor in their respective chambers and advanced to the opposite chamber. Any bills that have advanced from committee and are currently awaiting floor action must be heard in the full chamber this week or they will become dormant and not eligible to advance further this session.

Clicking on the bill number will launch the state legislative website where the full text of the legislation and additional information can be found. We will continue to keep you updated on the status of these as developments occur.

HB 1048	Sterling, Danny (F)(R) Daniels, Julie (F)(R)	Prohibits the taking of ground water rights during eminent domain proceedings except with express consent from the owner of such groundwater rights.
	Bill History:	03-04-19 Laid out for consideration in the House 2:06pm 03-04-19 H Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 97/N: 1) 03-05-19 S Received in the Senate
HB 1201	Gann, Tom(R) Dahm, Nathan(R)	Requires all proposed administrative rules to receive approval from the Governor and the Legislature, and requires all proposed rules to reference statutory authority.
	Bill History:	03-04-19 Laid out for consideration in the House 2:42pm 03-04-19 H Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 83/N: 15) 03-05-19 S Received in the Senate
HB 1210	Newton, Carl(R) Jech, Darcy(R)	Permits owners of three or more registered commercial vehicles to register all of their vehicles at once, with prorated costs for months remaining on previous registry, to all be renewed in the same month.
	Bill History:	02-27-19 Laid out for consideration in the House 2:26pm 02-27-19 H Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 95/N: 0) 02-28-19 S Received in the Senate
HB 1373	Taylor, Zack (F)(R) Daniels, Julie (F)(R)	Requires all state licensing agencies to list criminal history which would disqualify an applicant from licensure, removing all language referring to "good moral character."
	Bill History:	03-04-19 Laid out for consideration in the House 4:18pm 03-04-19 H Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 96/N: 2) 03-05-19 S Received in the Senate
HB 1403	Humphrey, Justin J.J.(R) Silk, Joseph(R)	Directs the Water Resources board to study instream flow of certain treasured streams and to establish two treasured

		stream committees, to provide guidance for instream flow determinations, alongside related subcommittees.
	Bill History:	02-05-19 H Referred to House Committee on House Energy & Natural Resources 02-26-19 H Meeting set for 1:30 p.m., Room 432-A, House Energy & Natural Resources -- House Energy & Natural Resources 02-26-19 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Energy & Natural Resources
HB 2134	Munson, Cyndi(D) Pugh, Adam (F)(R)	Prohibits the disqualification of licensure for certain convictions if the person meets all other requirements.
	Bill History:	02-20-19 H Meeting set for 3:00 p.m., Room 432-A, House Business & Commerce -- House Business & Commerce 02-20-19 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Business & Commerce 03-11-19 H Set on the House Floor Agenda
HB 2143	Sneed, Chris (F)(R) David, Kim(R)	Creates the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Infrastructure Revolving Fund, to be used by the Dept. of Transportation to repair and construct essential assets related to the river system; EMERGENCY.
	Bill History:	02-12-19 H Meeting set for 1:30 p.m., Room 432-A, House Energy & Natural Resources -- House Energy & Natural Resources 02-12-19 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Energy & Natural Resources 02-19-19 H Set on the House Floor Agenda
HB 2263	Patzkowsky, Kenton (F)(R) Murdock, Casey (F)(R)	Creates the Groundwater Irrigation District Act, which allows permit holders in proposed groundwater irrigation districts to seek grant funding via petition, and provides rules and guidelines for such districts.
	Bill History:	03-05-19 H Title stricken 03-05-19 H Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 96/N: 0) 03-06-19 S Received in the Senate
HB 2275	West, Josh(R) David, Kim(R)	Relates to the Grand River Dam Authority by providing for various powers and duties related to the fixing and collection of rates and adjusts references to reflect the position of Chief Executive Officer within the Authority; EMERGENCY.
	Bill History:	02-20-19 H Meeting set for 4:30 p.m., Room 432-A, House Appropriations & Budget -- House Appropriations & Budget 02-20-19 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House Appropriations & Budget 03-11-19 H Set on the House Floor Agenda
HB 2307	Frix, Avery(R) Standridge, Rob(R)	Permits commercial driving schools to hire or employ designated examiners approved by the Dept. of Public Safety to be third-party examiners of certain driving tests, under the supervision and with the approval of DPS.
	Companions:	SB 378 (Very Similar)
	Bill History:	03-05-19 H Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 97/N: 0) 03-05-19 H Remove Sen. Bergstrom as Senate author, replaced by Sen. Standridge 03-06-19 S Received in the Senate

HB 2367	Kannady, Chris(R)	Provides for numerous overhauls and adjustments to processes and procedures related to workers' compensation; EMERGENCY.
	Bill History:	02-26-19 H Meeting set for 3:00 p.m., Room 206, House Judiciary -- House Judiciary 02-26-19 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Judiciary 03-11-19 H Rules Committee granted permission to strike Title on Floor
HB 2474	McCall, Charles(R) Treat, Greg(R)	Directs the Water Resources Board to post and maintain applications for projects on their website and provide public notice in advance of any official action taken on such applications.
	Bill History:	02-18-19 H Set on the House Floor Agenda 03-07-19 Laid out for consideration in the House 6:18pm 03-07-19 H Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 91/N: 3)
HB 2477	McCall, Charles(R) Treat, Greg(R)	Removes the penalty for failure to pay tax licensing fees and provides for wage garnishment by the Tax Commission for delinquent tax or licensing fees.
	Bill History:	02-11-19 Laid out for consideration in the House 1:41pm 02-11-19 H Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 99/N: 0) 02-12-19 S Received in the Senate
HB 2478	McCall, Charles(R) Treat, Greg(R)	Provides for exception to certain tax noncompliance notifications for certain licensees who were not previously required to pay income tax or who have moved to the state within the last year.
	Bill History:	02-11-19 Laid out for consideration in the House 1:49pm 02-11-19 H Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 99/N: 0) 02-12-19 S Received in the Senate
HB 2680	Frix, Avery(R)	Creates the Commercial Motor Carrier Safety Enhancement Act, which provides relative to various changes, adjustments, and consolidations in statute related to motor vehicle safety and regulation; EMERGENCY.
	Bill History:	02-27-19 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Transportation 02-28-19 H Remove Rep. Wallace as House author, replaced by Rep. Frix 03-04-19 H House Rules granted permission to strike Title on Floor
SB 553	Thompson, Roger(R) Fetgatter, Scott(R)	Increases the population brackets for cities and counties to be eligible to participate in certain Rural Economic Action Plan programs; EMERGENCY.
	Bill History:	02-20-19 S Title stricken in committee Senate Appropriations 02-20-19 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate Appropriations 03-11-19 S Set on the Senate Floor Agenda
SB 705	Smalley, Jason(R) Wallace, Kevin(R)	Provides that funding be included in Legislative findings that safe public groundwater supply is a valuable natural resource for management purposes.
	Bill History:	02-21-19 Laid out for consideration in the Senate 10:14am 02-21-19 S Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 46/N: 1) 02-25-19 H Received in the House

[SB 865](#) [Silk, Joseph\(R\)](#) Provides relative to seasonal amounts of water that must remain in certain streams for certain purposes, defines instream flow, and certain ground water permits.

Bill History: 02-28-19 S Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 535, Senate Energy -- Senate Energy
 02-28-19 S Title stricken in committee Senate Energy
 02-28-19 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Energy

[SB 985](#) [David, Kim\(R\)](#)
[West, Josh\(R\)](#) Makes numerous provisions related to the administration of the Grand River Dam Authority.

Bill History: 02-11-19 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Energy
 02-21-19 S Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 535, Senate Energy -- Senate Energy
 02-21-19 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Energy

[SB 998](#) [Murdock, Casey \(F\)\(R\)](#)
[Patzkowsky, Kenton \(F\)\(R\)](#) Creates the Groundwater Irrigation District Act, which allows permit holders in proposed groundwater irrigation districts to seek grant funding via a petition, and provides for rules and guidelines for such districts.

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 02-28-19 S Title stricken in committee Senate Energy
 02-28-19 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Energy

[SB 1027](#) [Dahm, Nathan\(R\)](#)
[Gann, Tom\(R\)](#) Provides for a sunset of various advisory councils to the Dept. of Environmental Quality after July 1, 2022.

Bill History: 03-07-19 S Set on the Senate Floor Agenda
 03-07-19 Laid out for consideration in the Senate 9:51am
 03-07-19 S Passed/Adopted (Vote: Y: 44/N: 0)

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Total Bills:	21	0