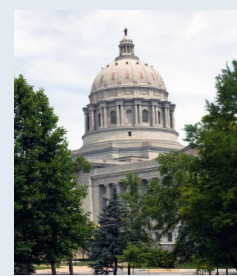


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## Employment Bills and Accountability Portal Dominate Discussions

This week in the Missouri Legislature senators worked to queue up debate on two very high profile pieces of legislation. The prevailing wage legislation ([SB 439](#)) was voted out of committee and could be debated by the entire Senate as early as next week. The other bill would make Missouri a right to work state. ([SB 438](#)) These two issues will be opposed by the Democrats and could set up an early session showdown. Stay tuned.

The Senate spent most of the week on [SB 592](#) dealing with employer discrimination. The legislation was filibustered by several Democrats and has not been allowed a vote. The debate will continue next week.

Other bills worked on by the Senate and House this week included the Missouri Accountability Portal ([SB 467](#) and [HB 1140](#)) which provides for a clearinghouse of information and includes bonds issued by political

subdivisions, obligations issued under a TIF agreement, and the revenue stream pledged to repay such bond or obligation shall also be included on the portal.

The House Utility Committee had its first meeting of the year. There was no legislation assigned to the committee but there was a very interesting presentation on how a rate case is made before the PSC. We will begin normal hearings next week.

## In the News This Week . . .

**[Analysis: Nixon's budget depends on new revenues – KMOX.com](#)**

**[Bills target privacy concerns over utilities' smart meters: St. Joseph News-Press](#)**

**[House poised to send state rules review to Senate: Missouri.net](#)**

**[Redistricting lawsuits could delay Missouri's candidate filing – St. Louis Beacon](#)**

**[Court says "not yet" to House district challenge: Missouri.net](#)**

**[Mo. Senate votes to add Accountability Portal info: JC News-Tribune](#)**

## Meet Your Legislator

[State Senator  
Brad Lager-R  
12th Senate District](#)



**Elected to Senate:** 2006, 2010

**Committees:** Chair, Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment

**Lives in:** Savannah, MO

**MPUA Members:** Albany, Bethany, Cameron, Chillicothe, Craig, Gallatin, Marceline, Milan, Nodaway Cty PWS #1, Plattsburg, Ravenwood, Rock Port, Stanberry, and Trenton

**Tidbit:** Senator Lager has more MAMU cities in his district than any other Senator.

## Bill Bytes

*A quick look at bills being tracked by MPUA*

Find the complete Bill Report online by clicking [here](#).

[HB 1039](#)

[Leara](#)

Allows a retiree of the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System to have health insurance or long-term care insurance premiums deducted from his or her retirement allowance.

[HB 1151](#)

[Gatschenberger](#)

Establishes the Missouri Electrical Industry Licensing Board to regulate and license electrical contractors.

[HB1179](#)

[Hampton](#)

Prohibits large water users from conveying water withdrawn or diverted from the Southeast Missouri Regional Water District to a location outside the district if it interferes with another major user.

[HB 1361](#)

[Pollock](#)

Allows telecommunications companies or rural electric cooperatives to attach, maintain, and operate their equipment on another's pole under specified terms and conditions.

[SB 645](#)

[Schaefer](#)

Modifies provisions relating to permits issued by environmental commissions.

## Links:

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[MPUA Website](#)

## Calendar:

### **2012 Legislative Committee Meetings**

Feb 14

Mar 6

April 10

May 8

10:00 am - Room 315  
Governor Office Bldg  
Jefferson City

### **Other MPUA Meetings**

#### **March 7:**

Member Services  
Committee Mtg.  
10:00 am at MPUA

#### **March 7:**

JOC/Executive Committees  
Mtg. 1:00 pm at MPUA

#### **March 8:**

Board of Directors Meeting  
for MAMU, MGCM,  
MJMEUC 9:00 am at Days  
Inn, Columbia

#### **March 12-14:**

APPA Legislative Rally  
Washington DC



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