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Madame Chair Borgeson and Douglas County Commissioners,

Please receive this as your legislative report through January 20<sup>th</sup>. January 20<sup>th</sup> marked the 12<sup>th</sup> legislative day of this 90 day legislative session. Committee hearings are in full swing and there is not a recess day scheduled until February 17<sup>th</sup>. Bill introduction ended on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Speaker Scheer announced all legislative days will begin at 9:00 a.m. and there will be no late starts.

All Douglas County legislative items were introduced as legislative bills. Here is a list of bills introduced on behalf of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners:

LB43 (Hilkemann), Transportation and Telecommunications - Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 service

LB322 (Craighead), Revenue - Change the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act

LB480 (McCollister), Banking, Insurance, and Commerce - Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody

LB619 (Wayne), Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs - Permit certain counties to conduct elections by mail

Not all tri-county issues were introduced. The Health and Human Services and Probation rent bills were not introduced because of the budget shortfall. Senator Harr did introduce LB531, change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles.

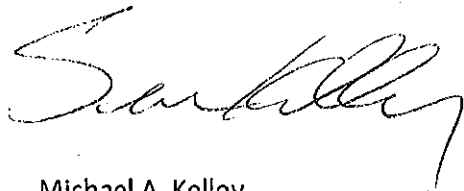
In addition to LB322, two other TERC bills were introduced. Senator Lindstrom introduced LB385, change provisions relating to the burden of proof and who may appeal under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act and Senator Smith introduced LB555 (Smith), change and eliminate provisions of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act. LB385 expands available persons who can appeal to TERC and places the burden on the BOE for all property

valuations that increase by more than 5% of the prior year. LB385 is supported by commercial property owners. LB555 clarifies the reimbursement for TERC commissioners and raises the application fee for appeals. We will confirm, but it appears TERC requested LB555 be introduced.

There are several bills impacting juvenile justice and several budget bills with financial implications for Douglas County. We recommend positions on those bills with the most impact to Douglas County in order get engaged in those discussions as soon as possible. It is important to note a development on LB10 (Krist), increase number of judges of the separate juvenile court as prescribed. LB10 would permit another juvenile judge in Douglas County. At the public hearing, Senator Chambers not only supports the bill, but would like to see an amendment to add two juvenile judges to Douglas County. The bill remains in committee, but will likely advance quickly.

Attached, please find a bill tracker document and hearing schedule list for the week of January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Kelley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "K".

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