

Attendees

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Transcript

Jessica - Things are busy here. Committees are really digging in quickly to the work ahead of them. Next week the governor is going to deliver his budget address. And yesterday there was a report that What's called the emergency board which is when the revenue forecast gets released and the revenue forecast was not bad which was a relief it showed that there's actually 30 million more dollars, then we're anticipated. So that gives everybody a little bit of breathing room. It's not a lot of money in the game of things but it's not that things aren't going in the wrong direction in the economy. Revenues are coming in a slightly above projection and that's a good thing and can make moods change quickly.

We're going to hear more about what the governor's plans are next week for VBA. There have been no new bills introduced since last week. There was some talks that Byron thought there was gonna do a couple more bills coming in that we put on our chart but nothing has come in yet at the end of next week pretty much all the house bills that we're going to see will have been introduced so If there are more bills coming they'll be coming soon. Byron also told me that he thought that maybe next week they'd start talking about alcohol issues. I'm not hearing too much and he didn't confirm that again with me today. He said he wasn't sure that they're working on the schedule for next week now and it might not come up other lobbyists in this space and the dll aren't hearing much so they are not being invited in there's nothing on their scheduling. So I'm thinking that maybe next week. It's not going to be a week. It's still pretty quiet. I reported last week that they are talking about doing this Omnibus Bill again and what bills they are gonna consider to be included in that it's unknown at this point. No one is urging passage of anything that are in the alcohol space. I've heard from the other beer lobbyists, from the wine folks nobody's bringing anything, there's not big priorities. I'll know a little bit more by the time I put your report out on Sunday.

Jessica - Remember that there is crossover which is the date by which bills have to be out of the house is probably the second week of March and so, we've got six weeks left or so forth action to happen. Every week picks up, so it's not a forever quiet week. .

Emma Arian: Nothing to add from me the sustainability committee met yesterday at the holiday party to chat about the pfas. So that's on their radar to kind of look into more.

Matt Wilson: Did you guys have a chance to gauge their kind of concern or lack of concern about it?

Emma Arian: There are more interested in doing research about...what companies have that in the epoxy lining. They are interested in putting out a statement that way instead of a fear mongering one. It's like if you use these cans maybe look into this kind of situation....

Matt Wilson: Yep.

Matt Wilson: Yep. I know that one of the members of the committee last week? I think maybe it was Chris. I can't remember who it was but somebody mentioned, the pack Tech and we have a sense of whether the current supplier would be affected. I think it's just one person that we probably all get them from if any of those materials are in those products that we use. I think that would be good follow-up with that crew to see because that's a totally non-issue. I know that the ones that we use are 100% recycled, but I don't know what that means that they're avoiding that product. But that seems like maybe as much of a concern since this one seems to be targeting all packaging, not just cans.

Chris Kesler: I think Jack cap dropper brought that up and by my sense is that it won't be an issue because of the materials that are used but I think it would be good to make sure to get Clary.

Matt Wilson: All Emma, maybe we can push to get that meeting with that crew after they have a chance to do a little more research.

Emma Arian: Yeah, absolutely.