

Government Advocacy Update



Protecting Your Interests

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In order to be responsive to the latest legislative developments, MOCPA continually monitors proposed legislation. The society utilizes both professional and grassroots lobbyists to ensure the CPA profession has a voice in Jefferson City. By keeping members informed, MOCPA is empowering you to contribute to the legislative process.

Update provided by Chuck Pierce, CPA, MOCPA government relations consultant

Session Update

There is not a lot to report on from last week, as the House was not in session Monday to allow members to observe the eclipse. They came in on Tuesday afternoon, giving them only one full legislative day to work on bills. The Senate was in all week but spent more than 10 hours Tuesday in a filibuster on one bill.

MOCPA's top priority, **HB 1912**, had a hearing in the Senate Economic Development and Tax Policy Committee. MOCPA and other business groups testified in support of the bill. There was no testimony in opposition, and the committee members had no significant questions. This bill is in what would be considered a very favorable position for passage in a normal year. If the pace of the Legislature continues as it has been, it will be difficult for this to make its way up the Senate calendar to passage.

As the bill works its way to the floor, there will be a time when it will be appropriate for CPAs to reach out to their state senator. Timing on this is sensitive in that it is best to contact them very shortly before they vote. MOCPA will coordinate an outreach at the appropriate time and will help with talking points. If you are willing to be part of this effort, please let Dena Hull know which senator you would feel comfortable contacting (dhull@mocpa.org; 314-392-5805).

Legislation of Interest

[Click here](#) to view the complete list of high-priority bills MOCPA is currently tracking. Bills are being heavily amended at this point in the session, and the list is updated each week. Be sure to check the list regularly to look for legislation that may be of interest to you or your clients as it may have changed.

For Additional Information

This *Government Advocacy Update* will continue weekly through the legislative session. If

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