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Good morning,

There's something about the first 60+ degree day when the legislature is in session that creates an urgency to wrap things up.

The House Insurance Committee meets this morning to consider SB 132, a dental insurance bill that has several amendments regarding assignment of benefits and dental plan design. In the Senate Health Committee, HB 1414 started as a sleepy managed care bill. For today's hearing, the bill has four amendments that will load it up with every other bill aimed at insurers. Tis the season.

The House Courts and Criminal Code Committee will meet this morning and hear SB 232, a bill to update the state's 911 statute. In that bill there is also a criminal enhancement for "swatting", which is the act of making a false emergency report to law enforcement, typically from a spoofed caller ID.

On the floor yesterday, the Senate overwhelmingly passed HB 1025, mixed beverages. It was unamended and is heading straight to the governor's desk*. The same is true for SB 36, which creates a penalty for the destruction of surveyor boundary markers. It was not amended and is heading straight to the Governor.

Procedural Reminder - When a bill is not amended in the second house it is colloquially said to be "heading to the governor's desk." This is true. But first it has to be signed by all four caucus leaders and then goes to the Lieutenant Governor. It's not uncommon for the Legislative Director for the governor to park bills in the LG's office to manage the flow of legislation hitting the governor's desk to give policy staff time to review before they had to brief the governor. So, if your bill passed unamended it could still be a few weeks before it is actually signed. It's not sitting on the governor's desk this morning next to his cup of coffee.

Have a great day!

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