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## Federal Budget Update

The federal omnibus appropriations bill passed this week and was signed into law earlier today, averting a potential federal shutdown this weekend.

The \$1.3 trillion omnibus appropriations bill to fund the federal government through September of this year includes a variety of provisions that impact counties, including active forest management reforms, historic funding level for Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), two years of Secure Rural Schools Funding (SRS) funding, opioid aid, additional infrastructure funding across departmental accounts and new mental health aid.

Source: [naco.org](http://naco.org)

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## JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights

The Monthly Fiscal Highlights for February 2018 were released last week by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) announcing monthly General Fund revenues of \$412.8 million, an increase of 1.6 percent over prior year. The growth was attributed to better than expected collections in corporate income (up \$31.4 million over prior year) and sales and use (up \$8.1 million), which more than made up for Individual Income collections being (\$18.6 million) below prior year. Actual revenues were up \$10.2 million for the month over forecast, or 2.2 percent. General Fund revenues are now \$257.9 million above the year-to-date (YTD) forecast, a 4.2 percent surplus.

Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) collections were \$123.5 million, a 6.7 percent increase compared to February 2017. This makes HURF right on track with the baseline forecast YTD.

February General Fund spending totaled \$612.1 million. This represents a (\$10.6) million decrease as compared to February 2017.

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## Legislative Session Snapshot

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, Second Regular Session marks its 75<sup>th</sup> day of the legislative session today. A total of 1,165 bills and 118 memorials/resolutions have been introduced, of that 83 bills have passed and 42 have been signed into law. Today marks the last day for House consideration of Senate bills and Senate consideration of House bills.

Some upcoming legislative deadlines are as follows:

- Friday, April 13 is the final day for conference committees.
- Tuesday, April 17 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> day of the Legislative Session.

To view all of the deadlines, please click on the following links:

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## CSA Legislative Agenda

The status of CSA's legislative agenda package is as follows:

- 1) [HB 2190 county improvement districts; repayment agreements](#) (Mitchell) - Passed the House 57-0. Passed Senate 29-0, transmitted to Governor.
- 2) [HB 2274 county contributions; hospitalization; medical; repeal](#) (Thorpe) –Passed the House 58-0, transmitted to the Senate. Referred to Senate Health & Human Services and Appropriations.
- 3) [HB 2413 public road maintenance; primitive designation](#) (Cook) - Passed the House 58-0, passed the Senate 29-1 and signed into law, **Chapter 16**.
- 4) [HB 2415 juvenile dependency proceedings fund](#) (Cobb) –Passed the House 51-7, transmitted to the Senate. Passed the Senate Judiciary Committee 7-0, on Senate Appropriations agenda for March 27.
- 5) [HB 2439 county contributions; committee youth; repeal](#) (Thorpe) –Passed the House 55-3, transmitted to the Senate. Passed the Senate Judiciary Committee 6-0-1, on Senate Appropriations agenda for March 27.
- 6) [SB 1038 state land payments; payment method](#) (Griffin)-Passed the Senate 30-0, passed the House 57-1-2 and was signed into law, **Chapter 18**.
- 7) [SB 1113 zoning violations; notice; service](#) (Fann)-Passed the Senate 23-5, transmitted to the House. Passed House Local & International Affairs, Rules and Caucus. Awaiting House COW.
- 8) [SB 1410 transient lodging tax; rural counties](#) (Borrelli)- Referred to Senate Finance.

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## NACo Webinar: Building Healthy Places ~ Strategies for Partnership Development in Rural Counties

On April 12, 2018, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled, [Building Healthy Places: Strategies for Partnership Development in Rural Counties](#).

Join the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Build Healthy Places Network for an informational webinar that highlights the importance of forming collaborative partnerships with community development sectors in rural communities and strategies and tools to guide this process.

To register for the webinar, please [click here](#).

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## NACo 2018 Achievement Awards Accepting Applications

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is accepting [applications](#) for the 2018 Achievement Awards until next Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, by 11:59 p.m. EST.

These awards are a non-competitive program that seeks to recognize outstanding county government programs and services in 18 categories covering a vast range of county responsibilities. The "best of category" winners will be recognized on stage at the 2018 NACo Annual Conference in July in Davidson County/Nashville, Tennessee.

Please remember the final application deadline is next Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> by 11:59 p.m. EST. To apply please [click here](#).

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## Next Week: Committee Agendas

Since this week was the final week to hear bills in the opposite chamber, the only committees scheduled for next week are as follows:

- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The [House Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.

To view the most up to date committee agendas, please [click here](#).

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