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future of communities across Kansas*

2021 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



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Foundational Principles



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General Positions

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- **Kansas Department of Commerce Funding**
- **Taxation**
- **Kansas Open Records Act**
- **Business Development Marketing**
- **Statewide Transportation Plan**
- **Comprehensive Strategic Economic Development Plan**
- **Small Business Development & Entrepreneurship**
- **Innovation in Agriculture**
- **Economic Development Program Requirements & Fees**

Economic Development Tools

- **Preservation and Funding of Incentive Programs**
- **Rural Development**
- **Support HB 2506**
- **Framework for Growth Program**
- **Housing**
- **STAR Bonds**
- **Broadband**
- **Angel Investment Tax Credit**

Economic Development Tools

- **Workforce Development**

Decouple Kansas Industrial Training (KIT) and Kansas Industrial Retraining (KIR) programs from the High-Performance Incentive Program (HPIP) to maximize their impact and increase funding for KIT and KIR.

Economic Development Tools

- **Support Return of Tourism to Department of Commerce**

KEDA supports Executive Reorganization Order #36 that would return the Division of Travel and Tourism from the Department of Wildlife & Parks to the Department of Commerce.

New Proposals – Economic Development Tools

Develop a program that would assist Minority, Women, and Service-Disabled Individuals to be educated and trained in business procurement for state government and the private sectors.

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Amend the Research Tax Credit Program which was changed in 2013 back to allow for the transfer of tax credits to other groups and organizations.

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Develop a new matching program that would assist with the development of Small Business Innovation Research (SBIRs) funds. This federal program is a major funding source of early-stage capital. This program would help match these funds with a targeted state amount of \$600,000.

New Proposals – Economic Development Tools

Certified Remote Worker Program would help pay for Kansans to take certification exams to allow them to develop a broad range of work skills in this growing area.

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Develop an incentive program that incentivizes employers in metro Kansas areas to employ in-state residents who work remotely.



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