



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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OVERVIEW

The Governor has now acted on all of the bills that were passed during the regular session. The Kansas legislature returns on May 3 for a veto session, which will include a follow up budget bill and attempt to override the items that the Governor vetoed.

The following are bills that the Governor vetoed:

SB50 - Tax bill included decoupling, net operating loss carryforward, marketplace facilitators to collect and remit sales tax.

SB55 - Fairness in women's sports act to require female student athletic teams include members who are biologically female.

HB2039 - Requiring civic test and personal financial literacy course for high school graduation

HB2059 – Reciprocity for licenses to carry concealed handguns and creating a new class of concealed carry license for individuals 18 to 20 years of age and **HB2089** – Standardizing firearm safety education training programs in school districts.

HB2166 – Distinctive license plates

HB2183 and HB2332 – Election reform bills.

The Governor also line item vetoed 18 items in the budget. Here is the link to the report:

http://kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/measures/documents/hb2007_enrolled.pdf

The following bills were passed and signed by the Governor:

University Engineering Initiative Act - HB2101 extends the program, which provides \$10.5M each year from the Lottery Act Fund that is evenly split by Kansas State University, Wichita State University and Kansas University.

Kansas Promise Scholarship Act – HB2064 would establish the Kansas promise scholarship act to provide scholarships to students who attend postsecondary educational programs that correspond to high-need career fields.

Licensure Bill - HB2066 provides that people licensed out of state and/or military spouses who move to Kansas are on the fast track to obtain a Kansas license unless the requirements are substantially different.

Unemployment Issues - HB2196 would change provisions of the employment security law and address many of the concerns with issues of the unemployment system.

Star Bonds – SB124 amends STAR bonds by adding rural redevelopment projects and major business facilities, changing certain project financing, investment and sales provisions, adding a visitor tracking plan requirement and additional feasibility study requirements with oversight by the secretary, requiring approval by the secretary for real estate transfers, requiring district contiguity, making other amendments and extending the sunset date for five years.

KIT and KIR HPIP Decoupling and HPIP Transfer of Credits- SB65 would decouple the requirement of participating in the Kansas industrial training, Kansas industrial retraining in order to receive HPIP credits and allow a taxpayer with HPIP projects placed in service after January 1, 2021 to transfer up to 50% of the tax credit. The taxpayer may make a transfer to one or more transferees, but the total of all transfers shall not exceed 50% of the taxpayer's tax credit. The taxpayer shall make the transfer or transfers within a single tax year.

Angel Investor Tax Credit - SB66 would extend the sunset for the Angel Investor Tax Credit from tax year 2021 to tax year 2026 and would increase the amounts of tax credits allowed.

Rural Housing Incentive District -SB90 would amend the Kansas rural housing incentive district act to permit bond funding for vertical residential renovation of older buildings in central business districts. The structures would need to be 25 years or older.

Governor's ERO 48 - Governor Kelly's ERO 48 has been approved. The ERO would transfer the Division of Tourism and the office of the Director of Tourism from the Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism to the Kansas Department of Commerce.

COVID Business Liability – SB283 would extend the business liability provision for the COVID-19 response and reopen for business liability protection act to apply to actions accruing on or after March 12, 2020. This bill would extend the provisions until March 31, 2022.

Budget – HB2007 was passed during the regular session. This budget did not include school finance funding for K-12, so the follow up bill they are working on in Committee this week will add the funding, as well as look at issues that were vetoed and additional budget amendments from the Governor and legislature. Part of the discussion will be Higher Education funding.

Links to House and Senate Calendars

http://kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/chamber/calendars/

Audio and visual link <http://kslegislature.org/li/>

Link to bills that the Governor has signed and vetoed:

http://kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/year1/measures/reports/

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