



2018 Kansas Legislative Session Final Report and Voting Record

- Produced by the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee -

Dear Chamber Member,

Many issues that impact your business are decided at the Capitol in Topeka. You have told us advocacy is one of the most important services the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce provides our community. We are the only chamber of commerce in the state that publishes a detailed summary of a number of those important legislative votes cast in Topeka so you can be an informed voter each time you visit the ballot box.

No voting record tells the entire story of a legislator's attitude and actions on issues of importance to business. Each year, legislators cast votes on hundreds of proposed laws. Often anti-business bills are rejected by legislators in policy or fiscal committees before they reached the floor for a recorded vote. This Voting Record does not capture those or any other unrecorded votes.

Our 2018 Voting Record provides you a valuable tool for evaluating Johnson County legislators' performances on business and quality of life issues and a guide for acknowledging votes relative to the Chamber's legislative agenda. This legislative agenda is based on those issues you, our members, have told us are important to your businesses, and it has been reviewed carefully and discussed by our Public Policy and Advocacy Committee as well as our Board of Directors and its Executive Committee. Please read this Voting Record carefully and thoroughly - let it spur continued dialogue with elected officials and help guide you in your decision-making process at election time. In your review of these issues, please note there are instances in which we must consider the overall or net effect of proposed legislation in determining the Chamber's position on individual issues. For example, this session's comprehensive omnibus budget bill, H Sub for SB109, includes sales tax revenue deposited in the State Highway Fund, statutorily intended for use in building and maintaining our transportation infrastructure. While we have consistently opposed such revenue sweeps, we weighed the impact of achieving a balanced budget (as required by our state constitution) that included funds for many critical programs and services provided by the state against the delay in transportation projects. We further looked at this session's political landscape and determined that H Sub for SB109 offered the better overall result for the state and our members; thus, we supported the omnibus budget bill.

On behalf of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce and its members, we want to thank all the members of the Johnson County Delegation for their hard work and dedication this legislative session. They often are required to make difficult decisions and experience personal sacrifice to fulfill the responsibilities of their elected offices.

If you would like additional information on the Chamber's advocacy efforts, or if you are interested in participating in our Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, please contact Tom Robinett, Vice President of Public Policy and Advocacy, at (913) 766-7602 or t robinett@opchamber.org.

Sincerely,

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SENATE

Percentage of Votes with Chamber Position			44.4%	66.7%	77.8%	66.7%	62.5% (1-NV)	87.5% (1-P)	55.6%	88.9%	85.7% (1-NV, 1-P)
	Senate Issues Bill Number & Descriptions	OP Chamber Position	Baumgardner	Bollier	Denning	Lynn	Olson	Petty	Pilcher-Cook	Skubal	Sykes
5/3/18 26-14	H Sub for SB 109 - Vote #272, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Appropriations for FY2017, FY2018, FY2019 and FY2020 (Omnibus Budget Bill)	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
5/3/18 38-1-1	H Sub for SB 391 – Vote #270, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Establish the Joint Transportation Vision Task Force	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	NV
4/7/18 21-19	Sub for SB 423 - Vote #224, Final Action; Amending the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act; Appropriations to Department of Education (K-12 school finance)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
4/30/18 31-8-1	H Sub for SB61 - Vote #237, Final Action; Amending Sub for SB423 (K-12 school finance trailer bill)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3/29/18 40-0	SB430 – Vote #178; Final Action, Extending HPIP tax credit carry forward period from 16 to 25 years	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4/30/18 32-6-1-1	S Sub for HB 2028 - Vote #238, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Establish Kansas Telemedicine Act	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	NV	N	Y	Y	Y
3/15/18 19-21	HB 2042 - Vote #107, Motion to Amend; Exempts post-secondary educational institutions from concealed carry requirement under Personal and Family Protection Act	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
5/2/18 23-11-6	HB2280 – Vote #255, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Revise Rules and Regulations Filing Act to include analysis of economic impact of proposed new rules and regulations	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	P	Y	N	N
5/1/18 32-4-4	HB2539 – Vote #248, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Amends qualifications for candidates for certain statewide offices	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV

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Only votes in opposition to the Overland Park Chamber’s position reduce the % rating.

HOUSE

	Percentage of Votes with Chamber Position		100%	66.7% (2-3)	70%	90%	100% (2-NV)	80%	60%	100%	90%	100%	100%	66.7% (1-NV)	100%
	House Issues Bill Number & Descriptions	OP Chamber Position	Brim	Campbell	Clayton	Cox	Davis	Dove	Esau	Gallagher	Holscher	Kessinger	Koesten	Lusk	Markley
5/3/18 98-23-4	H Sub for SB 109 - Vote #277, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Appropriations for FY2017, FY2018, FY2019 and FY2020 (Omnibus Budget Bill)	Y	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5/4/18 83-36-6	SB 296 - Vote #284, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Economic development; enacting the Ad Astra Act, STAR bonds modification, HPIP claim period extension	Y	Y	*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
5/3/18 120-1-4	H Sub for SB 391 – Vote #276, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Establish the Joint Transportation Vision Task Force	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4/7/18 63-56-6	Sub for SB 423 - Vote #226, Final Action; Amending the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act; Appropriations to Department of Education (K-12 school finance)	Y	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
4/28/18 92-27-6	H Sub for SB 61 - Vote #248, Final Action; Amending Sub for SB423 (K-12 school finance trailer bill)	Y	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5/4/18 119-0-6	SB 449 - Vote #283; Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Department of Commerce, disclosure of economic development incentive program data	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4/30/18 107-13-5	S Sub for HB 2028 - Vote #253, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Establish Kansas Telemedicine Act	Y	Y	*	N	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
2/1/18 53-69-3	HB 2042 - Vote #5, Motion to Amend; Exempts post-secondary educational institutions from concealed carry requirement under Personal and Family Protection Act	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	NV	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5/3/18 98-21-6	HB2280 – Vote #272, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Revise Rules and Regulations Filing Act to include analysis of economic impact of proposed new rules and regulations	Y	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV
5/02/18 70-52-3	HB2539 – Vote #264, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Amends qualifications for candidates for certain statewide offices	Y	Y	*	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y

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HOUSE

	Percentage of Votes with Chamber Position		70%	60%	60%	60%	100%	80%	70%	90%	33.3% (7-NV)	50%	70%	90%	87.5% (7-8)
	House Issues Bill Number & Descriptions	OP Chamber Position	Neighbor	Ousley	Parker	Powell	Rafie	Resman	Rooker	Ryckman	Schwab	Stogsdill	Sutton	Tarwater	Trimboli
5/3/18 98-23-4	H Sub for SB 109 - Vote #277, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Appropriations for FY2017, FY2018, FY2019 and FY2020 (Omnibus Budget Bill)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y
5/4/18 83-36-6	SB 296 - Vote #284, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Economic development; enacting the Ad Astra Act, STAR bonds modification, HPIP claim period extension	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	NV	N	Y	Y	Y
5/3/18 120-1-4	H Sub for SB 391 – Vote #276, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Establish the Joint Transportation Vision Task Force	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y
4/7/18 63-56-6	Sub for SB 423 - Vote #226, Final Action; Amending the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act; Appropriations to Department of Education (K-12 school finance)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	NV	N	N	Y	NV
4/28/18 92-27-6	H Sub for SB61 - Vote #248, Final Action; Amending Sub for SB423 (K-12 school finance trailer bill)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
5/4/18 119-0-6	SB 449 - Vote #283; Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Department of Commerce, disclosure of economic development incentive program data	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y
4/30/18 107-13-5	S Sub for HB 2028 - Vote #253, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Establish Kansas Telemedicine Act	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
2/1/18 53-69-3	HB 2042 - Vote #5, Motion to Amend; Exempts post-secondary educational institutions from concealed carry requirement under Personal and Family Protection Act	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	*
5/3/18 98-21-6	HB2280 – Vote #272, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Revise Rules and Regulations Filing Act to include analysis of economic impact of proposed new rules and regulations	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	Y	Y	Y
5/2/18 70-52-3	HB2539 – Vote #264, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Amends qualifications for candidates for certain statewide offices	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	NV	N	Y	Y	Y

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Voting Record Bill Explanations

The Overland Park Chamber's legislative positions are shown in red italics.

SENATE

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H Sub for SB 109 – Vote #272 (05/03/18), passed: Appropriations for FY17, FY18, FY19 and FY20 (omnibus budget bill) [*Signed into law, May 15, 2018, except for line item veto of Section 9, 43(b), 44(a)-part, 45(a)-part, 58(e)-part, 67(i), 74(e), and 100(b-d)].

See House Explanation

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H Sub for SB 391 – Vote #270 (05/03/18), passed: Establishing the Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force (*Signed into law, May 16, 2018).

See House Explanation.

FINAL ACTION ON SUB FOR SB 423 – Vote #224 (04/07/18), passed: Amending the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act and making appropriations to the Department of Education (*Signed into law, April 17, 2018).

FINAL ACTION ON H Sub for SB 61 – Vote #237 (04/30/18), passed: Amending Sub for SB 423 to strike certain provisions and restoring other provisions relating to local option budgets and adjusting the BASE aid accordingly (*Signed into law, May 7, 2018).

See House Explanation.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SB 430 – Vote #178 (03/29/18), passed: Extending the High-Performance Incentive Program (HPIP) tax credit carry forward period from 16 to 25 years (*House did not consider SB 430; the basic provisions of this bill [but reducing the carryforward percentage from 50% to 25%] were inserted into SB 296 in conference committee, but the Senate did not consider the CCR for SB 296, and both the CCR and SB 430 died on Sine Die).

Strong state economic development tools are vital for local business recruitment and retention. The Chamber strongly encourages lawmakers to support, protect and enhance proven economic development and workforce development programs that are critical tools used to stimulate employment and leverage private investment that provide stability and predictability and require accountability. The Chamber supports maintaining the PEAK and HPIP programs, Angel Investor tax credits and STAR bonds. We oppose efforts to dilute the effectiveness of such programs including proposals to sunset them, impose moratoriums on their use, or subject them to the annual appropriations process.

The bill would have extended 50% of unused HPIP tax credits beyond the current carryforward limit from 16 to 25 years for those taxpayers who initially had claimed HPIP credits prior to January 1, 2018.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S Sub for HB 2028 – Vote #238 (04/30/18), passed: Establishes the Kansas Telemedicine Act (Signed into law, May 12, 2018).

See House Explanation.

MOTION TO AMEND HB 2042 – Vote #107 (03/15/18), failed: Amendment exempt post-secondary educational institutions from the concealed carry requirements under the Personal and Family Protection Act. (*HB 2042 passed on final action without this amendment, but as amended to remove the lowering of the concealed carry age from 21 to 18, and went to conference with the House; CCR agree to disagree adopted; final CCR not considered and bill died at Sine Die).

The Chamber strongly supports exempting all Kansas post-secondary institutions from the provisions of the Kansas Personal and Family Protection Act that permits the concealed carry of firearms on their premises and allowing those institutions to regulate the carrying of firearms (concealed or open) on their premises.

As amended by the Senate, the underlying bill, HB 2042, would have required the State of Kansas to recognize all valid concealed carry licenses and permits issued by other states to non-Kansas residents, but the Senate did amend the House version to remove the provision that would have lowered the concealed carry minimum age requirement from 21 to 18 years of age. This proposed amendment would have made the current exemption for post-secondary educational institutions from the concealed carry requirements under the Personal and Family Protection Act (i.e., allowing those institutions to prohibit concealed carry on their respective campuses without the additional security requirements under current law).

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HB 2280 – Vote #255 (05/02/18), passed: Administrative rules and regulations; relating to approval of rules and regulations by the Director of the Budget; reporting impact on business; (*Signed into law, May 18, 2018).

See House Explanation.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HB 2539 – Vote #248 (05/01/18), passed: Amends qualifications for candidates seeking certain statewide offices; (*Signed into law, May 18, 2018).

See House Explanation.

HOUSE

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H Sub for SB 109 – Vote #277 (05/03/18), passed: Appropriations for FY17, FY18, FY19 and FY20 (omnibus budget bill) [*Signed into law, May 15, 2018, except for line item veto of Section 9, 43(b), 44(a)-part, 45(a)-part, 58(e)-part, 67(i), 74(e), and 100(b-d)].

The Chamber supports policies, programs, and funding that (i) invest in high quality early childhood education (including continued transfer of the tobacco settlement funds to the Children’s Initiative Fund for use in early childhood programs and opposing the securitization of those tobacco settlement funds), (ii) encourage and make possible the development of a world-class, robust public education system.

Confidence in the state’s transportation planning, critical for job creation, economic development and business retention and expansion, can only be sustained by taking measures to ensure that funding for our transportation programs will only be used for transportation purposes.

The Chamber supports:

- *Adequately and appropriately funding K-12 and post-secondary education.*
- *Policies and funding for the proper maintenance and operation of the state’s mental health services and facilities, including the regaining of federal certification of the Osawatomie State Hospital.*
- *Monitoring of government spending and redirection of money saved as a result of increased effectiveness and efficiencies to programs in need of additional funding.*
- *Maximizing state funding for Medicaid home and community-based waivers for vulnerable populations to further enhance our quality of life and help lower business costs.*
- *Appropriate investments in the “safety net” - programs and policies designed to care for and protect the vulnerable in our community - to help prevent higher business costs in the future and create a healthier, better educated, and more highly-skilled workforce.*

This bill set forth the adjustments in the state budget for the rest of the current fiscal year (FY18, ending on June 30, 2018) and for the next fiscal year (FY19, July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019). The budget calls for State General Fund spending of approximately \$6.7 billion in FY18 and about \$7.0 billion in FY19, with projected ending balances of \$447.5 million and \$375.4 million, respectively, for those two fiscal years.

Some of the highlights contained in the budget are:

- \$15 million for higher education toward restoration of a part of the cuts imposed in 2017;
- Raises for most state employees - 5% for those employees who did not receive raises last year and 2.5% for those who did, 2% for judges, and a 5% adjustment for the state’s correctional staff;
- \$100 million for social service caseload needs; and
- Approximately \$58 million to address at least some of the 23 KDOT projects included in T-Works that have been on hold for lack of state funding.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SB 296 – Vote #284 (05/04/18), passed: Economic development; relating to tax credits for investments in businesses in rural areas, enacting the Ad Astra Act; STAR bonds, state contribution to bond payment; High Performance Incentive Program (HPIP) (*CCR not considered by Senate and died at Sine Die).

Strong state economic development tools are vital for local business recruitment and retention. The Chamber strongly encourages lawmakers to support, protect and enhance proven economic development and workforce development programs that are critical tools used to stimulate employment and leverage private investment that provide stability and predictability and require accountability. The Chamber supports maintaining the PEAK and HPIP programs, Angel Investor tax credits and STAR bonds. We oppose efforts to dilute the effectiveness of such programs including proposals to sunset them, impose moratoriums on their use, or subject them to the annual appropriations process.

This bill would have established the Ad Astra Rural Jobs Act (Ad Astra Act) and made revisions to the High-Performance Incentive Program (HPIP) and to the Sales Tax and Revenue Bond Financing Act (STAR bonds).

The Ad Astra Act authorized certain nonrefundable tax credits for taxpayers who contributed capital to an approved investment company to fund a rural business concern in a rural area, such credits to be claimed over a 5-year period, and would sunset on December 31 of the seventh year following the effective date of the bill.

The bill would have extended 25% of unused HPIP tax credits beyond the current carryforward limit from 16 to 25 years for those taxpayers who initially had claimed HPIP credits prior to January 1, 2018.

The bill would have capped the state’s contribution to STAR bonds districts that are submitted on and after January 1, 2019 at 85% of the state sales tax rate.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H Sub for SB 391 – Vote #276 (05/03/18), passed: Establishing the Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force (*Signed into law, May 16, 2018).

The speed, reliability, capacity and overall effectiveness of the state’s transportation systems are crucial for job creation, economic development, and business retention and expansion throughout Kansas. Kansas businesses and communities have long trusted in the completion

of the state's comprehensive transportation plans (CTPs) to guide them in making important supportive policy and infrastructure investments. Confidence in the state's transportation planning can only be sustained by taking measures to ensure that funding for our transportation programs will only be used for transportation purposes.

Support preserving the Kansas practice of long-term, multi-year CTPs developed through a combination of KDOT technical analysis of transportation needs and local partner consultations, and focused on meeting our state's safety, economic development and quality of life priorities.

Support creation and implementation of a comprehensive, strategic plan for the integrated freight policies and improvements necessary to help Johnson County and the State of Kansas position as national and global freight and logistics leaders.

This bill establishes the Task Force consisting of 31 voting and 4 ex officio, non-voting members. The voting members would include 12 legislators, 12 Kansas residents appointed by legislative leadership, three residents appointed by Kansas Economic Lifelines, two by the League of Kansas Municipalities (one from a city with a population of more than 25,000 and one from a city with a population of less than or equal to 25,000), and two county commissioners appointed by the Kansas Association of Counties (one from a county with a population of more than 40,000 and one from a county with a population less than or equal to 40,000). All appointed members are required to be affiliated with a specified list of interested stakeholders.

The mission of the Task Force is to make and submit reports to the legislature by January 31, 2019 on the following work to be conducted by the Task Force:

- Evaluate the progress of T-Works to date;
- Evaluate the current system condition of the state transportation system;
- Solicit local input on uncompleted and future projects at eight public meetings, including one in each KDOT district and in the Wichita and Kansas City metro areas;
- Evaluate current uses of State Highway Fund dollars;
- Evaluate current transportation funding in Kansas to determine whether it is sufficient to maintain the transportation system in its current state and to ensure that it serves the state's future transportation needs;
- Identify additional necessary transportation projects;
- Make recommendations regarding the needs of the transportation system over the next ten years and beyond; and
- Make recommendations on the future structure of the State Highway Fund as it relates to maintaining the state's infrastructure system.

FINAL ACTION ON SUB FOR SB 423 – Vote #226 (04/07/18), passed: Amending the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act and making appropriations to the Department of Education (*Signed into law, April 17, 2018).

FINAL ACTION ON H Sub for SB 61 – Vote #248 (04/28/18), passed: Amending Sub for SB 423 to strike certain provisions and restoring other provisions relating to local option budgets and adjusting the BASE aid accordingly (*Signed into law, May 7, 2018).

The Chamber recognizes that high-quality public education, from pre-K through post-secondary, leads to a high-quality workforce. Educational excellence is one of the single most important reasons companies have selected Johnson County and Overland Park as their place of business, thus creating jobs in our region and economic prosperity in Kansas.

The Chamber supports reform of the school finance formula to more appropriately and fairly address statewide funding and equalization requirements. Statewide K-12 funding should be adequate for each district to be able to offer substantially the same opportunity for its students to achieve well-defined educational outcomes that meet or exceed the state standards promulgated by the Kansas State Board of Education.

Among key provisions of the combination of H Sub for SB423 and H Sub for SB61 are the following:

- The addition of approximately \$534 million to K-12 funding over the next five fiscal years (in addition to almost \$300 million added by the legislature in the 2017 session), bringing the total amount of new school funding to about \$823 million over that period; thereafter, annual funding increases would be tied to the increase in the CPI for such year over the average increase for the preceding three years;
- With the funding increases described above, the new BASE amounts would be:
 - \$4,165 for school year 2018-19
 - \$4,302 for school year 2019-20
 - \$4,439 for school year 2020-21
 - \$4,756 for school year 2021-22
 - \$4,713 for school year 2022-23;
- Funding for special education is increased by \$44 million in FY2019, with an additional \$7.5 million added in each of the next four fiscal years;
- Adds \$500,000 to help fund a teacher mentoring program;
- Adds \$2.8 million to pay the cost for all students throughout the state to take the ACT and ACT Workkeys assessments;
- Allows districts to expand their 4-year old at-risk childhood education programs to include 3-year old children;
- Adds \$10 million to fund the new Mental Health Intervention Team pilot program between certain selected districts and their respective community mental health centers for FY19;
- Provides a schedule of required performance audits to be performed by Legislative Post Audit over the next six years;
- Makes the following changes to address the Supreme Court's stated equity concerns
 - Voids resolutions adopted by local school boards increasing the district's LOB over 30% that were not approved by voters;
 - Repeals the 10% minimum at-risk funding floor;

- Repeals including utility costs and hazard insurance premiums as permitted uses for capital outlay funds; and
- Requires LOBs to be calculated using percentages from the current year instead of the prior year.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SB 449 – Vote #283 (05/04/18), passed: Department of Commerce; relating to the disclosure of economic development incentive program data, tax credit programs and certain property tax exemptions; required database (*Senate did not consider CCR, and it died on Sine Die).

See Senate Explanation.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S Sub for HB 2028 – Vote #253 (04/30/18), passed: Establishes the Kansas Telemedicine Act (*Signed into law, May 12, 2018).

HEALTH CARE: The health care costs of low income uninsured individuals are currently being passed on to businesses and others in the system. As part of a comprehensive and thorough review, the Chamber supports Kansas solutions that improve the quality and efficiency of the current KanCare/Medicaid system while maximizing coverage to those newly eligible under the federally passed Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Chamber supports fair and appropriate implementation of the ACA, including sufficient funding for KanCare/Medicaid to ensure the ongoing viability of health care providers who serve the uninsured and the underinsured.

Effective as of January 1, 2019, this bill expands access to health care by requiring health insurance companies to pay for health care services provided via telemedicine if those same services are covered in the traditional face-to-face visit with physicians.

MOTION TO AMEND HB 2042 – Vote #5 (02/01/18), failed: Amendment exempts post-secondary educational institutions from concealed carry requirements under the Personal and Family Protection Act. (*HB 2042 passed on final action without the amendment and went to conference with the Senate; CCR agree to disagree adopted; final CCR not considered and bill died at Sine Die).

The Chamber strongly supports exempting all Kansas post-secondary institutions from the provisions of the Kansas Personal and Family Protection Act that permits the concealed carry of firearms on their premises and allowing those institutions to regulate the carrying of firearms (concealed or open) on their premises.

The House version of the underlying bill, HB 2042, would have required the State of Kansas to recognize all valid concealed carry licenses and permits issued by other states to non-Kansas residents and would have lowered the age to obtain a concealed carry license in Kansas from 21 to 18 years of age. The proposed amendment would have exempted post-secondary educational institutions from the concealed carry requirements under the Personal and Family Protection Act (i.e., it would have allowed those institutions to prohibit concealed carry on their respective campuses without the additional security requirements under current law).

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HB 2280 – Vote #272 (05/03/18), passed: Administrative rules and regulations; relating to approval of rules and regulations by the Director of the Budget; reporting impact on business; (*Signed into law, May 18, 2018).

Strong state economic development tools are vital for local business recruitment and retention. The Chamber strongly encourages lawmakers to support, protect and enhance proven economic development and workforce development programs that are critical tools used to stimulate employment and leverage private investment that provide stability and predictability and require accountability.

Support regulatory framework that results in consistent and predictable application of state policies, procedures and regulations.

This bill revises the Rules and Regulations Filing Act by requiring that an economic impact statement be submitted to the Director of the Budget (Director) for approval regarding a proposed rule or regulation (Rule). The economic impact statement would contain a cost-benefit analysis using several factors, including the following:

- The extent to which the Rule would enhance or restrict business activities and growth;
- The economic effect on the Kansas economy, including specific businesses, business sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals and local units of government;
- The businesses that would be directly affected by the Rule;
- The benefits compared to the cost; and
- An estimate of the annual and overall total implementation and compliance costs, as a single dollar amount, to be absorbed by businesses, local units and individuals.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HB 2539 – Vote #264 (05/02/18), passed: Amends qualifications for candidates seeking certain statewide offices; (*Signed into law, May 18, 2018).

The Chamber recognizes the need for capable and effective representation, people with the practical experience that will help them perform the administrative as well as the more visionary responsibilities of elective office. Many of these traits are gained through real-world experience over time while others result from more formal education and training; the combination of both is essential, particularly with respect to the duties of a statewide office.

Effective January 1, 2019, the bill requires every candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, or Insurance Commissioner to be a qualified elector of Kansas (i.e., a resident of Kansas who is at least 18 years of age) by the filing deadline for such office. It also requires that candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor be age 25 or older, and that every candidate for Attorney General be licensed to practice law in Kansas.

Lifetime Voting Records - 2018

SENATE	First Term	2018	Lifetime
Molly Baumgardner	2014	44.4%	47.4%
Barbara Bollier	2010*	66.7%	83.5% ¹
Jim Denning	2013*	77.8%	60.4% ²
Julia Lynn	2006	66.7%	55.1%
Rob Olson	2010	62.5%	59%
Pat Pettey	2013	87.5%	76.6%
Mary Pilcher Cook	2008*	55.6%	45.5% ³
John Skubal	2017	88.9%	94.1%
Dinah Sykes	2017	85.7%	93.3%

* Elected to the Senate after serving in the House

¹ Lifetime record includes sessions served in the House (2011-2016)

² Lifetime record includes sessions served in the House (2011-2012)

³ Lifetime record includes sessions served in the House (2005-2006)



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HOUSE	First Term	2018	Lifetime
Shelee Brim	2017	100%	100%
Larry Campbell*	2013	66.7%	67.7%
Stephanie Clayton	2013	70%	83.3%
Tom Cox	2017	90%	94.7%
Erin Davis	2014	100%	67.9%
Willie Dove	2013	80%	55.6%
Keith Esau	2013	60%	45.8%
Linda Gallagher	2015	100%	92.5%
Cindy Holscher	2017	90%	94.7%
Jan Kessinger	2017	100%	100%
Joy Koesten	2017	100%	100%
Nancy Lusk	2013	66.7%	76.1%
Patty Markley	2017	100%	100%
Cindy Neighbor	2017 [†]	70%	87.9% ¹
Jarrold Ousley	2015	60%	75%
Brett Parker	2017	60%	73.7%
Randy Powell	2015	60%	42.5%
Abe Rafie	2017	100%	84.2%
John Resman	2017	80%	57.9%
Melissa Rooker	2013	70%	84.7%
Ron Ryckman, Jr.	2013	90%	59.7%
Scott Schwab	2008 [†]	33.3%	60.5% ²
Jerry Stogsdill	2017	50%	66.7%
Bill Sutton	2013	70%	50.7%
Sean Tarwater	2017	90%	78.9%
Frank Trimboli*	2018	87.5%	87.5%

[†] Second time serving in the House.

¹ Lifetime record includes previous sessions served in the House (2007-2010)

² Lifetime record includes previous sessions served in the House (2003-2006)

* Rep. Larry Campbell resigned and was named State Budget Officer as of February 5, 2018.
Rep. Frank Trimboli chosen by special election on February 15 to replace Rep. Campbell.