

## 2017 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 that 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 that 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 2017 Voting Record provides you with a valuable tool for evaluating our 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 that you, our members, have told us are important to your businesses, and it has been carefully reviewed 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 your elected officials and help guide you in your decision-making process at election time.

After last year's relatively short session, wrapping up in just 72 days, the 2017 session lasted 114 days, tying the 2015 session for the longest in Kansas history. This session included passage of a new K-12 school finance plan (currently being reviewed by the Kansas Supreme Court), a comprehensive state tax plan and new budgets for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

On behalf of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce and its members, we want to thank all of 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 [trobinett@opchamber.org](mailto:trobinett@opchamber.org).

Sincerely,



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# SENATE

Percentage of Votes with Chamber Position			12.5%	100%	75%	37.5%	25%	87.5%	25%	100%	100%
Senate Issues Bill Number & Descriptions		OP Chamber Position	Baumgardner	Bollier	Denning	Lynn	Olson	Petty	Pilcher-Cook	Skubal	Sykes
06/05/17 23-17	SB 19 - Vote #268, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Creating the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act (New K-12 school finance formula)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y
06/05/17 26-14	SB 30 - Vote #269, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Kansas Income Tax (restore 3 bracket schedule, repeal non-wage income exemption, itemized deductions); Extension of STAR bonds program	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
06/06/17 27-13	SB 30 - Vote #273, Motion to Override Governor's Veto; Kansas Income Tax (restore 3 bracket schedule, repeal of non-wage income exemption, itemized deductions); Extension of STAR bonds program	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
04/06/17 3-37	SB 214 - Vote #198, Final Action; Kansas Income Tax (single bracket flat tax)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
06/10/17 27-11-2	S Sub for HB 2002 - Vote #281, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Appropriations for FY2017, FY2018 and FY2019 (Omnibus Budget Bill)	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
03/28/17 25-14-1	HB 2044 - Vote #133, Final Action; Establish the KanCare Bridge to a Healthy Kansas (Medicaid expansion)	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
05/16/17 35-5	Sub for HB2277 – Vote #228, Final Action; Creates Common Consumption Areas	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
06/01/17 24-16	S Sub for HB2278 – Vote #258, Final Action; Exempts KUMC, State Hospitals, Community Mental Health Centers and Indigent Health Care Clinics from Concealed Carry Requirement	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y

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# HOUSE

Percentage of Votes with Chamber Position			100%	100%	88.9%	100%	66.7%	33.3%	11.1%	100%	100%	100%	100%	88.9%	100%
	<b>House Issues Bill Number &amp; Descriptions</b>	<b>OP Chamber Position</b>	<b>Brim</b>	<b>Campbell</b>	<b>Clayton</b>	<b>Cox</b>	<b>Davis</b>	<b>Dove</b>	<b>Esau</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	<b>Holscher</b>	<b>Kessinger</b>	<b>Koesten</b>	<b>Lusk</b>	<b>Markley</b>
06/05/17 67-55-3	SB 19 - Vote #261, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Creating the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act (New K-12 school finance formula)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
06/05/17 69-52-4	SB 30 - Vote #262, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Kansas Income Tax (restore 3 bracket schedule, repeal non-wage income exemption, itemized deductions); Extension of STAR bonds program	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
06/06/17 88-31-1-5	SB 30 – Vote #265, Motion to Override Governor’s Veto; Kansas Income Tax (restore 3 bracket schedule, repeal non-wage income exemption, itemized deductions); Extension of STAR bonds program	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
06/10/17 88-27-9	S Sub for HB 2002 - Vote #274, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Appropriations for FY2017, FY2018 and FY2019 (Omnibus Budget Bill)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
02/23/17 81-44	HB 2044 - Vote #79, Final Action; Establish the KanCare Bridge to a Healthy Kansas (Medicaid expansion)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
04/03/17 81-44	HB 2044 - Vote #174; Motion to Override Governor’s Veto (Medicaid expansion)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
05/03/17 112-11-2	HB 2184 - Vote #219, Final Action; Extends and Modifies STAR Bond Program	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
05/23/17 97-22-6	Sub for HB 2277 - Vote #248, Motion to Concur in Senate Amendments; Creates Common Consumption Areas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
06/01/17 91-33-1	S Sub for HB2278 – Vote #258, Motion to Concur in Senate Amendments; Exempts KUMC, State Hospitals, Community Mental Health Centers and Indigent Health Care Clinics from Concealed Carry Requirement	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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House Issues Bill Number & Descriptions		OP Chamber Position	Neighbor	Ousley	Parker	Powell	Rafie	Resman	Rooker	Ryckman	Schwab	Stogsdill	Sutton	Tarwater
06/05/17 67-55-3	SB 19 - Vote #261, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Creating the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act (New K-12 school finance formula)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
06/05/17 69-52-4	SB 30 - Vote #262, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Kansas Income Tax (restore 3 bracket schedule, repeal non-wage income exemption, itemized deductions); Extension of STAR bonds program	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N
06/06/17 88-31-1-5	SB 30 – Vote #265, Motion to Override Governor’s Veto; Kansas Income Tax (restore 3 bracket schedule, repeal non-wage income exemption, itemized deductions); Extension of STAR bonds program	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
06/10/17 88-27-9	S Sub for HB 2002 - Vote #274, Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report; Appropriations for FY2017, FY2018 and FY2019 (Omnibus Budget Bill)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
02/23/17 81-44	HB 2044 - Vote #79, Final Action; Establish the KanCare Bridge to a Healthy Kansas (Medicaid expansion)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N
04/03/17 81-44	HB 2044 - Vote #174; Motion to Override Governor’s Veto (Medicaid expansion)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N
05/03/17 112-11-2	HB 2184 - Vote #219, Final Action; Extends and Modifies STAR Bond Program	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
05/23/17 97-22-6	Sub for HB 2277 - Vote #248, Motion to Concur in Senate Amendments; Creates Common Consumption Areas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y
06/01/17 91-33-1	S Sub for HB2278 – Vote #258, Motion to Concur in Senate Amendments; Exempts KUMC, State Hospitals, Community Mental Health Centers and Indigent Health Care Clinics from Concealed Carry Requirement	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	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 SB 19 – Vote #268 (06/05/17), passed: Education; Creating the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act . . . . . Signed into law, June 15, 2017**

*EDUCATION: The Chamber supports a fundamental reform of the school finance formula that appropriately and fairly addresses 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 Rose Standards and otherwise promulgated by the Kansas State Board of Education.*

This bill creates a new K-12 school finance formula and, under that formula, increases the base amount of per pupil funding to \$4,006 and \$4,128 for school years 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively, and modifies a number of the formula's weightings. As enacted, the new law would provide additional funding of approximately \$195 million for school year 2017-18 and approximately \$295 million for school year 2018-19.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SB 30 – Vote #269 (06/05/17), passed: Taxation; Kansas Income Tax; STAR bonds. . . . . Vetoed by Governor, June 6, 2017**

**MOTION TO OVERRIDE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF SB 30 – Vote #273 (06/06/17), passed: Taxation; Kansas Income Tax; STAR bonds . . . . . Veto Override Prevailed, bill passes, June 6, 2017**

*TAXATION: The Chamber supports a balanced and reasonable approach to tax reform that provides a positive business climate. The Chamber recognizes the value and necessity for adequate state funds to provide essential government services that our businesses and citizens rely upon such as transportation, education, and public safety and quality of life offerings.*

*The Chamber opposes the plan for the scheduled reduction and eventual elimination of the state income tax (the "march to zero"). The Chamber believes that the existing tax structure and plan, particularly the total exemption of non-wage pass through business income from the payment of state income taxes (the "LLC loophole"), has failed to have the promised positive impact on the state's overall fiscal health, including the ability to maintain the key quality of life offerings identified by both business leaders and residents as fundamental; therefore, the Chamber supports the repeal of the LLC loophole.*

*ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: 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, including 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 or subject them to the annual appropriations process.*

This bill contains an income tax plan that would raise an estimated \$591 million in FY2018 and \$633 million in FY2019. Key provisions include:

- Repeal of the income tax exemption for non-wage pass through business income effective January 1, 2017;
- Allow taxpayers to claim certain non-wage business income losses as allowed under federal tax law beginning in 2017;
- Repeal of the march to zero individual income tax;
- Increase individual income tax rates effective on January 1, 2017 utilizing a 3-bracket schedule of 2.9%, 4.9% and 5.2%, increasing on January 1, 2018 to 3.1%, 5.25% and 5.7%, on taxable income brackets of 0-\$30,000, \$30,001-\$60,000, and \$60,001 and above, respectively (it's also worth noting that while these rates are higher than the current 2-bracket schedule, they are still lower than what was in place in 2012 before the massive, and ill-advised tax cuts – 3.5%, 6.25%, and 6.45%);
- Reduce the low income exclusion threshold from \$12,500 to \$5,000 (married filing jointly) and from \$5,000 to \$2,500 (single filers) beginning January 1, 2018;
- Itemized deductions for medical expenses, mortgage interest and property taxes paid would be allowed at 50% of the federal allowable amount in 2018, increasing to 75% in 2019 and 100% in 2020 and thereafter;
- Reinstate the child care and dependent care tax credit at 12.50% of the federal allowable amount in 2018, increasing to 18.75% in 2019 and 25% in 2020 and thereafter; and
- Extend the sunset for the STAR bonds program from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2020, imposing a moratorium, however, on creation of any new STAR bond districts in the first year of the 3-year extension (all STAR bond districts created prior to the one year moratorium could continue to use STAR bonds to develop projects in those districts).

**FINAL ACTION ON SB 214 – Vote #198 (04/06/17), failed: Taxation; Relating to Income Tax Structure; Sales Tax on Food.**

*TAXATION: The Chamber supports a balanced and reasonable approach to tax reform that provides a positive business climate. The Chamber recognizes the value and necessity for adequate state funds to provide essential government services that our businesses and citizens rely upon such as transportation, education, and public safety and quality of life offerings.*

*The Chamber opposes the plan for the scheduled reduction and eventual elimination of the state income tax (the “march to zero”). The Chamber believes that the existing tax structure and plan, particularly the total exemption of non-wage pass through business income from the payment of state income taxes (the “LLC loophole”), has failed to have the promised positive impact on the state’s overall fiscal health, including the ability to maintain the key quality of life offerings identified by both business leaders and residents as fundamental; therefore, the Chamber supports the repeal of the LLC loophole.*

This bill would have made a number of changes in the Kansas individual income tax structure and would have reduced the sales tax rate on food. Among those changes are the following:

- Collapsing the individual income tax rate structure into a single tax bracket of 4.60% beginning in 2018 (flat tax);
- Reinstating certain itemized deductions over three years;
- Repealing the exemption for non-wage business income, effective January 1, 2017; and
- Reducing the sales tax rate on food from 6.5% to 5.5%, effective January 1, 2018.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S SUB FOR HB 2002 – Vote #281 (06/10/17), passed: Appropriations for FY2017, FY2018 and FY2019 for various state agencies; omnibus appropriation act of 2017 (\*Enrolled and presented to Governor, June 15, 2017; action pending).**

*EDUCATION: The Chamber supports policies, programs, and adequate funding that encourage the development of a world-class, robust P-20 public education system emphasizing a rigorous science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) curriculum based on globally competitive standards that prepare students to be college and career-ready for the future and fosters a well-trained, productive, globally competitive workforce. Within our state’s public higher education institutions, the Chamber supports enhanced funding to address deferred maintenance on infrastructure.*

*TRANSPORTATION: 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. The Chamber supports full implementation of T-WORKS, Kansas’ 10-year Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP). On a statewide basis, the Chamber supports protecting existing transportation funding sources (sales tax, fuel tax, bonding, vehicle registration fees, etc.), and opposes diversion or sweeping of funds from the Kansas Highway Fund.*

*MEDICAID AND SAFETY NET PROGRAMS: The Chamber supports 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. The Chamber also supports 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 is the omnibus budget bill. It provides for total spending of just over \$15.5 billion in FY2018, including nearly \$6.4 billion of state general funds. For FY2019, the budget anticipates a total of \$15.8 billion that includes about \$6.3 billion from the state general fund. The state is projected to have ending balances of approximately \$157 million (2.5%) and \$209 million (3.3%) for FY2018 and FY2019, respectively.

A few highlights in the upcoming budget:

- Eliminates 179.5 FTE positions from state government across the state;
- Provides most state employees their first pay raise in nine years, calling for a 2.5% increase for those having been employed by the state for fewer than five years, while those with over five years of service will receive a 5.0% increase;
- Includes additional funding for operation of the state’s hospitals, including funds for 20 additional patient beds at Osawatomie State Hospital, as well as more funds for senior care, domestic violence prevention and safety net clinics;
- Increases the cap on KDOT’s bonding authority by \$400 million, stipulating that bond funds raised be used for maintenance and repair of state transportation infrastructure over the next two years; and
- Restores some of the funding to KU and K-State that resulted from disproportionate cuts imposed on those universities during the last legislative session.

**FINAL ACTION ON HB 2044 – Vote #133 (03/25/17), passed: Establishes the KanCare Bridge to a Healthy Kansas Program (Medicaid expansion). . . . . Vetoed by Governor, March 30, 2017**

See House Explanation.

**MOTION TO CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS ON S SUB for HB 2277 – Vote #228 (05/16/17), passed: Alcoholic Beverages; Creating Common Consumption Areas Designated by Cities and Counties . . . . . Signed into law, June 7, 2017**

See House Explanation

**MOTION TO CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S SUB FOR HB 2278 – Vote #258 (06/01/17), passed: Firearms; Relating to the Personal and Family Protection Act; Prohibiting the Carrying of Concealed Firearms in Certain Buildings; . . . . . Allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, June 15, 2017**  
See House Explanation.

## HOUSE

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SB 19 – Vote #261 (06/05/17), passed: Education; Creating the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act . . . . . Signed into law, June 15, 2017**  
See Senate Explanation.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SB 30 – Vote #262 (06/05/17), passed: Taxation; Kansas Income Tax; STAR bonds. . . . . Vetoed by Governor, June 6, 2017**

**MOTION TO OVERRIDE GOVERNOR’S VETO OF SB 30 – Vote #265 (06/06/17), passed: Taxation; Kansas Income Tax; STAR bonds . . . . . Veto Override Prevailed, bill passes, June 6, 2017**  
See Senate Explanation.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S SUB FOR HB 2002 – Vote #274 (06/10/17), passed: Appropriations for FY2017, FY2018 and FY2019 for various state agencies; omnibus appropriation act of 2017 . . . . . Enrolled and presented to Governor, June 15, 2017; action pending**  
See Senate Explanation.

**FINAL ACTION ON HB 2044 – Vote #79 (02/23/17), passed: Establishes the KanCare Bridge to a Healthy Kansas Program (Medicaid expansion). . . . . Vetoed by Governor, March 30, 2017**

**MOTION TO OVERRIDE GOVERNOR’S VETO OF HB 2044 – Vote #174 (04/03/17), failed: Establishes the KanCare Bridge to a Healthy Kansas Program (Medicaid expansion) . . . . . Governor’s Veto Sustained**

*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.*

This bill establishes the KanCare Bridge to a Healthy Kansas Program (Program). The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is required to administer and promote the Program and provide information to potential eligible individuals who live in medically underserved areas of the state. The bill modifies the eligibility requirements for the Kansas Medical Assistance Program, on or after January 1, 2018, to include any non-pregnant adult under 65 years of age who is a U.S. citizen or legal resident and who has been a resident of Kansas for at least 12 months, whose income does not exceed 133 percent of the federal poverty level, to the extent allowed under the federal Social Security Act as it exists on the effective date of the bill, and subject to the requirements of the Program.

**FINAL ACTION ON HB 2184 – Vote #219 (05/03/17), passed: Economic Development; STAR Bond Financing Act. . . . . Referred to Senate Commerce, Committee May 4, 2017**

*ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: 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, including 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 or subject them to the annual appropriations process.*

The bill would extend the sunset date for the STAR Bond Financing Act from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2022. It would also allow STAR bond project costs to include expenses for the renovation and expansion of an historic theater. The bill would eliminate language that allows a county commission or school board to object to a proposed STAR bond district, if it is determined the STAR bond district would have an adverse effect on property tax revenues. The Secretary of Commerce would no longer be required to approve a city or county option to use all or a portion of transient guest tax revenues to be pledged for principal and interest payments on the STAR bonds.



**MOTION TO CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS ON S SUB FOR HB 2277 – Vote #248 (05/23/17), passed: Alcoholic Beverages; Creating Common Consumption Areas Designated by Cities and Counties . . . . . Signed into law, June 7, 2017**

*The cornerstone of municipal and county government and public education is the belief that governance should be as close to the people as possible. The Chamber strongly supports the preservation of local control and supports policies that promote fair competition.*

This bill would allow a city or county to establish one or more common consumption areas by ordinance or resolution, designate the boundaries of any common consumption area, and prescribe the times during which alcoholic liquor may be consumed.

The bill also would eliminate the ten-day waiting period for applicants to become a member of a class B club found in current law.

**MOTION TO CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S SUB FOR HB 2278 – Vote #258 (06/01/17), passed: Firearms; Relating to the Personal and Family Protection Act; Prohibiting the Carrying of Concealed Firearms in Certain Buildings; . . . . . Allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, June 15, 2017**

*The right for local units of government, schools and institutions of higher education, and businesses to regulate the carrying of firearms (open or concealed) on their premises.*

This bill exempts the following institutions from a general requirement in existing law that public buildings have adequate security measures in place before the concealed carry of handguns can be prohibited:

- State- or municipal-owned medical care facilities and adult care homes;
- Community mental health centers (CMHCs);
- Indigent health care clinics; and
- Any buildings located in the health care district associated with the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC).

Under current law, these facilities could only exempt themselves from allowing concealed carry in their buildings and public areas until July 1, 2017; thereafter, concealed carry would be permitted unless the facility provides adequate security measures to ensure no weapons are carried in or provides storage lockers to secure weapons upon entry

The bill would specify that public employers would not be liable for wrongful or negligent acts of employees carrying concealed handguns when those weapons are not carried within the scope of their employment, concerning acts or omissions regarding such handguns.

## Lifetime Voting Records

SENATE	First Term	2017	Lifetime
Molly Baumgardner	2014	12.5%	48.3%
Barbara Bollier	2010*	100%	85% <sup>1</sup>
Jim Denning	2013*	75%	58.6% <sup>2</sup>
Julia Lynn	2006	37.5%	54.2%
Pat Pettey	2013	87.5%	75%
Mary Pilcher Cook	2008*	25%	44.8% <sup>3</sup>
John Skubal	2017	100%	100%
Dinah Sykes	2017	100%	100%

\* Elected to the Senate after serving in the House

<sup>1</sup> Lifetime record includes sessions served in the House (2011-2016)

<sup>2</sup> Lifetime record includes sessions served in the House (2011-2012)

<sup>3</sup> Lifetime record includes sessions served in the House (2005-2006)



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HOUSE	First Term	2017	Lifetime
Shelee Brim	2017	100%	100%
Larry Campbell	2013	100%	70%
Stephanie Clayton	2013	88.9%	85.5%
Tom Cox	2017	100%	100%
Erin Davis	2014	66.7%	62.2%
Willie Dove	2013	33.3%	51.6%
Keith Esau	2013	11.1%	43.5%
Linda Gallagher	2015	100%	90%
Cindy Holscher	2017	100%	100%
Jan Kessinger	2017	100%	100%
Joy Koesten	2017	100%	100%
Nancy Lusk	2013	88.9%	77.4%
Patty Markley	2017	100%	100%
Cindy Neighbor	2017 <sup>†</sup>	88.9%	91.1% <sup>1</sup>
Jarrod Ousley	2015	88.9%	80%
Brett Parker	2017	88.9%	88.9%
Randy Powell	2015	22.2%	36.7%
Abe Rafie	2017	66.7%	66.7%
John Resman	2017	33.3%	33.3%
Melissa Rooker	2013	100%	87.1%
Ron Ryckman, Jr.	2013	66.7%	54.8%
Scott Schwab	2008 <sup>†</sup>	55.6%	61% <sup>2</sup>
Jerry Stogsdill	2017	87.5%	87.5%
Bill Sutton	2013	33.3%	47.5%
Sean Tarwater	2017	66.7%	66.7%

<sup>†</sup> Second time serving in the House.

<sup>1</sup> Lifetime record includes previous sessions served in the House (2007-2010)

<sup>2</sup> Lifetime record includes previous sessions served in the House (2003-2006)