



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2019 Kansas Legislative Session Final Report and Voting Record

- Produced by the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee -





Dear Chamber Member:

You have told us advocacy is one of the most important services the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce provides our community. We are one of the few chambers 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.

No voting record tells the entire story of a legislator's attitude and actions on issues of importance to business, and this voting record does not capture unrecorded votes or the numerous votes that occur in committee. Further, it is not uncommon for a bill containing multiple issues to be considered by lawmakers. It becomes a difficult vote to cast for them and perhaps even more difficult to truly assess how a lawmaker feels about the individual elements of a bill.

For this reason, a voting record such as this should be a starting point – not your final analysis - as you consider a lawmaker's support or lack of support for pro-business issues.

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 conversation with your elected officials and help guide you in your decision-making process at election time. In your review of these issues, please note that 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.

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 Kevin Walker, Vice President of Public Policy and Advocacy, at (913) 766-7602 or kwalker@opchamber.org.

Sincerely,

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SENATE

Percentage of Votes with Chamber Position			72.7%	100%	72.7%	72.7%	70%	100%	54.5%	100%	100%
	Senate Issues Bill Number & Descriptions	OP Chamber Position	Baumgardner	Bollier	Denning	J. Lynn	Olson	Petty	Pilcher-Cook	Skubal	Sykes
2/27/2019 40-0	Final Action SB 199 Senate Journal, page 165 (A-OK Work program)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3/14/2019 24-16	Concur in House Amendment to SB 22 Senate Journal, page 199 (Comprehensive Tax Package)	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
3/26/2019 38-1	Julie Lorenz Confirmation Senate Journal, page 285	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4/1/2019 23-14	David Toland Confirmation Senate Journal, page 347	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
4/4/2019 31-8	Conference Committee Report on H Sub for SB 16 Senate Journal, page 504 (K-12 Funding)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
4/4/2019 38-1	Conference Committee Report on Sub for SB 130 Senate Journal, page 368 (Elections)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	Y	N	Y	Y
4/4/2019 39-1	Conference Committee Report on S Sub for HB 2007 Senate Journal, page 368 (KTA Tolling Authority)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
4/4/2019 36-4	Conference Committee Report for S Sub for HB 2225 Senate Journal, page 499 (Oversize Vehicle Fee)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
4/5/2019 37-0	Conference Committee Report on HB 2223 Senate Journal, page 588. (Economic Development Transparency)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4/5/2019 36-2	Conference Committee Report on S SUB for HB 2214. Senate Journal, page 554 (Electric Vehicle Fee)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5/2/2019 27-13	Conference Committee Report on HB 2033 Senate Journal, page 709 (Comprehensive Tax Package)	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N

NV = Not Voting, which means the Senator was not present in the Senate Chamber for this vote.

P = Present, which means the Senator was present in the Chamber for the vote but chose not to take a position.

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

HOUSE

	Percentage of Votes with Chamber Position		90.9%	90.9%	81.8%	36.4%	54.5%	45.5%	45.5%	100%	90.9%	100%	63.6%	100%	81.8%
	House Issues Bill Number & Descriptions	OP Chamber Position	Benson	Clayton	Cox	Croft	Donohoe	Dove	Esau	Holscher	Kessinger	Lusk	M. Lynn	Neighbor	Ousley
3/8/2019 76-43	SB 22 Final Action House Journal, page 321 (Comprehensive Tax Package)	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N
3/21/2019 69-54	Final Action HB 2066 House Journal, page 408 (Medicaid Expansion)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
3/26/2019 124-0	Final Action SB 199 House Journal, page 499 (A-OK Work program)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3/26/2019 43-75	Ballard Motion to Amend HB 2326 House Journal, page 519 (Firearms, post-secondary institutions)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
4/3/2019 119-3	Conference Committee Report on Sub for SB 130 House Journal, page 559 (School Organization)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4/4/2019 76-47	Conference Committee Report on H Sub for SB 16 House Journal, page 603 (K-12 Funding)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4/5/2019 90-33	Conference Committee Report on S Sub for HB 2007 House Journal, page 667 (KTA Tolling Authority)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
4/5/2019 80-41	Conference Committee Report on S SUB for HB 2214 House Journal, page 790 (Electric Vehicle Fee)	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
4/5/2019 91-32	Conference Committee Report for S Sub for HB 2225 House Journal, page 675 (Oversize Vehicle Fee)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5/2/2019 123-0	Conference Committee Report on HB 2223 House Journal, page 864 (Economic Development Transparency)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5/4/2019 83-41	Conference Committee Report on HB 2033 House Journal, page 1805 (Comprehensive Tax Package)	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N

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	House Issues Bill Number & Descriptions	OP Chamber Position	Parker	Resman	Ruiz	Ryckman	Stogsdill	Sutton	Tarwater	Thomas	Toplikar	Warren	Woodard	Xu
3/8/2019 76-43	SB 22 Final Action House Journal, page 321 (Comprehensive Tax Package)	N	N	Y	NV	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
3/21/2019 69-54	Final Action HB 2066 House Journal, page 408 (Medicaid Expansion)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
3/26/2019 124-0	Final Action SB 199 House Journal, page 499 (A-OK Work program)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3/26/2019 43-75	Ballard Motion to Amend HB 2326 House Journal, page 519 (Firearms, post-secondary institutions)	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
4/3/2019 119-3	Conference Committee Report on Sub for SB 130 House Journal, page 559 (School Organization)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4/4/2019 76-47	Conference Committee Report on H Sub for SB 16 House Journal, page 603 (K-12 Funding)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
4/5/2019 90-33	Conference Committee Report on S Sub for HB 2007 House Journal, page 667 (KTA Tolling Authority)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Voting Record Bill Explanations

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

SENATE

Final Action on SB 199; Senate Journal, page 165; Passed 40-0 (2/27/19); Signed into law: 4/10/19.

See House Explanation

Motion to Concur in House Amendments to SB 22; Senate Journal, page 199; Passed 24-16 (3/14/19); Vetoed by Governor: 3/25/2019. Senate - No motion to reconsider vetoed bill – veto sustained.

See House Explanation

Motion to Confirm Julie Lorenz as Secretary of Transportation, Serving at the Pleasure of the Governor; Senate Journal, page 285; Confirmed 38-1 (3/26/19)

Motion to Confirm David Toland as Secretary of Commerce, Serving at the Pleasure of the Governor; Senate Journal, page 347; Confirmed 23-14 (4/1/19)

Strong state economic development tools are vital for local business recruitment and retention. The Chamber supports the prompt nomination and confirmation of an experienced, well-qualified Secretary of Commerce and adequate investment in the Department, including professional staffing, needed to compete globally and facilitate economic growth and workforce development in Kansas.

Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report on H Sub for SB 16; Senate Journal, page 504; Passed 31-8 (4/4/19); Signed into law: 4/6/19.

See House Explanation

Motion to Adopt the Conference Committee Report on Sub for SB 130; Senate Journal, page 368; Passed 38-1 (4/4/19); Signed into law: 4/15/19

See House Explanation

Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report on S Sub for HB 2007; Senate Journal, page 368; Passed 39-1 (4/4/19); Signed into law: 4/18/19.

See House Explanation

Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report on S Sub for SB 2225; Senate Journal, page 499; Passed 36-4 (4/4/19); Signed into law: 4/18/19

See House Explanation

Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report on HB 2223; Senate Journal, page 588; Passed 37-0 (4/5/19); Signed into law: 5/13/19.

See House Explanation

Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report on S Sub for HB 2214; Senate Journal, page 554; Passed 36-2 (4/5/19); Signed into law: 4/18/19.

See House Explanation

Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report on HB 2033; Senate Journal, page 709; Passed 27-13 (5/2/19); Vetoed by Governor: 5/17/19; House - Motion to override failed. Veto sustained: 5/29/19.

See House Explanation

HOUSE

Final Action on SB 22; House Journal, page 321; Passed 76-43 (3/8/19); Vetoed by Governor: 3/25/2019. Senate - No motion to reconsider vetoed bill – veto sustained.

The Chamber supports a balanced, predictable and reasonable approach to state tax policy to provide a positive and competitive 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, access to healthcare and mental health services, public safety and quality of life offerings.

The Chamber supports legislation to require out-of-state internet retailers to collect and remit sales tax on sales to Kansas residents, such legislation and implementing regulations to include reasonable threshold exemptions and otherwise be consistent with the guidelines set forth in the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in South Dakota v. Wayfair.

The Chamber encourages a careful evaluation of the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) passed by Congress in December 2017 on Kansas taxpayers, both individuals and businesses, before making material adjustments in state tax policy.

Final Action HB 2066; House Journal, page 408; Passed 69-54 (3/21/19); Referred to Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee 3/26/19; Senate - Motion to Withdraw from Committee: Failed 23-13 (5/1/19)

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 expanding coverage to those eligible under federal law and associated regulations.

Final Action on SB 199; House Journal, page 499; Passed 124-0 (3/26/19); Signed into law: 4/10/19.

Within our state's public higher education institutions, the Chamber supports:

- *Measures to improve workforce development including enhanced career and technical education throughout the state.*

Motion to Amend by Ballard – HB 2326; House Journal, page 519; Failed 43-75 (3/26/19)

The Chamber supports 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.

Motion to Adopt the Conference Committee Report on Sub for SB 130; House Journal, page 559; Passed 119-3 (4/3/19); Signed into law: (4/15/19)

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 continues to strongly support the preservation of local control whereby local officials, elected through non-partisan elections, are accountable for the funding (including imposition of local sales and property taxes), regulation and provision of services to meet the needs of the communities they serve, including, but not limited to, determining the timing of local elections (i.e., spring or fall and even- or odd-numbered years).

Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report on H Sub for SB 16; House Journal, page 603; Passed 76-47 (4/4/19); Signed into law: 4/6/19.

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 statewide K-12 investment that is 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 ("Educational Outcomes").

The Chamber acknowledges and supports the valid expectation that progress will be made toward achieving those Educational Outcomes with consequences prescribed for a lack of such progress. Definition of acceptable progress as well as appropriate consequences for failure should be determined by the Kansas State Board of Education in cooperation with local boards of education.

Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report on S Sub for HB 2007; House Journal, page 667; Passed 90-33 (4/5/19); Signed into law: 4/18/19.

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.

- *Examining and adopting innovative funding mechanisms, including a broader transportation funding and delivery role for tolling and the Kansas Turnpike Authority, and alternative project delivery methods that support large-scale, regional transportation network investments.*

Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report on S Sub for HB 2214; House Journal, page 790; Passed 80-41 (4/5/19); Signed into law: 4/18/19.

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Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report on S Sub for HB 2225 House Journal, page 675; Passed 91-32 (4/5/19); Signed into law: 4/18/19

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Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report on HB 2223; House Journal, page 864; Passed 123-0 (5/2/19); Signed into law: 5/13/19.

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.

Motion to Adopt Conference Committee Report on HB 2033; House Journal, page 1805; Passed 83-41 (5/4/19); Vetoed by Governor: 5/17/19; House - Motion to override failed. Veto sustained: 5/29/19.

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Lifetime Voting Records - 2019

SENATE	First Term	2019	Lifetime
Molly Baumgardner	2014	72.7%	53.1%
Barbara Bollier	2010*	100%	85% ¹
Jim Denning	2013*	72.7%	61.7% ²
Julia Lynn	2006	72.7%	56.5%
Rob Olson	2010*	70%	59.7% ³
Pat Pettey	2013*	100%	80% ⁴
Mary Pilcher Cook	2008*	54.5%	46.2% ⁵
John Skubal	2017	100%	96.4%
Dinah Sykes	2017	100%	96.2%

* 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 (2005-2010)

⁴ Lifetime record does not include sessions served in the House (1995-1996)

⁵ Lifetime record includes sessions served in the House (2005-2006)



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HOUSE	First Term	2019	Lifetime
David Benson	2019	90.9%	90.9%
Stephanie Clayton	2013	90.9%	84.3%
Tom Cox	2017	81.8%	90%
Chris Croft	2019	36.4%	36.4%
Owen Donohoe	2007 [†]	54.5%	58% ¹
Willie Dove	2013	45.5%	54.2%
Charlotte Esau	2019	45.5%	45.5%
Cindy Holscher	2017	100%	96.7%
Jan Kessinger	2017	90.9%	96.7%
Nancy Lusk	2013	100%	79.3%
Megan Lynn	2019	63.6%	63.6%
Cindy Neighbor	2003 [†]	100%	89.6% ²
Jarrold Ousley	2015	81.8%	76.5%
Brett Parker	2017	90.9%	80%
John Resman	2017	63.6%	60%
Susan Ruiz	2019	90%	90%
Ron Ryckman, Jr.	2013	54.5%	59%
Jerry Stogsdill	2017	90.9%	75.9%
Bill Sutton	2013	54.5%	51.2%
Sean Tarwater	2017	54.5%	70%
Adam Thomas	2019	27.3%	27.3%
John Toplikar	1993 [†]	45.5%	45.5% ³
Kellie Warren	2019	54.5%	54.5%
Brandon Woodard	2019	90.9%	90.9%
Rui Xu	2019	90.9%	90.9%

[†]Served previously in the House.

¹ Lifetime record includes sessions served in the House (2007-2012). Started current term in 2019.

² Lifetime record includes previous sessions served in the House (2003-2004 and 2007-2010). Started current term in 2017.

³ Lifetime record does not include sessions served in the House (1993-2002). Started current term in 2019.