



**Overland
Park
Chamber™**

2020

Kansas Legislative Session Final Report & Voting Record

**Produced by the Chamber's
Public Policy and Advocacy Committee**





Dear Chamber Member:

You have told us advocacy is one of the most essential services the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce provides our community. We are one of the few chambers of commerce in Kansas to publish a detailed summary of the important legislative votes cast on business issues to provide you vital information before filling out your ballot.

No voting record tells the complete story of a legislator's attitude and actions on issues of importance to business. This voting record does not capture unrecorded votes or the numerous votes that occur in committee. It's not uncommon for a bill to contain multiple issues, which can create difficult voting decisions for lawmakers and even more difficulty for us to truly assess how a lawmaker feels about the individual elements of a bill. In recent years, fewer recorded votes and increasing use of conference committee reports further complicates the process of evaluating lawmakers' views on specific issues.

For these reasons, 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 voting record is based on the Chamber's legislative agenda issues that you, our members, have told us are important to your businesses. The agenda was carefully reviewed and discussed by our Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, our Board of Directors and its Executive Committee. Please read this Voting Record thoroughly - let it spur continued dialogue with your elected officials and guide your decision-making process at election time. 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.

On behalf of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce and its members, we 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 sacrifices to fulfill the responsibilities of their elected offices.

For information about the Chamber's advocacy efforts or participation in our Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, please contact Kevin Walker, Senior Vice President of Public Policy at (913) 766-7602 or kwalker@opchamber.org.

Sincerely,

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SENATE

	Number of counted votes		7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7
	Percentage of Votes with Chamber Position		86%	71%	86%	86%	86%	86%	86%	100%	71%
Day of Vote / Vote	Senate Issue: Bill Number & Descriptions	OP Chamber Position	Baumgardner	Bollier	Denning	J. Lynn	Olson	Pettey	Skubal	Sykes	Thompson
2/25/2020 39 yes; 0 no; 1 P	Final Action SB 339 Senate Journal, page 1334 Contract electric utility rates	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/25/2020 39 yes; 0 no; 1 P	Final Action SB 294 Senate Journal, page 1334 Eliminating the current property tax lid and replacing it with a new revenue neutral rate and public hearing process.	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	Y
2/26/2020 40 yes; 0 no	Final Action SB 271 Senate Journal, page 1375 Extension of the sunset provision for high-density at-risk weighting, K-12 education.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3/5/2020 40 yes; 0 no	Final Action SB 255 Senate Journal, page 1408 Funding to support cancer research at the KU Medical Center.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3/17/2020 39 yes; 0 no; 1 A	Final Action HB 2702 Senate Journal, page 1482 Decoupling of the HPIP, KIT and KIR economic development programs.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3/19/2020 37 yes; 2 no; 1 A	Conference Committee Report H SUB for SB 173 Senate Journal, page 1502 Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
5/21/2020 39 yes; 1 no	Final Action S Sub for HB 2585 Senate Journal, page 1769 Contract Electric Rates	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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.

A = Absent or not voting.

HOUSE

	Number of counted votes		6	7	8	8	6	8	8	6	8	8	7	6	
	Percentage of Votes with Chamber Position		100%	71%	100%	100%	83%	88%	100%	83%	100%	63%	100%	86%	83%
	House Issues Bill Number & Descriptions	OP Chamber Position	Benson	Clayton	Cox	Croft	Donohoe	Dove	Esau	Holscher	Kessinger	Lusk	M. Lynn	Neighbor	Ousley
2/20/2020 116 yes; 6 no; 3 A	Final Action HB 2515 House Journal, page 2104 Kansas Promise Scholarship Program	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/26/2020 97 yes; 27 no; 1 P	Final Action HB 2507 House Journal, page 2156 Work-based learning program liability	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	P
2/26/2020 123 yes; 2 no	Final Action Sub HB 2506 House Journal, page 2171 Streamlined occupational licensesure	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2/26/2020 125 yes; 0 no	Final Action HB 2702 House Journal, page 2174 Decoupling of HPIP, KIT and KIR programs	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3/12/2020 118 yes; 2 no; 5 A	Final Action HB 2490 House Journal, page 2209 Net Operating Loss Carryforward	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3/13/2020 103 yes; 12 no; 1 P; 9 A	Final Action HB 2689 House Journal, page 2221 Angel Investor Tax Credit	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	N	Y	A	Y
3/19/2020 112 yes; 3 no; 10 A	Conference Committee Report H Sub for SB 173 House Journal, page 2299 Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
5/21/2020 75 yes; 45 no; 1 P	Motion to Concur S Sub for HB 2585 House Journal, page 2697 Contract Electric Rates	Y	X	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N

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X = Resigned from legislature. Did not vote.

HOUSE

	Number of counted votes		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	Percentage of Votes with Chamber Position		88%	100%	88%	100%	63%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	88%	75%
	House Issues Bill Number & Descriptions	OP Chamber Position	Parker	Resman	Ruiz	Ryckman	Stogsdill	Sutton	Tarwater	Thomas	Toplikar	Warren	Woodard	Xu	
2/20/2020 116 yes; 6 no; 3 A	Final Action HB 2515 House Journal, page 2104 Kansas Promise Scholarship Program	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
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2/26/2020 123 yes; 2 no	Final Action Sub HB 2506 House Journal, page 2171 Streamlined occupational licensesure	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
2/26/2020 125 yes; 0 no	Final Action HB 2702 House Journal, page 2174 Decoupling of HPIP, KIT and KIR programs	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
3/12/2020 118 yes; 2 no; 5 A	Final Action HB 2490 House Journal, page 2209 Net Operating Loss Carryforward	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
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5/21/2020 75 yes; 45 no; 1 P	Motion to Concur S Sub for HB 2585 House Journal, page 2697 Contract Electric Rates	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	

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Voting Record Bill Explanations

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

SENATE

1) FINAL ACTION ON SB 339, AS AMENDED

Senate Journal, page 1334; Passed 39-0 (2/25/20); Referred to House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

An ACT concerning electric utilities; relating to electric rates; state corporation commission; approval of certain contract rates for electricity; cost recovery from rate classes; report to legislature.

Strong state economic development tools are vital for local business recruitment and retention. The Chamber supports accessibility of front-loaded key incentives in competitive economic development projects as it relates to negotiating for jobs and investment to level the playing field with surrounding states.

2) FINAL ACTION ON SB 294, AS AMENDED

Senate Journal, page 1334; Passed 39-0 (2/25/20); House Committee on Taxation recommended bill be passed as amended.

An ACT concerning property taxation; relating to tax rates; truth in taxation; establishing notice and public hearing requirements prior to approval to exceed revenue neutral rate; discontinuing the city and county tax lid; amending K.S.A. 79-2925c and repealing the existing section.

The Chamber opposes tax, revenue and/or spending lids on state and local government, including any constitutional amendments, public referendums or statutes that restrict legislative authority to make decisions regarding state and local taxing or spending.

3) FINAL ACTION ON SB 271, AS AMENDED

Senate Journal, page 1375; Passed 40-0 (2/26/20); House Committee on Education recommended substitute bill be passed.

An ACT concerning education; relating to the Kansas school equity and enhancement act; extending the high-density at-risk weighting; amending K.S.A. 72-5151 and repealing the existing section.

The Chamber supports removing the sunset provision and making permanent the high-density at-risk weighting factor in the court-approved K-12 funding formula.

4) FINAL ACTION ON SB 255, AS AMENDED

Senate Journal, page 1408; Passed 40-0 (3/5/20); Referred to House Committee on Appropriations.

An ACT concerning the University of Kansas Medical Center; relating to cancer center research; making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

The Chamber supports promotion, advancement and funding of the University of Kansas Cancer Center's National Cancer Institute designation and support for efforts to achieve Comprehensive Cancer Center designation.

5) FINAL ACTION ON HB 2702, AS AMENDED

Senate Journal, page 1482; Passed 39-0 (3/17/20); Conference Committee report vetoed by Governor: 6/1/20; No motion to reconsider. Veto sustained.

An ACT concerning economic development; relating to the high-performance incentive fund; workforce training program participation requirements; workforce training tax credit; amending K.S.A. 74-50,133 and 79-32,160a and repealing the existing sections.

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.

6) MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H SUB SB 173

Senate Journal, page 1502; Passed 37-2 (3/19/20); Signed into law: 4/2/20.

An ACT concerning transportation; providing for the Eisenhower legacy transportation program; amending K.S.A. 68-416, 68-2315, 68-2316, 75-5035, 75-5048, 75-5061, 79-3603 and 79-3703 and repealing the existing sections.

The Chamber supports passage of the next long-term, multi-year state transportation plan being developed through a combination of KDOT technical analysis and local partner consultations, focused on meeting our state's preservation, safety, economic development and quality of life priorities.

7) MOTION TO PASS S SUB HB 2585, AS AMENDED

Senate Journal, page 1769; Passed 39-1 (5/21/20); Signed into law 6/1/20.

An ACT concerning utilities; relating to the state corporation commission; approval of certain contract and reduced electric rates; approval of cost recovery from rate classes; report to the legislature; income taxation; exemption from income taxation, certain public utilities; income tax expenses, exclusion from retail electric rates; amending K.S.A. 79-32,113 and repealing the existing section.

Strong state economic development tools are vital for local business recruitment and retention. The Chamber supports accessibility of front-loaded key incentives in competitive economic development projects as it relates to negotiating for jobs and investment to level the playing field with surrounding states.

HOUSE

1) FINAL ACTION ON HB 2515, AS AMENDED

House Journal, page 2104; Passed 116-6 (2/20/20); Died on Senate General Orders.

An ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to scholarship programs; creating the Kansas promise scholarship act.

The Chamber supports policies, programs, and funding ...that emphasize technical education and other career paths, all preparing students to be college and/or career-ready for the future and fosters a well-trained, productive, globally competitive workforce. Further, the Chamber encourages the state to identify, study and implement policies and programs that encourage and enhance the retention of graduates from Kansas institutions of higher learning to address the needs of a qualified workforce, especially in the areas of health care, engineering and technology.

2) FINAL ACTION ON HB 2507, AS AMENDED

House Journal, page 2156; Passed 97-27 (2/26/20); Died on Senate General Orders.

An ACT concerning high school work-based learning programs; liability for students and businesses; amending K.S.A. 72-18,101 and 72-18,102 and repealing the existing sections.

The Chamber supports policies, programs, and funding ...that emphasize technical education and other career paths, all preparing students to be college and/or career-ready for the future and fosters a well-trained, productive, globally competitive workforce.

3) FINAL ACTION ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HB 2506, AS AMENDED

House Journal, page 2171; Passed 123-2 (2/26/20); Died on Senate General Orders.

An ACT concerning occupational regulation; relating to occupational licenses for certain applicants; amending K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 48-3406 and repealing the existing section.

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.

4) FINAL ACTION ON HB 2702

House Journal, page 2174; Passed 125-0 (2/26/20); Bill contents replaced and Conference Committee Report Adopted. Governor vetoed; 6/1/20; Veto sustained.

An ACT concerning economic development; relating to the high-performance incentive fund; workforce training program participation requirements; workforce training tax credit; amending K.S.A. 74-50,133 and 79-32,160a and repealing the existing sections.

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.

5) FINAL ACTION ON HB 2490

House Journal, page 2209; Passed 118-2 (3/12/20); Died on Senate General Orders.

An ACT concerning income taxation; relating to corporations; providing for an extension of the net operating loss carryforward period; amending K.S.A. 79-32,143 and repealing the existing section.

The Chamber supports a balanced, predictable and reasonable approach to state tax policy to provide a positive and competitive business climate.

6) FINAL ACTION ON HB 2689, AS AMENDED

House Journal, page 2221; Passed 103-12 (3/13/20); Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce.

An ACT concerning income taxation; relating to angel investor tax credits; qualified securities; credit limitations and amounts; investor requirements; expenditures to make principal dwelling accessible to persons with a disability; amending K.S.A. 74-8132, 74-8133, 74-8136 and 79-32,176a and repealing the existing sections.

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7) MOTION TO ADOPT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H SUB FOR SB 173

House Journal, page 2299; Passed 112-3 (3/19/20); Signed into law, 4/2/20.

An ACT concerning transportation; providing for the Eisenhower legacy transportation program; amending K.S.A. 68-416, 68-2315, 68-2316, 75-5035, 75-5048, 75-5061, 79-3603 and 79-3703 and repealing the existing sections.

The Chamber supports Passage of the next long-term, multi-year state transportation plan being developed through a combination of KDOT technical analysis and local partner consultations, focused on meeting our state's preservation, safety, economic development and quality of life priorities.

8) MOTION TO CONCUR WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S SUB FOR HB 2585

House Journal, page 2697; Passed 75-45-1 (5/21/20); Signed into law: 6/1/20.

An ACT concerning utilities; relating to the state corporation commission; approval of certain contract and reduced electric rates; approval of cost recovery from rate classes; report to the legislature; income taxation; exemption from income taxation, certain public utilities; income tax expenses, exclusion from retail electric rates; amending K.S.A. 79-32,113 and repealing the existing section.

Strong state economic development tools are vital for local business recruitment and retention. Continue to improve accessibility of front-loaded key incentives in competitive economic development projects as it relates to negotiating for jobs and investment to level the playing field with surrounding states.

Lifetime Voting Records – 2020

SENATE	First Term	2020	Lifetime
Molly Baumgardner	2014	86%	57.1%
Barbara Bollier	2010*	71%	84.3% ¹
Jim Denning	2013*	86%	63.2% ²
Julia Lynn	2006	86%	57.9%
Rob Olson	2010*	86%	60.7% ³
Pat Pettey	2013*	86%	80.5% ⁴
John Skubal	2017	86%	94.3%
Dinah Sykes	2017	100%	96.9%
Mike Thompson	2020	71.4%	71.4%

* Elected to the Senate after serving in the House

¹ Includes sessions served in the House (2011-2016)

² Includes sessions served in the House (2011-2012)

³ Includes sessions served in the House (2005-2010)

⁴ Does not include sessions served in the House (1995-1996)



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HOUSE	First Term	2020	Lifetime
David Benson	2019	100%	94.1%
Stephanie Clayton	2013	71%	83.3%
Tom Cox	2017	100%	92.1%
Chris Croft	2019	100%	63.2%
Owen Donohoe	2007†	83%	59.6% ¹
Willie Dove	2013	88%	57.1%
Charlotte Esau	2019	100%	68.4%
Cindy Holscher	2017	83%	94.4%
Jan Kessinger	2017	100%	97.4%
Nancy Lusk	2013	63%	77.8%
Megan Lynn	2019	100%	78.9%
Cindy Neighbor	2003†	86%	91.5% ²
Jarrold Ousley	2015	83%	77.2%
Brett Parker	2017	88%	81.6%
John Resman	2017	100%	68.4%
Susan Ruiz	2019	88%	88.9%
Ron Ryckman, Jr.	2013	100%	62.6%
Jerry Stogsdill	2017	63%	73%
Bill Sutton	2013	100%	55.6%
Sean Tarwater	2017	100%	76.3%
Adam Thomas	2019	100%	57.9%
John Toplikar	1993†	100%	68.4% ³
Kellie Warren	2019	100%	73.7%
Brandon Woodard	2019	88%	89.5%
Rui Xu	2019	75%	84.2%

† 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.