

KLPG Bill Tracking July 1, 2022

[Only legislation discussed or considered in 2022 is in the summary]

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
Senate Bill No. 58 Senate Judiciary Committee	Establishing the parents' bill of rights for parents of students attending elementary or secondary school in this state	Veto sustained	4/28/2022 - House - Motion to override veto failed; veto sustained; Yeas 72, Nays 50 4/26/2022 - Senate - Motion to override veto prevailed; bill passed; Yeas 27, Nays 12 4/15/2022 - Vetoed by Governor Laura Kelly

Related bills: House Bill No. House Bill No. 2390 and Senate Bill No. 496

Senate Bill No. 58 would establish the Parents' Bill of Rights.

The bill would state that all parents have a right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and mental health of their child. The bill would also enumerate 12 rights reserved by the State for parents with regard to their child. Such enumerated rights would include, but not be limited to, the right to direct the education and care of the parent's child and the right to direct the upbringing and moral or religious training of the parent's child.

House Substitute for Substitute for Senate Bill No. 286 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Continuing the governmental response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Kansas by extending the expanded use of telemedicine, the suspension of certain requirements related to medical care facilities and immunity from civil liability for certain healthcare providers, certain persons conducting business in this state and covered facilities for COVID-19 claims until January 20, 2023, creating the crime of interference with the conduct of a hospital and increasing the criminal penalties for battery of a healthcare provider	Veto sustained	4/26/2022 - Senate - No motion to override veto; Veto sustained 4/15/2022 - - Vetoed by Governor Laura Kelly
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Related bills: House Bill No. Senate Bill No. 273, House Bill No. 2652 and House Bill No. 2620

House Substitute for Substitute for Senate Bill No. 286 would amend and extend the expiration dates and effectiveness of provisions regarding the governmental response to the COVID-19 pandemic; amend certain healthcare provider immunity provisions related to the COVID-19 public health emergency; create the crime of interference with the conduct of a hospital; and increase the penalty for the crime of battery when committed against a healthcare provider.

House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 318 Elaine Bowers, R-36th	Providing a sales tax exemption for purchases to reconstruct, repair or replace certain fencing damaged or destroyed by natural disasters	On General Orders in House	2/17/2022 - House - Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed, by Taxation 1/26/2022 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Tuesday, 2/1, 3:30 PM, Room 346-S
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House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 318 would create a sales tax exemption for purchases necessary to reconstruct, repair, or replace a fence used to enclose agricultural land that was damaged or destroyed by a wildfire, flood, tornado, or other natural disaster occurring on or after January 1, 2021.

In order to be eligible for the exemption, the property containing the fence would be required to be located within an area declared to be a disaster by the federal, state, or local government.

For applicable purchases already made, taxpayers would be entitled to a refund of sales tax upon provision of appropriate documentation.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Senate Bill No. 319 David Haley, D-4th	Requiring judicial foreclosure tax sales by public auction to be held in person at a physical location in the county	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	3/10/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Monday, 3/14, 9:30 AM, Room 548-S
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Under current law, judicial foreclosure tax sales by public auction are held at either the county courthouse or some other location in the county. Senate Bill No. 319 would specify that the “other location” be a “physical” location in the county. The bill would also define “public auction.”

Senate Bill No. 323 Senate Utilities Committee	Establishing requirements for instruments that convey a wind or solar lease or easement and requiring that certain disclosures be provided to landowners	In Senate Utilities	1/19/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Utilities: Wednesday, 1/26, 1:30 PM, Room 548-S
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Certain requirements for wind and solar leases and easements and requiring execution of a facility agreement with the landowner.

Senate Bill No. 323 would establish requirements, including font type and wording, for instruments that convey a wind or solar lease or easement. In addition, the bill would require certain disclosures be provided to landowners regarding these leases or easements.

Senate Bill No. 324 Senate Utilities Committee	Establishing procedures that may be used to void or terminate leases or easements for electricity generation using wind or solar energy resources	In Senate Utilities	1/19/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Utilities: Thursday, 1/27, 1:30 PM, Room 548-S
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Senate Bill No. 324 would amend the Kansas Renewable Energy Abandonment Prevention Act. The bill would allow a lease or easement involving wind or solar resources to produce and generate electricity to be void and presumed to be abandoned under certain circumstances.

<p>Senate Bill No. 325</p> <p>Senate Utilities Committee</p>	<p>Establishing requirements relating to zoning and recordation of wind and solar energy resource easements and leases</p>	<p>In Senate Local Government</p>	<p>1/19/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearings in Local Government: Proponents - Tuesday, 1/25; Opponents - Thursday, 1/27, 9:30 AM, Room 142-S</p>
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Senate Bill No. 325 would enact the Kansas Renewable Energy Transparency Act. On and after July 1, 2022, no facility could be constructed on any parcel of land that is not zoned for industrial use by the county in which the facility is to be constructed and no developer could begin site preparation for or construction of a facility without first acquiring the appropriate building permit or conditional use permit from the county where the facility is to be constructed. The bill outlines a process for citizens to petition the county government to protest a decision to rezone land for industrial activities.

<p>Senate Bill No. 331</p> <p>Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee</p>	<p>Financial institutions; relating to payments made with credit and debit cards; eliminating the prohibition of a surcharge for use of such cards; requiring notice of surcharge for use of credit cards CCR Subject: Financial institutions; relating to payments made with credit and debit cards; eliminating the prohibition of a surcharge for use of such cards; requiring notice of surcharge for use of credit cards</p>	<p>Conference Report adopted in House</p>	<p>4/28/2022 - House - Conference Committee Report adopted; Yeas 91, Nays 26</p>
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Related bills: House Bill No. Senate Bill No. 462 and House Bill No. 2564

Senate Bill No. 331 would repeal the prohibition on imposing a surcharge on payments made by credit or debit cards. The bill would require any person, retailer, or entity imposing a surcharge to clearly and conspicuously post a notice in at least 16 point font size at the point of entry to the business and the point of sales explaining the surcharge amount and which credit cards are subject to the surcharge.

For sales online or through mobile devices, the notice would be required to be on the home page and the point of sale webpage.
Conference Committee Action

The second Conference Committee agreed to remove the contents of Senate Bill No. 331, pertaining to risk-based capital instructions, and insert the contents of Substitute for Senate Bill No. 462, pertaining to credit card surcharges.

[Note: The provisions of Senate Bill No. 331 were enacted in House Bill No. 2564.]

<p>Senate Bill No. 339</p>	<p>Providing a 0% state rate for sales and use taxes for sales of food and</p>	<p>On General Orders in Senate</p>	<p>1/26/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Tuesday, 2/1, 9:30 AM, Room 548-S</p>
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Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	food ingredients, providing for the levying of taxes by cities and counties and discontinuing the nonrefundable food sales tax credit		
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Related bills: House Bill No. 359, Senate Bill No. 327 and Senate Bill No. 228

Senate Bill No. 339, as amended, would amend law related to sales tax. The bill would contain provisions related to sales taxes on food, utilities, and separately stated delivery charges, as well as sales taxes collected by movie theaters.

Sales Tax on Food

The bill would provide for, beginning January 1, 2024, a state sales and use tax rate of zero percent on food and food ingredients.

Additionally, food and food ingredients would be added to the list of items expressly subject to sales taxes imposed by cities, counties, and Washburn University. However, cities and counties would be given the authority to exempt all such sales from the sales taxes levied by the city or county.

Food and food ingredients would include bottled water, candy, dietary supplements, food sold through vending machines, prepared food, and soft drinks.

Sales Tax on Utilities

The bill would expand, beginning July 1, 2023, the state sales and use tax rate of zero percent currently applied to residential and agricultural sales of gas, electricity, heat, propane gas, liquified petroleum gas, coal, wood, and other fuel sources for the production of heat or lighting to all such sales.

Additionally, such sales would be added to the list of items expressly subject to sales taxes imposed by cities and counties. However, cities and counties would be given the authority to exempt all such sales from the sales taxes levied by the city or county.

Movie Theater Sales Tax Collections

The bill would permit a retailer in Kansas that collects sales tax on admission of viewing movies or films to retain the state portion of sales and use tax collected on sales of movie tickets and concessions sold on site from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024. Such retailers would be required to continue collecting and remitting the local portion of such sales and use taxes. The Department of Revenue would be required to provide appropriate forms for the sales tax retained by the retailer to be filed in conjunction with the retailer's sales tax return.

Delivery Charge Sales Tax

The bill would exclude delivery charges that are separately stated on an invoice or similar document from the sales price for purposes of retail sales and compensating use tax.

<p>Senate Bill No. 342</p> <p>Dinah Sykes, D-21st</p>	<p>Providing a 0% state rate for sales and use taxes for sales of food and food ingredients and providing for the levying of taxes by cities and counties, providing an exemption from sales and use taxes for sales of farm products sold at farmers' markets, and discontinuing the nonrefundable food sales tax credit</p>	<p>In Senate Assessment and Taxation</p>	<p>4/27/2022 - Senate - Motion to withdraw from Committee failed; Yeas 14, Nays 23</p> <p>4/26/2022 - Senate - Motion pending to withdraw from Committee and place on General Orders (to be considered Wednesday, April 27)</p>
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Senate Bill No. 342 would exempt food and food ingredients from state retail sales and compensation use tax on July 1, 2022. Food and food ingredients would be defined as substances, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated form, that are sold for ingestion or chewing by humans and are consumed for their taste or nutritional value. Food and food ingredients would not include alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or certain prepared food (food sold at restaurants). Food and food ingredients would specifically include bottled water, candy, dietary supplements, food sold through vending machines, and soft drinks. The bill would provide specific definitions for bottled water, candy, dietary supplements, food sold through vending machines, prepared food, and soft drinks. The bill would decrease the distribution of state retail sales and compensating use tax revenue to the State General Fund from 83.846% to 81.778% and increase the distribution to the State Highway Fund from 16.154% to 18.22%. The bill would allow local governments to continue to charge a retail sales tax on food and food ingredients.

The bill would provide a sales tax exemption for farm products sold at a farmers' market. The bill lists the farm products that would qualify for this sales tax exemption, including fresh fruits; vegetables; mushrooms; nuts; eggs; honey or other bee products; maple syrup or maple sugar; flowers; nursery stock and other horticultural commodities; livestock food products, including meat, milk, cheese and other dairy products; food products of aquaculture, including fish, oysters, clams, mussels, and other molluscan shellfish taken from the waters of the state; products from any tree, vine, plant, and flower; or any of the products that have been processed, including baked goods made with farm products. The bill also includes a definition of a farmers' market.

<p>Senate Bill No. 351</p> <p>Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee</p>	<p>Providing for the use of electronic poll books in elections and the approval of such books by the secretary of state, making fraudulent use of electronic poll books a crime, prohibiting electronic voting systems or electronic poll books from having the capability of connecting to the internet, requiring election judges to check for any such connection and providing a deadline for post-election voting equipment testing and for notice of such testing on county websites</p>	<p>In House Federal and State Affairs</p>	<p>3/29/2022 - House - Referred to Federal and State Affairs</p> <p>3/23/2022 - Senate - Final Action: Passed as amended: Yeas 29, Nays 10</p>
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Related bills: [House Bill No. 2138](#)

Senate Bill No. 351, as amended, would require the Secretary of State (Secretary) to develop an affidavit system to be used for persons transferring ballots; provide for the use of electronic poll books in elections; authorize the Secretary to review, approve, and adopt rules and regulations regarding the use of such electronic poll books; prohibit voting systems from having the capability of connecting to the internet or other network; create the crime of electronic poll book fraud; and amend requirements related to the testing of election equipment.

<p>Senate Bill No. 353</p> <p>Senate Utilities Committee</p>	<p>Establishing certain setback and construction requirements for wind energy facilities and certain operating conditions for existing wind energy facilities</p>	<p>In Senate Utilities</p>	<p>2/3/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearings in Utilities: Proponent - Wednesday, 2/9; Opponent - Thursday, 2/10, 1:30 PM, Room 548-S</p>
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Senate Bill No. 353 would create setback and construction requirements for wind turbines. The bill would require wind turbine developers to submit construction applications to the local board of county commissioners and would outline certain requirements to be included in such applications. In addition, the bill would require county commissioners to publish notice of wind turbine construction applications and to hold public hearings on such applications at least 20 days, but not more than 90 days, after the publication. The bill would also allow for landowners, at any point after construction, to have a wind turbine acoustic noise measurement test conducted at the expense of the developer. Any developer, owner, or operator of any facility that has commenced operation would be required to take steps to eliminate shadow flicker from wind turbines and be adequately insured against loss or damage arising from liability to adjacent persons, properties, and structures within the minimum setback distance.

No facility shall be constructed within this state unless the setback distance from the each wind turbine of the facility is not less than 10 times the system height or 5,280 feet, whichever is greater, from any of the following properties:

- (A) Nonparticipating landowner's property;
- (B) public building;
- (C) airport;
- (D) federal wildlife refuge;
- (E) public hunting area; or
- (F) public park.

(2) The setback distances required pursuant to this section shall be measured from the ground-level center of the turbine to the nearest property line of any of the properties described in paragraph.

Senate Bill No. 354	Excluding discounts and coupons from the sales or selling price for sales tax purposes	On General Orders in Senate	2/4/2022 - Senate - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended, by Assessment and Taxation
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee			

Related bills: Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2316

Senate Bill No. 354, as amended, would exclude manufacturer's coupons from the sales price for purposes of retail sales and compensating use tax.

Senate Bill No. 359	Expanding the eligible uses for the 0% state rate for sales tax for certain utilities and the levying of sales tax on such sales by cities and counties and authorizing cities and counties to exempt such sales from such city or county taxes	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	2/1/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Tuesday, 2/8, 9:30 AM, Room 548-S
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee			

Related bills: Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2316 and Senate Bill No. 338

Senate Bill No. 359 would set the state sales tax rate on gas, water, electricity, heat, propane gas LP gas, coal, wood, and other fuel sources for the production of heat and lighting for any use at 0.0 percent beginning on July 1, 2023. The bill would allow local governments to continue to charge a retail sales tax on these fuel sources. Beginning on July 1, 2023, cities and counties would have the option to exempt the listed fuel sources from the local sales tax charged in their jurisdiction.

Senate Bill No. 374	Discontinuing the property tax exemption for new developments of	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	3/9/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Tuesday, 3/15, 9:30 AM, Room 548-S

Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	renewable energy resources		
<p>Senate Bill No. 374 would eliminate this property tax exemption to applicants beginning in tax year 2023. To receive the current ten-year property tax exemption, an applicant would be required file an application on or before December 31, 2022, or receive a conditional use permit to produce and generate electricity on the property from the county where the property is located. Current law provides a property tax exemption on property used to produce and generate electricity utilizing renewable energy resources or technologies, including wind, solar, photovoltaic, biomass, hydropower, geothermal, and landfill gas resources or technologies for ten tax years immediately following the tax year that the property was constructed, or installation was completed beginning in tax year 2017.</p>			
Senate Bill No. 378	Regulating the retail sale of fireworks all year and extending the time period for seasonal retail sale of fireworks	Killed in Senate	3/7/2022 - Senate - Final Action: Not passed; Yeas 2, Nays 34 3/3/2022 - Senate - Committee of the Whole: Be amended; be passed as amended
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee			
<p>Senate Bill No. 378, as amended, would create law and amend the Kansas Fireworks Act to allow for the retail sale of fireworks throughout the year and to extend the established time frame for the seasonal retail sale of fireworks, upon an opt-in by a governing body of a city or board of county commissioners of a county.</p> <p>The bill would allow cities and counties to prohibit the sale of fireworks by either annual retailers or seasonal retailers. Cities and counties would also be allowed to establish their own fireworks season for seasonal retailers that differs from the season established in the bill.</p>			
Senate Bill No. 383	Establishing the Kansas property value protection act to provide for compensation to nonparticipating landowners near wind and solar farms for diminution of real property value under certain conditions	In Senate Utilities	1/25/2022 - Senate - Referred to Utilities
Senate Utilities Committee			
<p>Senate Bill No. 383 would create the Kansas Property Value Protection Act. The bill would protect nonparticipating landowners for diminution of value of their real property because of nearby development and operation of wind and solar farms. The bill would establish how nonparticipating landowners would be compensated for loss of value of their property if they were to sell their qualifying property. A developer would have no obligations of reimbursement if all wind turbines or solar energy devices or panels are removed, the land restored, and operations at the facility have permanently ceased. The bill would authorize any party to bring an action to the district court of any county where the qualifying property or facility is located. The bill would allow for the landowner to be reimbursed attorney fees and costs for qualifying claims.</p>			
Senate Bill No. 388	Requiring the use of the United States postal service when returning an advance ballot by mail	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	2/3/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 2/10, 10:30 AM, Room 144-S
Richard Hilderbrand, R-13th			

Senate Bill No. 388 would require a voter (or an individual on the voter’s behalf) returning an advance voting ballot to personally deliver the ballot to the county election officer or to return the ballot by mail through the United States Postal Service.

<p>Senate Bill No. 389</p> <p>Richard Hilderbrand, R-13th</p>	<p>Requiring all voting systems for elections to use individual voter-verified paper ballots with a distinctive watermark</p>	<p>In House Elections</p>	<p>3/17/2022 - House - Referred to Elections</p> <p>3/15/2022 - Senate - Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 27, Nays 11</p>
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Related bills: Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2138

Senate Bill No. 389, as amended, would require all voting systems in Kansas to use a paper ballot with a distinctive watermark as established by the Secretary of State (Secretary), for elections on and after January 1, 2024.

The bill would require the ballot to be:

- Marked by the voter, or person assisting the voter as permitted by law, by hand or by use of a voting machine that is a non-tabulating paper ballot marking or printing device;
- Subject to inspection and verification by the voter after marking and before the vote is cast and counted; and
- Canvassed by hand or by vote-tabulating equipment.

The bill would require a sample hand-counted audit of the paper ballots conducted for each precinct if the paper ballots are read by vote-tabulating equipment.

The bill would require the voting system to provide the voter an opportunity to correct any error on the paper ballot before it is secured and preserved.

The bill would prohibit a voting system from preserving paper ballots in a manner that would associate a voter with the record of their vote without the voter’s consent.

The bill would require the paper ballot to be preserved and constitute the official ballot for audit and recount purposes. The bill would require each paper ballot be counted by hand in a recount unless the recount requestor elects not to have the ballots counted by hand.

In the event of any inconsistencies in vote tallies, the vote tallies of the paper ballots counted by hand would be the true and correct record of votes cast.

The bill would require a sample hand-counted audit of paper ballots to be conducted by the election board if paper ballots are read and tabulated by vote-tabulating equipment. The audit would consist of an examination of voter markings on randomly selected paper ballots in comparison to the results of the voting system’s tabulation. The bill would require the audit to conform to rules and regulations to be adopted by the Secretary, and the audit results would be reported to the county election officer, the canvassing board, and the Secretary.

The bill would prohibit the use of poll books not requiring a hand-written signature.

The bill would require the Secretary to adopt rules and regulations to implement the bill by January 1, 2023.

<p>Senate Bill No. 390</p> <p>Richard Hilderbrand, R-13th</p>	<p>Requiring the secretary of state and local election officers to develop an affidavit to be signed by election workers regarding handling of completed ballots</p>	<p>In House Elections</p>	<p>3/22/2022 - House - Referred to Election</p> <p>3/17/2022 - Senate - Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 27, Nays 10</p>
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Senate Bill No. 390, as amended, would require the Secretary of State, in consultation with county election officers, to develop an affidavit system to be utilized for the handling of ballots. The bill would require each person who handles ballots to sign an affidavit listing, if applicable, the:

- Number of blank ballots;
- Number of spoiled ballots;
- Number of provisional ballots;
- Number of counted ballots;
- Name of the person from whom such ballots were received; and
- Location of where the ballots were received.

The affidavit system developed in the bill would apply to all ballots received, handled, and collected by county election offices prior to, on, and after the date of an election. The affidavit system would operate in conjunction with statutory provisions regarding transporting, preserving, and destroying ballots and election records.

Violations of the bill would include altering any information provided in an affidavit or providing false information in an affidavit with the intent to hinder, prevent, or defeat a fair election. Such violations would constitute a severity level 9 nonperson felony.

<p>Senate Bill No. 391</p> <p>Richard Hilderbrand, R-13th</p>	<p>Requiring the secretary of state and county election officers to develop a ballot system showing the number of years an incumbent has served in the office</p>	<p>In Senate Federal and State Affairs</p>	<p>2/9/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Wednesday, 2/16, 10:30 AM, Room 144-S</p>
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Senate Bill No. 391 would require the Secretary of State, in consultation with county election offices, to develop a ballot system that would list the number of years that a candidate running for reelection in an office has served in that office to be printed alongside the candidate's name on the ballot.

<p>Senate Bill No. 394</p> <p>Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee</p>	<p>Requiring all advanced voting ballots be returned by 7 p.m. on election day</p>	<p>In Senate Federal and State Affairs</p>	<p>2/9/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 2/15, 10:30 AM, Room 144-S</p>
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Related bills: [Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2056](#)

Senate Bill No. 394 would require advanced voting ballots be received by 7:00 p.m. on the date of the election.

<p>Senate Bill No. 409</p> <p>Senate Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>Prohibiting certain restrictions on freedom of worship by governmental entities and public officials, limiting related state of disaster emergency powers of the governor and state of local disaster emergency powers of counties and cities and limiting related powers of the secretary of health</p>	<p>In Senate Judiciary</p>	<p>1/28/2022 - Senate - Referred to Judiciary</p>
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Senate Bill No. 409 would require that a governmental organization or public official could not, including during a state or local disaster emergency, do the following: (1) restrict the manner of any worship service or activity in any way in the state; (2) suspend, regulate, or prohibit the conduct of worship service or activity; or (3) limit the number of participants of any worship service or activity in the state, other than by enforcing limitations of fire codes on the number of people in a building.

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Senate Bill No. 411 Senate Judiciary Committee	Prohibiting certain restrictions on the operation of private businesses by governmental entities and public officials, limiting related state of disaster emergency powers of the governor and state of local disaster emergency powers of counties and cities and limiting related powers of the secretary of health and environment and local health officers	In Senate Judiciary	1/28/2022 - Senate - Referred to Judiciary
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Senate Bill No. 411 prohibits certain restrictions on the operation of private businesses by governmental entities and public officials, limits related state of disaster emergency powers of the governor and state of local disaster emergency powers of counties and cities and limits related powers of the secretary of health and environment and local health officers.

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Senate Bill No. 431 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Increasing extent of property tax exemption from the statewide school levy for residential property to \$100,000 of its appraised valuation	On General Orders in Senate	2/17/2022 - Senate - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended, by Assessment and Taxation 2/3/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Thursday, 2/10, 9:30 AM, Room 548-S
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Related bills: [Senate Bill No. 282](#)

Senate Bill No. 431, as amended, would increase the amount of the residential exemption from the 20 mill uniform statewide school finance property tax levy from \$20,000 of valuation to \$65,000 of valuation beginning in tax year 2022 and provide for the amount to be increased in future tax years according to the average percentage change in statewide residential real property for the preceding 10 tax years.

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Senate Bill No. 432 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Providing a back-to-school sales tax holiday for sales of certain school supplies, computers and clothing	On General Orders in Senate	2/17/2022 - Senate - Committee Report recommending bill be passed, by Assessment and Taxation
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Related bills: [Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2316](#)

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Senate Bill No. 432 would provide for a sales tax exemption for the first Thursday in August through the following Sunday for purchases of back-to-school-related clothing, clothing accessories or equipment, school supplies, school instructional materials, school art supplies, personal computers, school computer supplies, and prewritten computer software, as those items are defined by the bill.

The bill would direct the application of the exemption under certain conditions for layaway sales, bundled sales, discounts, unit sales, rain checks, exchanges, deliveries outside the time of the exemption, and returns.

<p>Senate Bill No. 436</p> <p>Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee</p>	<p>Ensuring a right to in-person visitation at medical care facilities and adult care homes, prohibiting certain public health orders related to isolation and quarantine, stay-at-home orders, curfews and face masks, limiting isolation or quarantine orders to recommendations and providing criminal penalties for certain violations, limiting state of disaster emergency powers of the governor and state of local disaster emergency powers of counties and cities related to stay-at-home orders, curfews and face masks and limiting powers of the secretary of health and environment and local health officers</p>	<p>In Senate Public Health and Welfare</p>	<p>2/4/2022 - Senate - Referred to Public Health and Welfare</p>
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Senate Bill No. 436 would prohibit medical care facilities and adult home care facilities from taking actions to prevent patients from receiving in-person visitation from their healthcare durable power of attorney and their spouse, or next of kin if there is no spouse or person designated by the patient if there is no spouse or next of kin. The bill would also prohibit the Governor, governmental entities, and public officials from ordering or otherwise imposing on any United States citizen any isolation, quarantine, curfew, requirement to stay home, or requirement to wear a face mask based on an epidemic or other public health reason. Governmental entities or public officials would be able to make recommendations on the above items. Current law would be amended to reflect the change from “order” to “recommendation” for the above items in several provisions related to public health. It would be unlawful for individuals to disregard a recommendation of isolation or quarantine when it was communicated as required and great bodily harm or death to another person resulted from the disregard.

<p>Senate Bill No. 437</p> <p>Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee</p>	<p>Prohibiting certain acts by business entities, governmental entities or public officials based upon a person's vaccination status or possession of an immunity passport, amending the Kansas act against discrimination to define unlawful</p>	<p>In Senate Public Health and Welfare</p>	<p>2/4/2022 - Senate - Referred to Public Health and Welfare</p>
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	employment practices related to vaccination status or possession of an immunity passport and limiting powers of the secretary of health and environment and local health officers		
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Senate Bill No. 437 would prohibit business entities, ticket issuers, governmental entities, public officials, employers, public accommodations, healthcare facilities, and healthcare professionals from taking certain actions as outlined in the bill based upon an individual’s vaccination status or possession of an immunity passport. Violations of would be a severity level 7, nonperson felony and upon a finding of a violation by a business entity or ticket issuer, the court would be required to suspend all licenses issued by the state or any political subdivision of the state for at least 30 days, but not more than one year. “Immunity passport” would be defined as a document, digital record, or software application indicating that a person is immune to disease, either through vaccination or infection and recovery. “Vaccination status” would be defined as an indication of whether a person has received one or more doses of a vaccine.

The bill would prohibit orders pursuant to KSA 38-2242, KSA 38-2243, or KSA 38-2244 if the sole basis for the threat to the child’s safety or welfare was related to the vaccination status of the child or an individual who resides with the child and vaccination status of any parent or child could not be considered when determining legal custody, residency, parenting time, or when making a determination of unfitness. The bill would also change references of “order(s)” to “recommendation(s)” throughout KSA 65-201 and KSA 65-202, which relate to the authority of county commissioners and local health officers .



Senate Bill No. 439 Senate Judiciary Committee	Requiring a county election officer to send a confirmation of address when there is no election-related activity for any four calendar year period	In House Elections	3/14/2022 - House - Referred to Elections 3/9/2022 - Senate - Emergencied to Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 33, Nays 6
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Senate Bill No. 439, as amended, would allow a county election officer to remove a registered voter from the registration list if such registrant has had no election-related activity for any four calendar year period, or if the registrant has failed to respond to a confirmation notice sent by the county election officer.

Under current law, a county election officer must send a confirmation notice to a registrant within 45 days of the following events:

- A notice of disposition of a voter registration application is returned as undeliverable;
- Change of address information identifies a registrant whose address may have changed; or
- The U.S. Postal Service provides information that a registrant has moved to a different address inside or outside the registrant’s current county of registration.

The bill would define “no election related activity” to mean such registrant has not voted, attempted to vote, requested or submitted an advance ballot application, filed an updated voter registration card, signed a petition required by law to be verified by the county election officer or Secretary of State, or responded to any official election mailing transmitted by the county election office.



Senate Bill No. 445 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Prohibiting the use of additional ballot boxes for the return of advance voting ballots	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	2/9/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 2/17, 10:30 AM, Room 144-S
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Senate Bill No. 445 would prohibit county election offices from using any form of ballot box for the deposit of advance voting ballots except the locked ballot box located at the county election office or satellite advance voting site. The bill would require any ballot box

located at the county election office or satellite advance voting site to be located inside the building and be continuously observed by an employee of the county election office during those times when the ballot box is accessible by the general public.

<p>Substitute for Senate Bill No. 462</p> <p>Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee</p>	<p>Eliminating the prohibition of a surcharge when purchases are made with a credit or debit card and requiring notice of surcharge for use of credit cards</p>	<p>On General Orders in Senate</p>	<p>3/21/2022 - Senate - Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed, by Assessment and Taxation</p> <p>3/2/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Tuesday, 3/8, 9:30 AM, Room 548-S</p>
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Related bills: Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2316 and Senate Bill No. 331

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 462 would repeal the prohibition on imposing a surcharge on payments made by credit or debit cards.

The bill would require any person, retailer, or entity imposing a surcharge to clearly and conspicuously post a notice in at least size 16 font at the point of entry to the business and the point of sales explaining the surcharge amount and which credit cards are subject to the surcharge.

For sales online or through mobile devices, the notice would be required to be on the home page and the point of sale webpage.

Background

Senate Bill No. 462 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation at the request of Senator Tyson. The bill dealt with changes to the Homestead Property Tax Refund. The Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation removed the contents of Senate Bill No. 462, inserted the amended contents of House Bill No. 2316, and recommended a substitute bill be created.

<p>Senate Bill No. 466</p> <p>Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee</p>	<p>Prohibiting certain acts by places of public accommodations based upon a person's vaccination status or possession of an immunity passport and prohibiting governing bodies of any city or county, public officials of any city or county and local health officers from requiring that a person wear a face mask based on an epidemic or other public health reason</p>	<p>In Senate Judiciary</p>	<p>2/14/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Judiciary: Friday, 2/18, 10:30 AM, Room 346-S</p>
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Senate Bill No. 466 would prohibit any place of public accommodation from refusing service, products, admission, or transportation based upon an individual's vaccination status or possession of an immunity passport. The bill would define "immunity passport" as a document, digital record, or software application indicating that a person is immune to disease, either through vaccination or infection and recovery. The bill would prohibit any governing body or public official of any city or county from requiring face masks based on an epidemic or other public health reason. Violation of these prohibitions would be a class A nonperson misdemeanor. The bill would also add language to specify county commission boards would be authorized to review, amend, or revoke any order by a local health officer, including orders issued as a result of an executive order of the Governor, on behalf of a county regarding the remediation of any contagious or communicable disease. County commission boards currently have statutory authority to review, amend, or revoke those orders related to infectious disease.

Senate Bill No. 489 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Removing certain regulatory authority concerning infectious or contagious diseases from the secretary of health and environment	In House Health and Human Services	3/29/2022 - House - Referred to Health and Human Services 3/23/2022 - Senate - Emergenced to Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 24, Nays 15
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Senate Bill No. 489, as amended, would amend statute concerning the powers of the Secretary of Health and Environment (Secretary) to issue health orders in response to infectious or contagious diseases.

Health Supervision (Section 1)

The bill would remove the authority of the Secretary to take action to prevent the introduction of infectious or contagious disease into the state and to prevent the spread of infectious or contagious disease within the state.

Duties and Powers of Local Health Officers (Section 2)

The bill would remove a provision allowing the county or joint board of health or local health officer to prohibit public gatherings when necessary for the control of any and all infectious or contagious disease.

Rules and Regulations of Secretary to Prevent Spread and Dissemination of Diseases (Section 3)

The bill would amend statute to remove a provision authorizing the Secretary to designate, through rules and regulations, diseases infectious and contagious in nature. The bill would instead require the Secretary to submit a report of such infectious or contagious diseases to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

Infectious or Contagious Diseases and Authority of Local Health Officer or Secretary (Section 4)

The bill would amend law empowering local health officers or the Secretary to issues certain orders to remove the Secretary’s authority, in investigating actual or potential exposures to an infectious or contagious disease that is potentially life-threatening.

Investigation of Infectious Diseases (Section 5)

The bill would remove the Secretary’s authority to require a local health officer to perform duties related to the prevention of the spread of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases. The bill would retain this authority for a county or joint board of health. The bill would specify that local health officers would be required to use only medically necessary and reasonable measures to prevent the spread of any infectious, contagious, or communicable disease.

Repeal Certain Quarantine Authority (Section 6)

The bill would repeal KSA 65-126, which authorizes the Secretary to quarantine any area in which the county or joint board of health or the local health officer neglects to properly isolate and quarantine infectious or contagious diseases and persons afflicted with or exposed to such disease and in which any disease may show a tendency to become epidemic.

Senate Bill No. 509 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Providing a refund of state sales tax paid on certain purchases to reconstruct, repair or replace buildings and improvements damaged by certain disasters	On General Orders in Senate	3/18/2022 - Senate - Committee Report recommending bill be passed, by Assessment and Taxation
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Senate Bill No. 509 would provide for refunds of the state sales tax amounts paid on purchases to reconstruct or replace any residence, building, facility, structure, fixture, fence, or other improvement and any household appliance located therein that was damaged or destroyed by fire, flood, tornado, lightning, explosion, windstorm, ice loading and attendant winds, terrorism, or earthquake occurring on or after January 1, 2021.

The bill would require claims for refund to be submitted within three years of the date of the disaster causing the damage.

Senate Bill No. 538 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Eliminating the local ad valorem tax reduction fund	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	3/1/2022 - Senate - Referred to Assessment and Taxation
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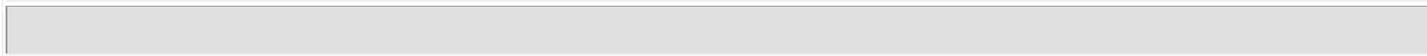
Senate Bill No. 538 would eliminate any future transfers from the State General Fund to the LAVTRF and remove all statutory references to the LAVTRF. Under current law, State General Fund transfers to the Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund (LAVTRF) are suspended in the appropriation bill for both FY 2022 and FY 2023 and are capped at \$54.0 million when the transfer is set to resume in FY 2024.



Senate Bill No. 541 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Requiring compensation for the use, restriction on use, damage, loss or destruction of property as a result of certain governmental actions; providing that orders and similar actions by public officials relating to face mask mandates, gathering limitations, business restrictions and religious gathering limitations shall not exceed 30 days in duration at a time before being renewed or allowed to expire; prohibiting school officials from issuing or requiring use of a COVID-19 vaccination passport or discriminating against a student based upon COVID-19 vaccination status; requiring schools to recognize exemptions from vaccination requirements and face mask mandates; prescribing powers, duties and functions of the board of education of each school district, the governing body of each community college and the governing body of each technical college related to contagious or infectious disease and modifying judicial review provisions related thereto; removing the sunset provision in the COVID-19 contact tracing privacy act; and authorizing reimbursement of property taxes levied upon businesses shut down or restricted as a result of certain governmental actions related to contagious or infectious disease	In House Judiciary	3/29/2022 - House - Referred to Judiciary 3/23/2022 - Senate - Final Action: Passed as amended: Yeas 24, Nays 14
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Related bills: [Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2416](#) and [House Bill No. 2387](#)

Senate Bill No. 541, as amended, would create law regarding actions taken by a city related to contagious or infectious disease, COVID-19 vaccination passports, actions by governmental entities or public officials affecting worship services or activities, and face mask requirements. The bill also would amend law in the Kansas Emergency Management Act (KEMA) and public health statutes related to contagious or infectious disease, remove the sunset provision in the COVID-19 Contact Tracing Privacy Act, and amend law related to student vaccination exemptions.



Senate Bill No. 542	Establishing a property tax revenue neutral rate complaint process, authorizing the county	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	3/3/2022 - Senate - Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Wednesday, 3/9, 9:30 AM, Room 548-S
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Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	clerk to limit the amount of ad valorem taxes to be levied in certain circumstances, establishing a deadline for budgets to be filed with the director of accounts and reports and requiring roll call votes and publication of information		
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Related bills: [Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2597](#)

Senate Bill No. 542 creates a revenue neutral rate complaint process that allows any taxpayer the ability to file a complaint with the Board of Tax Appeals to determine that a governing body of a taxing subdivision did not comply with the revenue neutral rate requirements and that a reduction or refund of taxes is appropriate. The Board would not be able to charge a filing fee for the revenue neutral rate complaint. The complaining party would be required to provide a copy of the complaint to the relevant governing body of the taxing subdivision. Notice of any summary proceeding or hearing would be served upon each governing body, the county clerk, the Director of Accounts and Reports at the Department of Administration, and the complaining party. The governing body of the taxing subdivision would have the duty to produce evidence that demonstrate, by a preponderance of the evidence, the validity of the property tax levy. If the Board determines that the governing body of the taxing subdivision did not comply with the revenue neutral rate requirements, then the Board would issue an order to the governing body to refund to taxpayers the amount of property taxes over collected or reduce the taxes levied, if uncollected.

The bill requires that the governing body's adoption of a resolution or ordinance that approves exceeding the revenue neutral rate be a roll call vote. A copy of the resolution or ordinance that approves exceeding the revenue neutral rate and a certified copy of any roll call vote that includes the name and vote of each member of the governing body would be included with the adopted budget, budget certificate, and other budget forms filed with the county clerk and the Director of Accounts and Reports and would be published on the Department of Administration's Website. The website would also include a list of taxing subdivisions by county; whether each taxing subdivision conducted a hearing to consider exceeding its revenue neutral rate; the revenue neutral rate of each taxing subdivision; the tax rate resulting from the adopted budget of each taxing subdivision; and the percent change between the revenue neutral rate and the tax rate for each taxing subdivision.

Under current law, the county clerk is required to provide a copy of all budgets for taxing subdivisions in the county to the Director of Accounts and Reports at the Department of Administration. The bill specifies that that county clerk provide the copies of the budgets before December 31st of each year. The bill requires that the county's revenue neutral rate notice to property taxpayers include the percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the revenue neutral rate.

Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2056 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Elections; relating to advance voting ballots; regulating the use of remote ballot boxes for the return of such ballots CCR Subject: Elections; relating to advance voting ballots; regulating the use of remote ballot boxes for the return of such ballots	Conference Report adopted in Senate	4/1/2022 - Senate - Conference Committee Report adopted; Yeas 21, Nays 17 3/31/2022 - House - Change of conferees; Bergquist replaces Arnberger 3/29/2022 - Senate - Acceded; appointed Olson, Hilderbrand and Faust-Goudeau
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Related bills: [Senate Bill No. 394](#)

Note: Since this bill was introduced by and/or referred to an exempt committee, it is not subject to legislative deadlines.

Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2056 would limit county election offices to one remote ballot box for every 30,000 registered voters in the county; require remote ballot boxes to be monitored or under constant video surveillance; and prohibit remote ballot boxes from being open and accessible for the deposit of advance voting ballots when the county election office is closed.

<p>House Bill No. 2106</p> <p>House Taxation Committee</p>	<p>Decreasing the state rate for sales and use taxes for sales of food and food ingredients and providing for the levying of taxes by cities and counties and discontinuing the nonrefundable food sales tax credit</p>	<p>Approved by Governor</p>	<p>5/6/2022 - House - Enrolled and presented to the Governor</p> <p>4/28/2022 - House - Conference Committee Report adopted on House bill; Yeas 114, Nays 3</p> <p>4/27/2022 - Senate - Conference Committee Report adopted; Yeas 39, Nays 0</p>
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Related bills: Senate Bill No. 47 and Senate Bill No. 50

Beginning January 1, 2023, the bill would reduce the state sales and compensating use tax rate on food and food ingredients from 6.5 % to 4.0%. The rate would be further reduced to 2.0% on January 1, 2024, and to 0.0% on January 1, 2025.

“Food and food ingredients” would be defined to include bottled water, candy, dietary supplements, soft drinks, and food sold through vending machines and to exclude alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and most prepared foods.

The bill would provide that sales of food and food ingredients would be subject to sales taxes imposed by cities and counties and that all sales subject to sales taxes imposed by cities and counties would be subject to sales taxes imposed by Washburn University.

<p>House Bill No. 2136</p> <p>House Insurance and Pensions Committee</p>	<p>Updating certain statutes relating to the regulation of the business of insurance; granting the commissioner of insurance certain investigative powers</p>	<p>Approved by Governor</p>	<p>6/2/2022 - Approved by Governor Laura Kelly</p>
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Related bills: House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 78

House Bill No. 2136 would amend law related to sales tax remittances, authorize Atchison County to submit a question to voters regarding a local sales tax, delay the implementation of a sales tax exclusion for delivery charges, and enact the COVID-19 Retail Storefront Property Tax Relief Act.

<p>House Bill No. 2138</p> <p>House Federal and State Affairs Committee</p>	<p>Elections; relating to county election officers and employees; requiring the secretary of state to develop an affidavit system for transfers of ballots; exempting county election office employees from certain election crimes; requiring precinct level election results be electronically provided; relating to voting systems and procedures; requiring voter-verified paper ballots with a distinctive watermark;</p>	<p>Approved by Governor</p>	<p>5/10/2022 - Approved by Governor Laura Kelly</p>
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	<p>defining and authorizing use of electronic poll books; prohibiting electronic and electromechanical voting systems from being connected to the internet or other communications networks; requiring audits of election procedures and records of certain counties and of close federal, statewide or state legislative races; requiring a county election officer to send a confirmation notice to a voter if the voter has no election-related activity for a four-calendar year period</p>		
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Related bills: House Bill No. 2137, House Bill No. 2565, Senate Bill No. 255, Senate Bill No. 256, Senate Bill No. 257, Senate Bill No. 351, Senate Bill No. 389, Senate Bill No. 438 and Senate Bill No. 439

Senate Substitute for HB 2138 would amend and create law pertaining to elections and voting, including voter registration, election audits, distinctive watermarks on paper ballots, electronic or electromechanical voting systems, electronic poll books, an affidavit system for transferring ballots, duties of the Secretary of State (Secretary) and election officials, electronic poll book fraud, exemptions from election crimes for poll workers, and providing electronic election results.

<p>House Bill No. 2237</p> <p>House Financial Institutions and Rural Development Committee</p>	<p>Enacting the Kansas affordable housing tax credit act, the Kansas housing investor tax credit act, the historic Kansas act, the Kansas rural home loan guarantee act, authorizing certain residential real property appraisals in rural counties to be performed without completing the sales comparison approach to value, allowing the use of bond proceeds under the Kansas rural housing incentive district act for residential vertical development and renovation of certain buildings within economically distressed urban areas and expanding eligibility for the child day care</p>	<p>Approved by Governor</p>	<p>5/5/2022 - Approved by Governor Laura Kelly</p>

	services assistance tax credit and providing a credit for employer payments to an organization providing access to employees for child day care services		
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Related bills: Senate Bill No. 47, Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2239, Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2597, Senate Bill No. 376, Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2212, House Bill No. 2236, House Bill No. 2268, House Bill No. 2569, House Bill No. 2701

House Bill No. 2237 would create several acts and amend law pertaining to economic development to address rural housing, home loans, historic structures, appraisals of property in rural counties, urban development, and child day care services.

<p>Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2239</p> <p>House Taxation Committee</p>	<p>Providing tax credits for graduates of aerospace and aviation-related educational programs and employers of program graduates, school and classroom supplies purchased by teachers, contributions to community colleges and technical colleges, qualified railroad track maintenance expenditures of short line railroads and associated rail siding owners or lessees and expanding eligibility, amount and transferability of the research and development tax credit, providing homestead property tax refunds from the income tax refund fund to certain persons based on the increase in property tax over the base year property tax amount, providing for an additional personal income tax exemption for 100% disabled veterans, establishing the salt parity act to allow pass-through entities to elect to pay state income tax at the entity level, establishing a checkoff for contributions to the Kansas historic site fund, establishing a revenue neutral rate complaint process for tax levies, authorizing the county clerk to limit the amount of ad valorem taxes to be levied in certain circumstances, establishing a deadline for budgets to be filed with the director of accounts and reports, requiring roll call votes and publication of information to exceed the revenue neutral rate, classifying certain agritourism activities and zoos as land devoted to agricultural use, classifying land devoted to agriculture that is subject to the federal grassland conservation reserve program as grassland, establishing a property tax exemption for antique utility trailers, allowing for the proration of value when certain personal property is acquired or sold prior to September 1 of any tax year, providing for the exemption of inventory and work-in-progress machinery and equipment for telecommunications machinery and equipment, increasing the extent of exemption for residential property from the</p>	<p>Approved by Governor</p>	<p>4/14/2022 - Approved by Governor Laura Kelly</p>

	<p>statewide school levy, providing for abatement or credit of property tax for buildings and improvements destroyed or substantially destroyed by natural disaster, providing a sales tax exemption for certain fencing and for reconstructing, repairing or replacing certain fencing damaged or destroyed by a wildfire, flood, tornado or other natural disaster, excluding separately stated delivery charges from sales or selling price, removing the expiration on manufacturer cash rebates on motor vehicles, providing countywide retailers' sales tax authority for Wilson county, requiring disclosure of distribution of revenues on countywide retailers' sales tax ballot proposals, validating the election held to approve a retailers' sales tax levy by the city of Latham, extending the time period for eligibility in the loan repayment program and the income tax credit for rural opportunity zones, enacting the Gage park improvement authority act and providing for the creation of the Gage park improvement authority and an election for the imposition of a countywide sales tax sales tax within the boundaries of Shawnee county</p>		
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Related bills: [Senate Bill No. 50](#), [Senate Bill No. 76](#), [Senate Bill No. 514](#), [House Bill No. 2315](#), [Senate Bill No. 430](#), [Senate Bill No. 495](#), [Senate Bill No. 543](#), [Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2597](#), [House Bill No. 2724](#), [House Bill No. 2719](#), [Senate Bill No. 282](#), [Senate Bill No. 326](#), [House Bill No. 2394](#), [House Bill No. 2237](#), [House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 318](#), [House Bill No. 2732](#), [Senate Bill No. 327](#), [Senate Bill No. 403](#), [House Bill No. 2682](#), [Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2316](#) and [Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2597](#)

Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2239 would amend law related to property tax, income tax, and sales tax.

The bill would modify revenue neutral rate notice and hearing procedures and provide for taxpayer complaint procedures; increase the residential property tax exemption from the uniform statewide school finance levy; specify the classification of land used by zoos, used incidentally by certain agritourism activities, and the federal Grassland Conservation Reserve Program; create a property tax exemption for antique utility trailers; allow for the proration of certain personal property taxes; expand the authority of county commissions to abate property taxes for disaster-destroyed property; and modify the definition of telecommunications machinery and equipment for purposes of property tax exemption.

The bill would enact the SALT Parity Act; provide an income tax credit for certain contributions to technical and community colleges; enact aviation, aerospace, and short-line railroad infrastructure tax credits; enact a teacher classroom supplies tax credit; provide for an income tax checkoff for contributions to Kansas state historic sites; allow for refund claims pursuant to the Homestead Property Tax Refund Program based on tax growth from a base year; extend the Rural Opportunity Zones program; modify the research and development tax credit; and allow for an additional personal exemption for certain disabled veterans.

The bill would create a sales tax exemption for agricultural fencing; enact the Gage Park Improvement Authority Act; exclude separately stated shipping and handling charges from sales tax; repeal the sunset of the tax exclusion for motor vehicle manufacturer rebates; authorize a countywide sales tax in Wilson County; validate a sales tax election in the city of Latham; and require certain ballot language for countywide retail sales tax elections.

<p>House Bill No. 2268 House Financial Institutions and</p>	<p>Enacting the Kansas rural home loan guarantee act and authorizing the state treasurer to guarantee a</p>	<p>In House Appropriations</p>	<p>2/23/2022 - House - Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Appropriations</p>
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Rural Development Committee	certain portion of rural home loans made by financial institutions and report to the legislature regarding such loan guarantees		2/17/2022 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended, by Financial Institutions and Rural Development
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Related bills: [House Bill No. 2237](#)

House Bill No. 2268, as amended, would enact the Kansas Rural Home Loan Guarantee Act (Act). The provisions of the Act would be administered by the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC), and loan transactions eligible for a guarantee would include the construction or renovation of a single-family home in a rural county. The total amount of loans guaranteed under the Act would be limited to \$2.0 million. Further details of this loan guarantee program follow.

<p>Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2316</p> <p>House Taxation Committee</p>	<p>Expanding the eligible uses for the 0% state rate for sales tax for certain utilities and providing for the levying of such tax by cities, counties and Washburn university of Topeka, authorizing cities and counties to exempt sales of such utilities from such city or county taxes, providing a back-to-school sales tax holiday for sales of certain school supplies, computers and clothing and exempting certain purchases and sales by the Johnson county Christmas bureau association, excluding manufacturers' coupons from the sales or selling price, removing the expiration on manufacturer cash rebates on motor vehicles, discontinuing an Atchison countywide retailers' sales tax, allowing counties to decide whether to apportion revenue received for general purposes between the county and cities located therein, discontinuing the first 15 days of the month remittance requirements for certain retailers and increasing the sales tax collection thresholds relating to time frames for filing</p>	<p>On General Orders in Senate</p>	<p>3/21/2022 - Senate - Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed, by Assessment and Taxatio.</p>
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Related bills: Substitute Senate Bill No. 462, Senate Bill No. 432, Senate Bill No. 359, Substitute Senate Bill No. 311, Bill No. 87, Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2239 and Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2597

Senate Substitute for HB 2316 would amend law related to sales tax, including exemptions, exclusions, state rates on certain utilities, and sales tax remittances by retailers. The bill would also sunset a local sales tax in Atchison County and amend law related to the disposition of revenue of countywide sales taxes and sales tax imposed by Washburn University.

Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2416	Requiring compensation for the use, restriction on use, damage, loss or destruction of property as a result of certain governmental actions and authorizing reimbursement of property taxes levied upon businesses shut down or restricted as a result of certain governmental actions related to contagious or infectious disease	In Conference Committee	3/30/2022 - House - Change of conferees; Mason replaces Highland 3/29/2022 - Senate - Acceded; appointed Warren, Wilborn and Corson
House Federal and State Affairs Committee			

Related bills: Senate Bill No. 40, Senate Bill No. 541 and Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2313

Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2416, as amended, would create law regarding compensation for the use, restriction of use, loss, or destruction of property as a result of governmental actions related to the prevention of or response to contagious or infectious disease. The bill also would amend law related to property tax relief for businesses affected by governmental shutdowns or restrictions related to certain emergencies and would enact the COVID-19 Retail Storefront Property Tax Relief Act.

House Bill No. 2431	Expanding the rural opportunity zone program by changing the definition of rural opportunity zone, expanding eligibility for program participants, adding down payment assistance as a benefit under such program, providing for a two-track program and establishing a new rural community building program option	In House Financial Institutions and Rural Development	1/13/2022 - House - Scheduled Review in FIRD: Wednesday, 1/19, 9:00 AM, Room 218-N 3/12/2021 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Financial Institutions and Rural Development: Wednesday, 3/17, 9:00 AM, Room 218-N
House Taxation Committee			

House Bill No. 2431 would allow any county that meets the definition of a “rural opportunity zone,” may, in addition to the state income tax credit, participate in either the Rural Community Building Program or the Student Loan Forgiveness Program and/or have a portion of an individual’s down payment for the purchase of a new home paid. If the board of county commissioners submits a resolution electing to participate in the Rural Community Building Program, the State of Kansas and the county would agree to enter a five-year community building program to address rural migration.

The program would be developed and implemented with the assistance of the Secretary of Commerce. If a county fails to meet the program’s objectives, as determined by the Secretary, it would result in the cessation of program assistance or funding by the state. In

considering whether objectives are met, the Secretary would consider the extent of resources available to a county, the county's effort to apply the available resources, including resources provided by the Secretary or state, and the level of community support for the program. The Secretary may extend time deadlines if the Secretary finds the county has made a good faith effort to meet the objective within the timeframe and the purposes of the program would be furthered by extending the deadline. The bill would outline the requirements for the five-year program.

Under current law, a "rural opportunity zone" includes 77 specific counties. The bill would change the definition to a county with a population of less than 35,000 persons. Additionally, the bill would change the definition of "institutions of higher education" to not only include public or private colleges or universities, but would also include any community college; any technical college; the Washburn Institute of Technology; and any two-year associate degree program or career and technical education program offered by a private postsecondary educational institution with its primarily location in Kansas and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

House Bill No. 2461

<p>House Bill No. 2461 Vic Miller, D-58th</p>	<p>Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products</p>	<p>In House Taxation</p>	<p>2/3/2022 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Monday, 2/7, 3:30 PM, Room 346-S</p>
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House Bill No. 2461 would provide a sales tax exemption for certain hygiene products. Hygiene products include antiperspirants, cotton swabs, dental floss, deodorants, diapers, menstrual cups, mouthwash, panty liners, sanitary napkins, shampoo, soaps and cleaning solutions, suntan lotions, suntan screens, tampons, toilet tissues, and toothpaste. The bill would become effective on July 1, 2022.

House Bill No. 2464

<p>House Bill No. 2464 Troy L. Waymaster, R-109th</p>	<p>Providing a sales tax exemption for purchases to reconstruct, repair or replace certain fencing damaged or destroyed by wildfires</p>	<p>On General Orders in House</p>	<p>1/20/2022 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended, by Taxation</p>
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Note: Since this bill was introduced by and/or referred to an exempt committee, it is not subject to legislative deadlines.

House Bill No. 2464, as amended, would create a sales tax exemption for purchases necessary to reconstruct, repair, or replace a fence used to enclose agricultural land that was damaged or destroyed by a wildfire, flood, tornado, or other natural disaster occurring on or after January 1, 2021.

In order to be eligible for the exemption, the property containing the fence would be required to be located within an area declared to be a disaster by the federal, state, or local government.

For applicable purchases already made, taxpayers would be entitled to a refund of sales tax upon provision of appropriate documentation.

House Bill No. 2484

<p>House Bill No. 2484 House Taxation Committee</p>	<p>Taxation; relating to sales and compensating use tax; providing a zero percent state rate for sales of food and food ingredients; providing for the levying of such tax by cities and counties; relating to income tax; discontinuing the</p>	<p>In House Taxation</p>	<p>1/19/2022 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Tuesday, 1/25, 3:30 PM, Room 346-S</p>
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Note: Since this bill was introduced by and/or referred to an exempt committee, it is not subject to legislative deadlines.

House Bill No. 2484 would exempt food and food ingredients, including food sold at restaurants, from state retail sales and compensation use tax on January 1, 2023. Food and food ingredients would be defined as substances, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated form, that are sold for ingestion or chewing by humans and are consumed for their taste or nutritional value. Food and food ingredients would not include alcoholic beverages or tobacco. Food and food ingredients would specifically include bottled water, candy, dietary supplements, food sold through vending machines, prepared food (food sold at restaurants), and soft drinks.

The bill would provide specific definitions for bottled water, candy, dietary supplements, food sold through vending machines, prepared food, and soft drinks. The bill does not adjust the distribution of state retail sales and compensating use tax revenue, which would remain the same as current law: 83.846% to the State General Fund and 16.154% to the State Highway Fund.

House Bill No. 2486 Pat Proctor, R-41st	Elections; relating to defining and using electronic poll books; approval of electronic poll books by the secretary of state; granting the secretary of state authority to adopt rules and regulations governing their use; prohibiting election systems from having the capability of being connected to the internet or other computer or communication networks; requiring election judges to ensure such systems are not so connected	On General Orders in House	3/1/2022 - House - Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Committee of the Whole 2/23/2022 - House - Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Appropriations 2/21/2022 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended, by Elections
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House Bill No. 2486, as amended, would provide for the use of electronic poll books in elections; authorize the Secretary of State to review, approve, and adopt rules and regulations regarding the use of such electronic poll books; prohibit voting systems from having the capability of connecting to the internet or other network; create the crime of electronic poll book fraud; and amend requirements related to the testing of election equipment.

House Bill No. 2487 Tom Sawyer, D-95th	Taxation; relating to sales and compensating use tax; providing a zero percent state rate for sales of food and food ingredients and providing for the levying of such tax by cities and counties; providing for an exemption for sales of farm products sold at farmer's markets; relating to income tax; discontinuing the	In House Taxation	4/26/2022 - House - Motion to withdraw from Committee failed; Yeas 48, Nays 74 4/25/2022 - House - Motion pending to withdraw from Committee and place on General Orders (to be considered Tuesday, April 26)
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	nonrefundable food sales tax credit		
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House Bill No. 2487 would exempt food and food ingredients from state retail sales and compensating use tax on July 1, 2022. Food and food ingredients would be defined as substances, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated form, that are sold for ingestion or chewing by humans and are consumed for their taste or nutritional value. Food and food ingredients would not include alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or certain prepared food (food sold at restaurants). Food and food ingredients would specifically include bottled water, candy, dietary supplements, food sold through vending machines, and soft drinks. The bill would provide specific definitions for bottled water, candy, dietary supplements, food sold through vending machines, prepared food, and soft drinks. The bill would decrease the distribution of state retail sales and compensating use tax revenue to the State General Fund from 83.846% to 81.778% and increase the distribution to the State Highway Fund from 16.154% to 18.222%. The bill would allow local governments to continue to charge a retail sales tax on food and food ingredients.

The bill would provide a sales tax exemption for farm products sold at a farmers' market. The bill lists the farm products that would qualify for this sales tax exemption, including fresh fruits; vegetables; mushrooms; nuts; eggs; honey or other bee products; maple syrup or maple sugar; flowers; nursery stock and other horticultural commodities; livestock food products, including meat, milk, cheese and other dairy products; food products of aquaculture, including fish, oysters, clams, mussels, and other molluscan shellfish taken from the waters of the state; products from any tree, vine, plant, and flower; or any of the products that have been processed, including baked goods made with farm products. The bill also includes a definition of a farmers' market.

Under current law, Kansas residents with qualifying income of \$30,615 or less are able to claim the non-refundable food sales tax credit if the taxpayer is 55 years of age or older, or is blind or disabled, or has a dependent child under 18 who lived with you all year whom you claim as a personal exemption. The bill would repeal the non-refundable food sales tax credit beginning in tax year 2023.

House Bill No. 2493 House Taxation Committee	Establishing certain requirements for property classified for residential purposes and land devoted to agricultural use	In House Taxation	1/20/2022 - House - Referred to Taxation
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For classification of real property for property tax purposes, House Bill No. 2493 would require that land devoted to agricultural use be at least two acres in size unless the parcel is contiguous with a larger parcel devoted to agricultural use. The bill would also include clarifying language that real property that is used or intended to be used for residential purposes is for occupation by humans.

House Bill No. 2506 Bill Rhiley, R-80th	Including certain uses of recreational off-highway vehicles as farm machinery and equipment for purposes of exemption from property taxation	In House Taxation	1/21/2022 - House - Referred to Taxation
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House Bill No. 2506 would allow recreational off-highway vehicles to qualify for the farm and machinery, aquaculture machinery, and Christmas tree machinery Kansas property and ad valorem tax exemption.

House Bill No. 2528 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Removing inflatable devices that are owned and operated by a nonprofit organization from the requirements of the Kansas amusement ride act	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	3/18/2022 - Senate - Referred to Federal and State Affairs 3/17/2022 - House - Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 86, Nays 34
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House Bill No. 2528, as amended by the House Committee of the Whole, would remove inflatable devices from the requirements of the Kansas Amusement Ride Act. Current law requires amusement rides, including inflatable devices, comply with the requirements of the Act concerning inspections, insurance, permits, records, and training, among other requirements.

<p>House Bill No. 2531 House Agriculture Committee</p>	<p>Allowing certain persons to use the right-of-way of any county road or township road to install, maintain and operate one or more pipelines for agricultural activities</p>	<p>On General Orders in House</p>	<p>3/3/2022 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as further amended, by Agriculture</p>
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House Bill No. 2531, as further amended, would allow, upon approval by a board of county commissioners or board of township trustees, any person engaged in an agricultural activity to construct, maintain, and operate pipelines in pursuit of an agricultural activity along, upon, under, and across the right-of-way of any county or township road, as defined in law and in conformity with laws and regulations of the state and county in which the pipeline is located.

<p>House Bill No. 2555 Pat Proctor, R-41st</p>	<p>Requiring a county election officer to send a confirmation of address when there is no election-related activity for any four calendar year period</p>	<p>On General Orders in House</p>	<p>3/1/2022 - House - Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Committee of the Whole 2/23/2022 - House - Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Appropriations</p>
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Related bills: Senate Bill No. 439

House Bill No. 2555 would require each county election officer to send a forwardable confirmation notice to each registered voter who has had no election-related activity for any four calendar year period. The notice would request the voter to confirm they want to remain a registered voter or cancel their voter registration record. The bill defines election-related activity as voting, attempting to vote, requesting or submitting an advance ballot application, filing an updated voter registration card, or responding to any official election mailing.

<p>House Bill No. 2565 House Federal and State Affairs Committee</p>	<p>Requiring county election officers to provide precinct level election results in machine readable format within 30 days of any final canvas</p>	<p>In House Federal and State Affairs</p>	<p>2/9/2022 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 2/17, 9:00 AM, Room 346-S</p>
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Related bills: House Bill No. 2715 and Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2138

House Bill No. 2565 would require each county election officer to provide precinct level election results electronically in machine readable format for all federal, statewide, legislative, and local offices no later than 30 days after the final canvass of the general election results.

<p>House Bill No. 2585</p>	<p>Requiring all advance voting ballots be</p>	<p>In House Elections</p>	<p>3/2/2022 - House - Scheduled Informational Briefing in Elections: Thursday, 3/3, 3:30 PM, Room 218-N</p>
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House Bill No. 2585 would require the county election office to receive advance voting ballots by mail no later than 7:00 p.m. on the date of the election. Current law requires the county election office to receive advance voting ballots by mail no later than the last delivery of mail by the United States Postal Service on the third day following the date of the election.



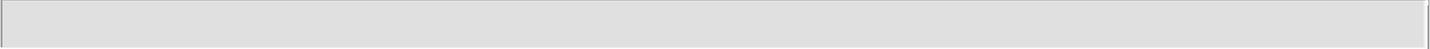
<p>House Substitute for House Bill No. 2597</p> <p>House Transportation Committee</p>	<p>Taxation; relating to income taxation; increasing the income limit to qualify for the subtraction modification for social security income; providing subtraction modifications for certain amounts received from retirement plans, for certain amounts of the federal work opportunity tax credit and the employee retention credit disallowances and to allow the carryforward of certain net operating losses for individuals; increasing the amount of certain child day care services assistance tax credits; providing a credit for employer payments to an organization providing access to employees for child day care services and expanding eligible taxpayers; increasing the Kansas standard deduction; relating to property taxation; establishing the COVID-19 retail storefront property tax relief act to provide partial refunds to certain businesses impacted by COVID-19-related shutdowns and restrictions; relating to sales and compensating use taxation; expanding the eligible uses for the 0% state rate for sales of certain utilities and providing for the levying of such tax by cities, counties and Washburn university of Topeka; increasing thresholds for timing of returns and payment; discontinuing the first 15 days of the month remittance requirements for certain retailers; providing countywide retailers' sales tax authority for Atchison county</p> <p>CCR Subject: Taxation; relating to income taxation; increasing the income limit to qualify for the subtraction modification for social security income; providing subtraction modifications for certain amounts received from retirement plans, for certain amounts of the federal work opportunity tax credit and the employee retention credit disallowances and to allow the carryforward of certain net operating losses for individuals; increasing the amount of certain child day care services assistance tax credits; providing a credit for employer payments to an organization providing access to employees for child day care services and expanding eligible taxpayers; increasing the Kansas standard deduction; relating to property taxation; establishing the COVID-19 retail storefront property tax relief act to provide partial refunds to certain businesses impacted by COVID-19-related shutdowns and</p>	<p>Conference Report adopted in Senate</p>	<p>5/23/2022 - Senate - Conference Committee Report adopted; Yeas 27, Nays 0</p>
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Related bills: [Senate Bill No. 433](#), [Substitute for Senate Bill No. 565](#), [Senate Bill No. 555](#), [Senate Bill No. 554](#), [Senate Bill No. 542](#) and [Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2239](#)

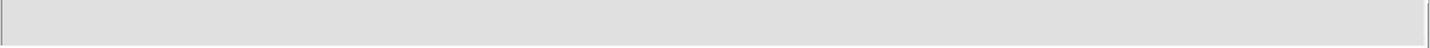
Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2597 would amend law related to income and sales taxes and would enact the COVID-19 Retail Storefront Property Tax Relief Act.

The bill would amend law related to the standard deduction, taxation of Social Security benefits and retirement plan income, carried back net operating losses, the deductibility of certain federal disallowances related to employment tax credits, and the child day care services credit. The bill would amend law related to sales tax remittances, sales tax on certain utilities, and local sales taxes.



House Bill No. 2605 House Agriculture Committee	Increasing the rural population requirement maximum for the veterinary training program for rural Kansas and creating a food animal percentage requirement that may be fulfilled in lieu thereof	Approved by Governor	4/7/2022 - Approved by Governor Laura Kelly
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House Bill No. 2605, as amended, would expand and clarify the requirements for the Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas (Program) at Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine (KSU CVM) and create an advisory committee to oversee the Program. The bill would also make technical amendments.



House Bill No. 2606 House Appropriations Committee	Authorizing transfers from the state general fund to the local ad valorem tax reduction fund, county and city revenue sharing fund and special city and county highway fund resuming in fiscal year 2023	In House Appropriations	2/7/2022 - House - Referred to Appropriations
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House Bill No. 2606 would reinstate the transfers from the State General Fund to the Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund, County and City Revenue Sharing Fund, and Special City and County Highway Fund. The bill would become effective on July 1, 2022.



House Bill No. 2616	Reducing the rate of sales and compensating use taxes on sales of	In House Taxation	2/8/2022 - House - Referred to Taxation
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House Taxation Committee	food and food ingredients		
<p>House Bill No. 2616 would set the state retail sales and compensation use tax on food and food ingredients at 4.3% beginning on July 1, 2022. If the 7.5% ending balance requirement is met in FY 2023, then the state food sales tax rate would be reduced to 2.1% beginning on October 1, 2023. If the 7.5% ending balance requirement is met in FY 2024, then the state food sales tax rate would be reduced to 0.0% beginning on October 1, 2024. Once the state sales tax rate becomes 0.0% on food and food ingredients, local governments would still be able to charge a local sales tax on food and food ingredients.</p> <p>Food and food ingredients would be defined as substances, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated form, that are sold for ingestion or chewing by humans and are consumed for their taste or nutritional value. Food and food ingredients would not include alcoholic beverages, bottled water, candy, dietary supplements, food sold through vending machines, soft drinks, tobacco, or certain prepared food (food sold at restaurants). The bill would provide specific definitions for bottled water, candy, dietary supplements, food sold through vending machines, prepared food, and soft drinks. The bill would not adjust the distribution of state retail sales and compensating use tax revenue, which would remain the same as current law: 83.846% to the State General Fund and 16.154% to the State Highway Fund.</p>			
House Bill No. 2618	Establishing a five-year property tax exemption for city, county and township property used for business incubator purposes in counties with a population of 40,000 or less	On General Orders in House	3/8/2022 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended, by Financial Institutions and Rural Development
House Financial Institutions and Rural Development Committee			
<p>House Bill No. 2618 would provide a property tax exemption for property used by any city, county, or township of the state that is leased for the purpose of establishing an incubator for business creation beginning in tax year 2023. Property leased to a business would be exempt from property tax for a period of not more than five calendar years after the year the business begins its operations on the property. After five calendar years, only that portion of the property being used by the business still operating on the property would be subject to property taxes. The property tax exemption would only apply to property used by a city, county, or township that is located in a county with a population of 40,000 or less.</p>			
House Bill No. 2619	Requiring the total compensation of elected county and city officers be posted on such county's or city's website	In House Local Government	2/9/2022 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Wednesday, 2/16, 9:00 AM, Room 281-N
House Financial Institutions and Rural Development Committee			
<p>House Bill No. 2619 would require that on or before January 15, 2023, and each January 15 after that, each city and county would post on its official website an annual one-page summary of the compensation package of each elected city or county officer for that particular city or county. If an elected city or county officer receives compensation from more than one position in the city or county, the city or county would post the specific compensation for each position in addition to the total compensation for all positions for the elected city or county officer.</p>			
House Bill No. 2623	Enacting the rural remote worker incentive act and providing definitions, requirements, procedures and administrative duties of the secretary of	In House Appropriations	2/23/2022 - House - Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Appropriations 2/22/2022 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended, by Financial Institutions and Rural Development
House Financial Institutions and Rural Development Committee			

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House Bill No. 2623, as amended, would create the Rural Remote Worker Incentive Pilot Program (Program). All Program provisions would sunset on July 1, 2025.

The bill would establish certain criteria to be met by an expanding or new business to qualify for, or apply to the Secretary for, one-time incentives under the Program:

- Create a minimum of five remote jobs in rural areas;
- All remote jobs would be located at least 30 miles from the business location of an expanding or new business;
- The minimum wage for the remote job would be equal to or greater than the county median wage where the expanding or new business is, or will be, located in Kansas; and
- Application would be submitted on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Secretary and would include a copy of the quarterly wage and unemployment tax return form of the business that is submitted to the Department of Labor or other evidence required by the Secretary through rules and regulations.

The bill would prohibit an expanding or new business from applying to the Secretary for the one-time incentives until the end of the calendar year in which each remote worker completed 12 consecutive months of full-time permanent remote or mobile work in a rural area.

The bill would authorize, subject to appropriations and upon approval by the Secretary, a cash incentive payment of \$4,000 per rural remote job created by an existing or new business. The payments would be made from a fund created by the bill. The total amount of payments from the new fund could not exceed \$600,000.

The bill would not prohibit a business from receiving any other incentives from any other economic development incentive programs, including, but not limited to, the Kansas Industrial Training and Retraining Programs, High Performance Incentive Program, Promoting Employment Across Kansas Act, and Job Creation Program Fund.

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House Bill No. 2645	Requiring county election officers to ensure electronic data and digital images of ballots are protected from physical or electronic alteration or destruction and making digital images of ballots open records and searchable by precinct	In House Federal and State Affairs	2/9/2022 - House - Referred to Federal and State Affairs
House Federal and State Affairs Committee			

House Bill No. 2645 would require county election officers to ensure that electronic election data and electronic or digital images of ballots be protected from alteration, destruction, and unauthorized copying or transferring. Security measures would be required to be at least as protective as those prescribed for paper ballots. The bill would also require county election officers to make an online copy of any digital images of ballots available to the public in a manner that allows the images to be searchable by precinct but precludes the alteration of the images. The bill would specify that digital images would be considered public records subject to disclosure under the Open Records Act.

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House Bill No. 2646	Providing security specifications for paper ballots purchased from vendors and requiring reimbursement of county expenditures needed to comply	In House Federal and State Affairs	2/9/2022 - House - Referred to Federal and State Affairs
House Federal and State Affairs Committee			

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House Bill No. 2646 would establish specifications for paper ballots used in state and county elections and require reimbursement of county expenditures. The bill directs the Legislature to appropriate sufficient monies to the State Treasurer's Office to reimburse counties for expenditures for ballot paper in accordance with the specifications established in the statute.

<p>House Bill No. 2668 Tatum Lee-Hahn, R-117th</p>	<p>Prohibiting certain restrictions on freedom of worship by governmental entities and public officials, limiting related state of disaster emergency powers of the governor and state of local disaster emergency powers of counties and cities and limiting related powers of the secretary of health and environment and local health officers</p>	<p>In House Judiciary</p>	<p>2/10/2022 - House - Referred to Judiciary</p>
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House Bill No. 2668 would require that a governmental organization or public official could not, including during a state or local disaster emergency, do the following: (1) restrict the manner of any worship service or activity in any way in the state; (2) suspend, regulate, or prohibit the conduct of worship service or activity; or (3) limit the number of participants of any worship service or activity in the state, other than by enforcing limitations of fire codes on the number of people in a building.

<p>House Bill No. 2670 Tatum Lee-Hahn, R-117th</p>	<p>Prohibiting certain acts by business entities, governmental entities or public officials based upon a person's vaccination status or possession of an immunity passport, amending the Kansas act against discrimination to define unlawful employment practices related to vaccination status or possession of an immunity passport and limiting powers of the secretary of health and environment and local health officers</p>	<p>In House Judiciary</p>	<p>2/10/2022 - House - Referred to Judiciary</p>
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House Bill No. 2670 prohibits certain acts by business entities, governmental entities or public officials based upon a person's vaccination status or possession of an immunity passport, amending the Kansas act against discrimination to define unlawful employment practices related to vaccination status or possession of an immunity passport and limiting powers of the secretary of health and environment and local health officers.

<p>House Bill No. 2676</p>	<p>Authorizing counties to create a code inspection and enforcement fund</p>	<p>In Senate Local Government</p>	<p>3/17/2022 - Senate - Referred to Local Government</p>
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House Federal and State Affairs Committee	and expanding the scope of the equipment reserve fund to include other computer and electronic technologies		3/16/2022 - House - Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 112, Nays 11
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House Bill No. 2676, as amended, would authorize counties to create a Code Inspection and Enforcement Fund and expand an existing County Equipment Reserve Fund to include purchases of technology and technology services.

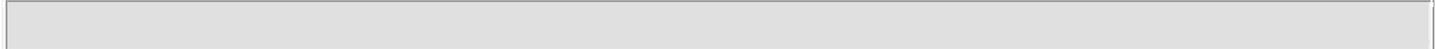
House Bill No. 2678 Tatum Lee-Hahn, R-117th	Ensuring a right to in-person visitation at medical care facilities and adult care homes, prohibiting certain public health orders related to isolation and quarantine, stay-at-home orders, curfews and face masks, limiting isolation or quarantine orders to recommendations and providing criminal penalties for certain violations, limiting state of disaster emergency powers of the governor and state of local disaster emergency powers of counties and cities related to stay-at-home orders, curfews and face masks and limiting powers of the secretary of health and environment and local health officers	In House Health and Human Services	2/10/2022 - House - Referred to Health and Human Services
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House Bill No. 2678 would prohibit medical care facilities and adult home care facilities from taking actions to prevent patients from receiving in-person visitation from their healthcare durable power of attorney and their spouse, or next of kin if there is no spouse or person designated by the patient if there is no spouse or next of kin. The bill would also prohibit the Governor, governmental entities, and public officials from ordering or otherwise imposing on any United States citizen any isolation, quarantine, curfew, requirement to stay home, or requirement to wear a face mask based on an epidemic or other public health reason. Governmental entities or public officials would be able to make recommendations on the above items. Current law would be amended to reflect the change from “order” to “recommendation” for the above items in several provisions related to public health. It would be unlawful for individuals to disregard a recommendation of isolation or quarantine when it was communicated as required and great bodily harm or death to another person resulted from the disregard.

House Bill No. 2679 Tatum Lee-Hahn, R-117th	Prohibiting certain restrictions on the operation of private businesses by governmental entities and public officials, limiting related state of disaster emergency powers of the governor	In House Judiciary	2/10/2022 - House - Referred to Judiciary
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House Bill No. 2679 prohibits certain restrictions on the operation of private businesses by governmental entities and public officials, limiting related state of disaster emergency powers of the governor and state of local disaster emergency powers of counties and cities and limiting related powers of the secretary of health and environment and local health officers.



House Bill No. 2709 House Taxation Committee	Providing a sales tax exemption for purchases by a not-for-profit corporation operating a community theater	On General Orders in House	3/18/2022 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed, by Taxation
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House Bill No. 2709 would provide a sales tax exemption for sales of tangible personal property purchased by not-for-profit theaters in the state. To be eligible for the exemption, the bill would require the theater to create and produce novel works for concerts or productions, employ full-time staff, have a governing board of directors, have a dedication to providing strong educational commitments to the community where the theater is located, and have a commitment to providing ongoing live theater as an art form using available local resources.



House Bill No. 2711 House Taxation Committee	Reducing the rate of sales and compensating use taxes on all sales and further reducing the rate on sales of food and food ingredients and making the food sales income tax credit refundable	On General Orders in House	3/17/2022 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended, by Taxation
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House Bill No. 2711 is a bill by Committee Chairman Adam Smith. As written, the bill would reduce the overall state retail sales and compensation use tax rate from 6.5% to 6.3% starting July 1, 2022. It also reduces the state sales tax rate on food and food ingredients to 3.5% beginning on July 1, 2022. If the balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund is \$100 million or more on July 1, 2023, and on each future July 1st, the Secretary of Revenue would reduce the state retail sales and compensating use tax rates on food and food ingredients by 1.2% the following January 1st. When the state rate on food and food ingredients is reduced to 0%, the rate would be set permanently at 0% and no further reductions would occur. Once the state sales tax rate becomes 0% on food and food ingredients, local governments and Washburn University would still be able to charge a local sales tax on food and food ingredients.



House Bill No. 2720 House Taxation Committee	Reducing the rate of sales and compensating use taxes on sales of food	In House Taxation	3/1/2022 - House - Referred to Taxation 2/23/2022 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Wednesday, 3/2, 3:30 PM, Room 346-S
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House Bill No. 2720 is a bill by Representative David Baker. This bill would reduce the state retail sales and compensation use tax rate from 6.5% to 0% starting August 1, 2022 for certain food purchases. "Food" under this bill would be defined as the types of food eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) [formerly known as food stamp program]. Under House Bill No. 2720 local governments and Washburn University would still have authority to charge a local sales tax on foods.

House Bill No. 2724	Excluding the required 20 mills for school districts from the notice and public hearing requirements to exceed the revenue neutral rate for property tax purposes	On General Orders in House	3/15/2022 - House - Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended, by Taxation
House Taxation Committee			

House Bill No. 2724, as amended, would provide that school districts would be deemed to have not exceeded their revenue neutral rate in the event the revenue in excess of the prior year amount was solely attributable to increased revenue from the 20 mill statewide school finance levy.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5022	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring that a sheriff be elected in each county; exception	Adopted	4/26/2022 - House - Conference Committee Report adopted on House resolution; Yeas 91, Nays 31
House Federal and State Affairs Committee			4/1/2022 - Senate - Conference Committee Report adopted; Yeas 39, Nays 1

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5022, if adopted by a two-thirds majority of each chamber of the Kansas Legislature and approved by voters, would amend Article 9, Sections 2 and 5 of the Kansas Constitution to add language concerning the election of county sheriffs and removal of a sheriff from office.

The constitutional amendment would require the election of a county sheriff in counties that had not abolished the office of sheriff before January 11, 2022, and specify that a sheriff be elected in such counties for a term of four years. [Note: Riley County abolished its sheriff's office in 1974 and is the only county in Kansas without a sheriff.]

The amended section would state any county that had abolished the office of sheriff prior to January 11, 2022, would be authorized to restore the office of sheriff as provided by law, and such restoration would be irrevocable.

The amendment would also specify that a county sheriff only may be involuntarily removed from office by a recall election pursuant to Article 4, Section 3 of the Kansas Constitution or a writ of quo warranto initiated by the Attorney General.