



Dear Friends,

My Kansas State event has been moved February 15th due to weather, check my Facebook page for more information.

Last week Governor Laura Kelly delivered her State of the State address, that emphasized bipartisanship, balanced budgets, investing in Kansas public schools, infrastructure, and economic development. The Governor reflected on Kansas success such as the Chiefs moving to Kansas, the heightened graduation rates, eliminating sales tax on food, and more. Under her guidance the state has paid off all debt and created over 80,000 new jobs throughout the state. Overall, her message focused on civility and working together for Kansans.

On Monday we did not have session for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. This week I had the pleasure of attending the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) Commissioners' dinner where we discussed issues in higher education that are impacting Kansans. I also toured and attended dinner at the recently renovated Kansas Museum of History, with other fellow legislators.

This Week on the Floor:

- HB 2065: Providing for the appointment of delegates to a convention under article V of the constitution of the United States and prescribing the duties and responsibilities of such delegates.
 - Passed, I voted against.
- SCR 1604: Making application to the United States congress to call a convention of the states for the purpose of proposing amendments to limit the federal government.
 - Passed, I voted against.

Committee Work:

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget had a joint meeting with the House Committee on Higher Education Budget, informational hearing on K-State Dairy. Wednesday, we worked on the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Budget, heard information on the State Water Plan. Then on Thursday we had budget hearings on the Kansas Water Office Budget as well as the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Division of Environment budget.

This week the Taxation committee heard HB 2443, providing that certain natural gas storage facilities shall not be classified as public utilities for property tax purposes. We also had a joint meeting with the Senate Assessment and Taxation committee to hear information on renewable energy taxation in other states and on High-Performance Incentive Program.

The Veterans and Military committee heard an informational briefing from General William Turner from Kansas Office of Veterans Services.

REMINDER:

All committee hearings and chamber proceedings can be found on the Kansas Legislature's [YouTube](#) page.

All legislation, committee membership, and meeting times can be found on the Kansas Legislature's [Website](#) page.

It is a pleasure to serve as your State Representative. I look forward to hearing from you and continuing to work with you on issues that matter most to our community.

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