

2022 WIN/LOSS AGENDA



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, TALENT AND EDUCATION

WIN Support income tax credits for workers enrolling in qualified training for aerospace jobs

WIN Support liability protections for businesses that offer work-based learning opportunities to high school students

WIN Support expended funding for workforce development programs, including the Excel in CTE initiative, the National Center for Aviation Training (NCAT), and apprenticeships

WIN Advocate for criminal justice reform and enhanced re-entry programs that encourage ex-offenders to re-enter the workforce and support programs that encourage work and help recipients of government assistance with obtaining employment

WIN Promote systems of diverse and inclusive educational options that can be tailored to meet the needs of individual students, like the innovative "Kansans Can" vision of continual improvement, the student-focused Kansas Tax Credit for Low Income Students Scholarship, and a greater emphasis on certifications and college credit during high school

WIN Support growing the Kansas and local economy through applied research and private-public partnerships, like the National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR), university/business innovation programs (WSU's Innovation Campus), and career pathways for high school students

WIN Support an increased focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) learning initiatives, including support for computer science classes in schools

TAXATION AND BUDGET

WIN Support expansion of the Child Care Services Assistance Tax Credit to allow pass-through entities (LLCs, Sole Proprietorships, and S-Corps) to claim the credit for expenses paid to offer day care services to the children of their employees

WIN Oppose increases in business taxes and fees that would negatively impact Kansas' competitive environment

N/A Encourage government to reduce spending and pursue efficiencies through consolidation, privatization, and innovation

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND TECHNOLOGY

WIN Promote and expand critical tax/economic development incentive programs that result in jobs and investment

WIN Support enhancements and increased focus on entrepreneurship and the technology sector as contributors to economic growth

HEALTHCARE

LOSS Support expansion of Medicaid (KanCare) that is revenue neutral and encourages personal responsibility

WIN Encourage the legislature and administration to consider additional investments designed to address the treatment of mental health and substance abuse in South Central Kansas

WIN Oppose mandates and excessive regulations that increase the cost of providing affordable healthcare coverage to employees

TRANSPORTATION

WIN Ensure dedicated transportation funding streams are only used for the transportation program

WIN Support the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE) and encourage equitable taxing and distribution of funding to address critical needs in South Central Kansas, including the North Junction and other regionally significant projects identified by the South Central Kansas Transportation Coalition

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATION

LOSS Support policies and incentives that will improve the competitiveness of Kansas utility rates

WIN Prohibit state and federal agencies from misusing rule and regulation authority in lieu of policy decisions made by the Legislature

WIN Protect and strengthen workers compensation and unemployment insurance reforms

LOSS Support legislation to allow businesses to levy a surcharge to customers who choose to pay with a debit or credit card

WIN Oppose unjust shutdowns of businesses and regulations that unnecessarily restrict business activities

LOSS Oppose government requirements on businesses to enforce government mandates

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

N/A Support policies that strengthen access and opportunity for diverse populations and promote racial justice

LOSS Advocate for reforms that address racial disparities in the criminal justice system and support appropriate training and adequate funding for law enforcement