

2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

2025 WIN/LOSS AGENDA

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, TALENT & EDUCATION

- WIN** Support innovative approaches to addressing critical workforce shortages through tax incentives, tuition forgiveness and other creative means.
- WIN** Support expanded 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 & BUDGET

- WIN** Oppose increases in business taxes and fees that would negatively impact Kansas' competitive environment.
- WIN** Encourage government to reduce spending and pursue efficiencies through consolidation, privatization and innovation.
- WIN** Support a reduction and simplification of the income tax code at the corporate and individual levels.
- WIN** Support policies that would reduce property taxes.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP & TECHNOLOGY

- WIN** Promote and expand critical tax/economic development incentive programs that result in more jobs and investment.
- WIN** Support enhancements and increased focus on entrepreneurship and the technology sector as contributors to economic growth.

HEALTHCARE

- WIN** Support increases in Medicaid reimbursement rates and inpatient mental health beds.
- WIN** Support the identification and implementation of innovative and effective strategies to reduce and treat substance abuse.
- WIN** Oppose mandates and excessive regulations that increase the cost of providing affordable healthcare coverage to employees.
- N/A** Support policies and programs to address homelessness.
- LOSS** Support expansion of Medicaid (KanCare) that is revenue neutral and encourages personal responsibility.

TRANSPORTATION

- 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 regionally significant projects identified by the South Central Kansas Transportation Coalition.
- WIN** Encourage policies that would draw Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) federal transportation dollars to the South Central Kansas region.
- WIN** Support policies that expand air service at Eisenhower Airport.
- LOSS** Support policies that would allow for regional transportation authorities.

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ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & REGULATION

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

N/A Protect and strengthen workers' compensation and unemployment insurance reforms.

WIN Reform regulations to ensure Kansas is competitive with other states related to childcare regulations.

LOSS Support policies that preempt local units of government from banning single use consumer products.

WIN Support legislation to address the municipal water supply and regulatory uncertainty for the region.

LOSS Support a Constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to override agency rules or regulations via a resolution.

INCLUSION & DIVERSITY

WIN Support policies that strengthen access and opportunity for diverse populations and promote racial justice.

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

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