

Results for Business

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Many pro-business bills left hanging in the balance

Some folks are calling the 2015 session of the General Assembly a success due to the passage of bills such as the ones addressing heroin and the road fund. Without question, there is cause to celebrate those accomplishments.

But there is another chapter to this session's story for Kentucky's business community, and it is one of disappointment because of the many pro-business bills that were left hanging in the balance when the final gavel fell.

First, the positive results of the session that will advance Kentucky:

- Our telecommunications systems can now be modernized
- The state road fund was stabilized
- Legislation to curb the lethal threat of heroin was passed
- A few bills shed some needed light on our underfunded public pension systems
- And, there were no bills passed in this session that were blatantly harmful to the business community.



Dave Adkisson
PRESIDENT & CEO
*Kentucky Chamber
of Commerce*

But it's tough to celebrate a few successes when important issues with strong bipartisan support failed in one legislative chamber after being passed in the other. And that's what happened to bills to authorize public-private partnerships, to allow a public vote on local option sales taxes, to restrict smoking in public places, to enact right-to-work legislation, to create medical review panels and to direct an independent review of the teachers retirement system.

The failure of some of these measures, such as charter schools or right to work, was not particularly surprising due to the longstanding alignment of partisan interests on both sides of the debate. Other legislation, however, had substantial bipartisan support. That made their failure particularly jarring.



The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs team works around the clock during each session of the Kentucky General Assembly. (L-R) Beverly Standifer, Bryan Sunderland, Betsy Dexter, Dave Adkisson, Jacqueline Pitts, Ashli Watts and Blake Deeley.

For example, public-private partnerships had amazing support last year in the House and Senate and strong bipartisan support going into this year's session, but fell in the Kentucky Senate without even getting a committee hearing or a vote on the floor (where many are confident the bill would have passed).

Anyone working to advance Kentucky can expect to encounter some obstacles, and we

continue to hope that, as Kentuckians with a shared goal of making progress for our state, we can take at least two steps forward for every one step backward.

But it's tough to celebrate a few successes when important issues with strong bipartisan support fail due to the clumsy nature of the legislative process or a lack of commitment to finding ways to overcome those barriers.

Saving big money for Kentucky businesses of all sizes

BY THE NUMBERS

Legislation	Estimated Annual Savings to Kentucky Business Community
Proposed minimum wage increase defeated (HB 2)	\$72.9 million to \$212.5 million
Effort to eliminate tougher academic standards blocked (HB 33)	\$17.5 million
Effort to increase attorneys fees & benefits under workers' compensation blocked (HB 294)	\$34 to \$47 million
Tax on oil and gas pipelines defeated (HB 272)	\$4.36 million
Increase in sales and business taxes defeated (HB 132)	\$120.5 million
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$249.26 million to \$401.86 million

The Kentucky Chamber's advocacy during the 2015 session of the Kentucky General Assembly saved Kentucky businesses an estimated \$249.26 million to \$401.86 million a year. Here's a breakdown of how the Chamber's work generated real savings for the business community.

HB 2

This legislation would have phased in an increase in the minimum wage, from \$7.25 to \$10.10, over a three-year period:

- \$8.20/hour in 2015
- \$9.15/hour in 2016
- \$10.10/hour in 2017

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that approximately 49,000 Kentuckians earned at or below the minimum wage in 2013, and a 2007 University of Kentucky study estimated that the average minimum wage worker works 27 hours per week. The table on page 3 estimates the employer cost of this increase for each year, assuming the 49,000 minimum wage employees worked 27 hours per week and no current employees were laid off. The estimate also takes into consideration that the employer must pay a FICA tax (for Social Security and Medicare) and an Unemployment Insurance assessment of an estimated 8.65% of wages.

The estimated cost to Kentucky employers of the minimum wage increases in HB 2 ranges from \$72.9 million to \$212.5 million. It is important to note that this is a rough estimate based on the assumptions noted above, as many economists predict that increasing the minimum wage could affect total employer costs in other ways, including: lower employment, increased prices, reduced employee turnover and reduced profits.

HB 33

This legislation would have eliminated the state's current academic standards (strongly supported by the Kentucky Chamber) and replace them with new standards. The Kentucky Department of Education estimates it would take a minimum of \$35 million to develop and implement replacement standards. Since Kentucky businesses contribute 40% of all Kentucky tax revenue, the cost to the business community of eliminating the standards, sometimes called the Common Core standards, would be \$17.5 million (40% of \$35 million).

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE COST TO EMPLOYERS

Year	Hourly Increase in Current Minimum Wage	FICA & UI Taxes (8.65%)	Total Hourly Cost to Employer Per Employee	Total Weekly Cost to Employer Per Employee	Total Yearly Cost to Employer Per Employee	Total Cost to Kentucky Employers
2015	\$0.95	\$0.08	\$1.06	\$28.62	\$1.06	\$72.9 million
2016	\$1.90	\$0.16	\$2.06	\$55.62	\$2.06	\$141.7 million
2017	\$2.85	\$0.24	\$3.09	\$83.43	\$3.09	\$212.5 million

HB 294

This legislation would have increased attorney's fees and made other changes in benefits in workers' compensation. An actuarial analysis of HB 294 conducted by the National Council on Compensation Insurance estimated the bill would increase workers' compensation costs in Kentucky by 3.4% to 4.7% or approximately \$34 million to \$47 million per year.

HB 272

This bill would have established a pipeline safety fund by imposing a tax of \$120 per mile on oil and gas pipelines running through Kentucky. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration database, there are 35,454 miles of gas pipelines and 916 miles of hazardous liquid pipelines in Kentucky, for a total of 36,370 miles of pipeline. Based on this, a fee of \$120 per mile would have generated \$4.364 million per year.

HB 132

This bill would have made a number of substantial changes in Kentucky's tax code. In addition to increasing individual income tax rates on higher incomes and phasing out the tax exemption for public and private pensions, several provisions would have had an impact on Kentucky businesses (revenue estimates are from the LRC Fiscal Note on HB 132):

- Imposing the sales tax on a number of services to generate an estimated \$115 million per year in additional state revenue (Kentucky businesses pay an estimated 50% of all sales taxes for an impact of \$57.5 million per year);

BUSINESS VOICES

"Thanks to the continued leadership of the Kentucky Chamber my small business and ALL Kentucky businesses avoided large increases to our workers' compensation system by the Chamber's aggressive opposition to HB 294. This bill would have cancelled over 20 years of work to make Kentucky's Workers' Compensation benefits and worker protections fair for the worker and employers of Kentucky. The results have been that the National Council on Compensation Insurance has acknowledged this efficient balance with lower workers compensation rates for Kentucky. This one success paid our Chamber membership for several years."

Ron Sanders
President
People Plus

- A combined reporting requirement for businesses that generates \$25 million per year in additional state revenue;
- Disallowance of businesses income attributed to foreign operations to generate \$25 million per year in additional state revenue; and
- Changes to the Limited Liability Entity Tax to generate \$13 million per year in additional state revenue.

The total impact on Kentucky's business community of these tax changes would have been approximately \$120.5 million annually.



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PRO-BUSINESS LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

The following measures were considered positive by the Kentucky Chamber and were enacted into law in the 2015 session of the General Assembly.

ROAD FUND STABILIZATION

HB 299 Ensures the state's road fund will not experience a revenue shortfall and have the money for important transportation projects by freezing the tax on gasoline at 26 cents per gallon and preventing future volatility in Kentucky's road fund.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS MODERNIZATION

HB 152 (Rand) Repeals outdated regulations that serve to limit investment in new wireless telephone and broadband technologies in Kentucky. This will encourage investment and grow jobs in Kentucky.

ADDRESSING HEROIN EPIDEMIC

SB 192 addresses the scourge of heroin in the state through treatment funding, places tougher penalties on dealers, and creates programs to allow local governments to set up needle exchanges and other health initiatives.

CROWDFUNDING

HB 76 (Riggs) Creates online crowdfunding investment opportunities in Kentucky that will make it easier for people to invest in promising business ideas. This legislation will allow people to invest up to \$10,000 while helping businesses raise up to \$2 million.

PENSION OVERSIGHT

HB 47 (Yonts) Increases public oversight of the Legislators' Retirement Plan, the Judicial Retirement Plan and the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System by adding them to the Public Pension Oversight Board's review responsibilities.

PENSION TRANSPARENCY

SB 22 (McDaniel) Strengthens transparency by requiring the Judicial Retirement Plan, the Legislators' Retirement Plan, the Kentucky Retirement Systems and the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System to establish in administrative regulation a placement agent disclosure policy.

PENSION ACCOUNTABILITY

HB 62 (Yonts) Protects taxpayers by ensuring that any entity wanting to withdraw from the Kentucky Retirement System repays its unfunded liability.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

HB 234 (Graham) Improves early childhood education by directing the Early Childhood Advisory Council to establish a schedule for implementing a quality-based rating system for licensed childcare providers.

HEALTH CARE SOLICITATION

HB 153 (Gooch) Prohibits solicitation of a person involved in a motor vehicle accident by a health care provider.

CRAFT ACADEMY

HB 232 (Adkins) Allows the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics to award a high school diploma. It also allows students enrolled in the academy to earn KEES scholarships.

OIL & GAS MODERNIZATION ACT

SB 186 (Carroll) Provides regulatory certainty for the development of Kentucky's deep shale resources.

BUSINESS VOICES

"The Chamber's involvement and support was instrumental in ensuring that our road fund will be stabilized. Without their help Kentucky would have lost hundreds of millions of dollars dedicated to road improvements and put at risk over 40,000 jobs associated with that funding."

*Charles Lovern
Executive Director*

Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors

"Kentucky business leaders know that to move this state forward we must invest in new technology. Thanks to the Kentucky Chamber for their efforts in supporting HB 152. Telecomm reform will help make Kentucky more attractive to businesses now that we have more flexibility to invest in new technology."

*Hood Harris
President*

AT&T Kentucky

"Thanks to the Kentucky Chamber and their support of HB 234, we now have enhanced early childhood programs for our students that will result in more children reading at or above grade level by the time they reach third grade, higher graduation rates and increased postsecondary enrollment rates, which will create a better educated, better prepared workforce for Kentucky."

*Brent Cooper
President*

C-Forward

ANTI-BUSINESS MEASURES DEFEATED

The Kentucky Chamber actively lobbied against the measures below and was successful in defeating them.

MINIMUM WAGE

HB 2 (Stumbo) Would have incrementally raised the state's minimum wage higher than surrounding states. (Passed House, never heard in Senate)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ISSUES

HB 294 (Sinnette)/SB 95 (Buford) Would have raised attorneys' fees for workers' compensation cases resulting in cost increases for business. (HB 294 withdrawn, put as amendment on another bill, never heard on House floor) (SB 95 never heard in Senate committee)

PIPELINE TAX

HB 272 (Floyd) Would have established a tax on oil and gas pipelines running through Kentucky that would have significantly increased the price for energy. (Never heard on House floor)

TAX HIKE

HB 132 (Wayne) Tax changes that would have negatively impacted business by shifting the tax burden to businesses by approximately half a billion dollars. (Never heard in House committee)

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS MANDATE

HB 57 (Donahue) Would have increased costs on public construction projects by requiring construction materials, such as iron and steel, to be produced in the United States, regardless of cost or availability. (Never heard in House committee)

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

HB 256 (Overly) Would have added penalties against business for improperly misclassifying a worker as an independent contractor, but did not clearly define independent contractor in law. (Passed House committee, never heard on House floor)

SURFACE MINING

HB 131 (Wayne) Would have increased restrictions, beyond current federal requirements, for operating surface mines as well as reclaimed sites. (Never heard in House committee)



Gov. Steve Beshear signed Chamber-supported HB 152, which repeals outdated regulations that serve to limit investment in new wireless telephone and broadband technologies in Kentucky. This will encourage investment and grow jobs in Kentucky. Chamber board member Hood Harris, AT&T Kentucky (fourth from left), and Senior Vice President of Public Affairs Bryan Sunderland (second from right) look on.



The Chamber's Director of Public Affairs Ashli Watts testified against SB 95, which would have raised attorney's fees for workers' compensation cases resulting in cost increases for business.



Chamber President & CEO Dave Adkisson spoke at a rally calling for stabilization of Kentucky's Road Fund, HB 299.

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

Several measures would have improved the economic climate of Kentucky. Sadly, the many positive, pro-business measures below were not passed by the 2015 General Assembly.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

HB 443 (Combs) Would have provided an explicit framework for the use of public-private partnerships (P3s) as an alternative method of procurement, construction or financing of capital projects and services by state government. (Passed House, never heard in Senate committee)

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

HB1 (Stumbo) LIFT initiative would have given local communities the option to place an additional sales tax of up to one cent on the ballot for voter approval. (Passed House, never heard in Senate committee)

RIGHT TO WORK

SB 1 (Stivers) Would have made Kentucky more attractive to investments and promoted job growth by enacting a right-to-work law. (Passed Senate, killed in House committee)

SMOKE FREE WORKPLACES

HB 145 (Westrom)/SB 198 (Raque Adams) Would have prohibited smoking in all indoor public places, including restaurants, bars and workplaces. (HB 145 passed House, never heard in Senate committee) (SB 198 never heard in Senate committee)

MEDICAL REVIEW PANELS

SB 6 (Alvarado)/HB 398 (Thompson) Would have created a system of medical review panels to address the escalating costs directly attributed to Kentucky's uncontrolled medical liability climate, an issue of serious concern for Kentucky employers. (SB 6 passed Senate, never heard in House committee) (HB 398 never heard in House committee)

"With over 92% of Kentucky Chambers members supporting a smoke free workplace law, I am disappointed that the Smoke Free Workplace legislation was not passed this year. Business leaders know that a smoke-free state will improve our companies' bottom lines, help us attract new businesses and workers, produce a more productive workforce and save lives."

*Elizabeth McCoy
President & CEO
Planter's Bank*

STATE'S DEBT LIMIT

SB 94 (Bowen) Would have limited General Fund appropriation-supported debt to no more than 6% of the budget. (Passed Senate, never heard in House)

TAXPAYER RIGHTS

HB 361 (Thompson) Would have brought much needed transparency, efficiency and equity to our tax code by establishing the Taxpayer Rights Enhancement Act. (Heard in House committee, but never received vote)

PREVAILING WAGE

SB 9 (Schroder) Would have saved taxpayers money by excluding educational buildings and facilities from meeting the requirements of the prevailing wage and allowing them to rely on a true market-based wage. (Passed Senate, killed in House committee)

PENSION TRANSPARENCY

SB20 (McDaniel) Would have strengthened transparency by requiring the disclosure, if requested, of the retirement benefits for past and current members of the General Assembly. (Never heard in Senate committee)

LOW PERFORMING SCHOOLS

SB 132 (Wilson) Would have allowed a superintendent to select the principal in a school identified as an initial intervention school. (Passed Senate, House committee removed original provisions, died in conference committee). HB 449 (Graham) Would have required schools that remain classified as persistently low-performing schools for four years to implement an internal innovation option. (Passed House, passed Senate with HB 132 attached, died in conference committee)

PENSION OVERSIGHT

HJR 7 (Montell) Would have instructed the Public Pension Oversight Board to hire an independent actuary. (Never heard in House committee). HB 306 (Yonts) Would have required an actuarial analysis of retirement legislation that includes the impact on funding levels and unfunded liabilities over time, require funding mechanisms be disclosed and require an actuarial study of the system be performed every five years. (Passed House, passed Senate committee, never heard on Senate floor)

LEGISLATORS' PENSIONS

SB 23 (McDaniel) Would have allowed legislators contributing to the Legislators' Retirement Plan before January 1, 2014, to make a one-time election to have their benefits from the system based solely on their legislative salary and any salary earned in another state-administered retirement system prior to January 1, 2014. (Passed Senate, never heard in House committee)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RETAIL OPERATIONS

SB 130 (Girdler) Would have set up clear procedures and a transparent process by which a local government would operate if entering into the retail or wholesale sale of a commercial product or service. (Passed Senate committee, never heard on Senate floor)

“To attract and retain more businesses and jobs in Kentucky, it’s vitally important the public and business community have confidence that our tax code will be consistently and fairly enforced. This is why the Kentucky Chamber fought for the Taxpayer Rights Enhancement Act, which would have resulted in an overall better business climate, by providing less confusion, better compliance and more stabilized revenue to the state.”

Jennifer Barber
Managing Associate
Frost Brown Todd

TRANSPARENCY IN PRIVATE ATTORNEY CONTRACTING

SB 118 (Westerfield) (original language)
Would have created transparency, set reasonable limits on contingency fees, and codified recent case law requirements to ensure the state remains in control of litigation when hiring contingency fee counsel. (Passed Senate, original provisions removed by House)

SMALL BUSINESS TAX SIMPLIFICATION

HB 331 (Yonts) Would have clarified the costs of goods sold definition in the LLET statute to make it easier for businesses and tax professionals to comply. (Never heard in House committee)

CIRCUIT COURT JURISDICTION

SB 178 (Westerfield) Would have modified standards for venue and jurisdiction in actions against the Commonwealth of Kentucky. (Never heard in Senate committee)

DISTILLERY MODERNIZATION

HB 198 (Keene) Would have permitted bourbon distillers to sell their products by the drink to visitors at their distilleries, just as wineries and breweries do today. (Passed House committee, never heard on House floor)

KEES

HB 67 (Flood) Would have defined the minimum number of cumulative credit hours needed to be considered ‘on track to graduate’ at the end of each award period for KEEES scholarship renewal requirements. (Passed House, killed on Senate floor)

EXPANDED GAMING

HB 300 (Stumbo) Would have expanded gaming by a Constitutional amendment. (Never heard in House committee)

NUCLEAR POWER

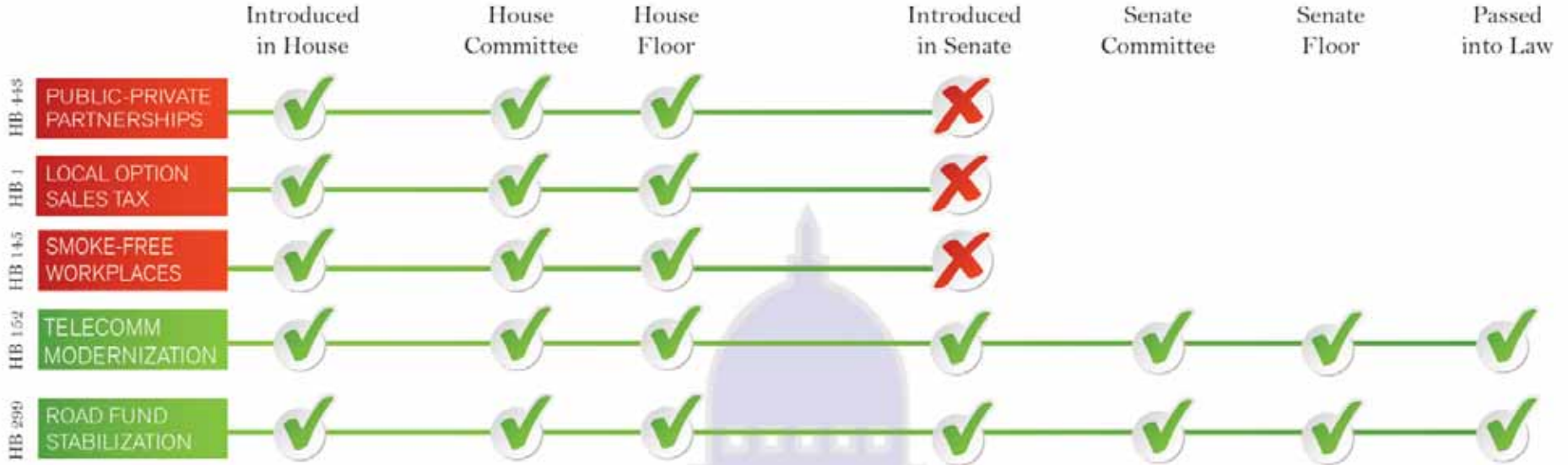
HB 84 (Watkins)/SB 90 (J. Carroll) Would have lifted Kentucky’s ban on nuclear power plants by allowing the construction of nuclear power facilities on sites previously used for the manufacture of nuclear products. (HB 84 never heard in House committee) (SB 90 passed Senate, never heard in House)

WORKFORCE TASK FORCE

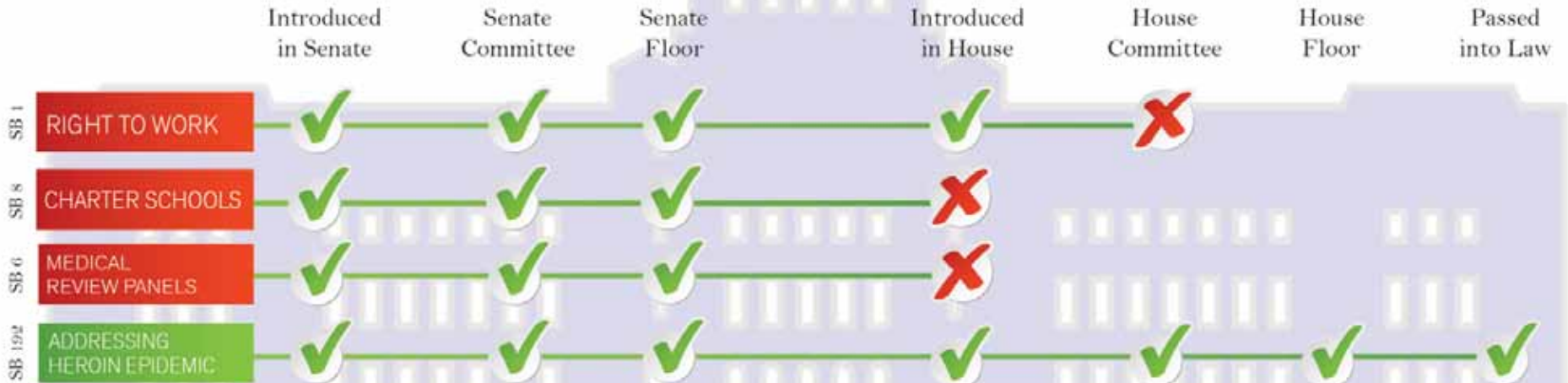
SCR 103 (Givens) Would have directed the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Kentucky Workforce Oversight Task Force to study and develop recommendations concerning the benefits, investments and funding of workforce education. (Passed Senate, passed House committee, never heard on House floor)



House Bills



Senate Bills



The above chart illustrates the path that key Chamber supported bills took to passage or defeat in the 2015 Legislative Session.

Senate Bills



			Right-to-Work	Medical Review Panels	Charter Schools	Prevailing Wage	Pension Transparency	Nuclear Power	State's Debt Limit	Contracting Sunshine Law*	Oil & Gas Modernization	Addressing Heroin Epidemic	Pension Accountability	Crowd Funding	Telecomm Reform	Health Care Solicitation	Road Fund Stabilization
CHAMBER POSITION	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BILL NUMBER	SB1	SB6	SB8	SB9	SB22	SB90	SB94	SB118	SB186	SB192	HB62	HB76	HB152	HB153	HB299		
LEGISLATOR	DISTRICT	SUPPORT %															
Julie Adams	R-Louisville	93.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Ralph Alvarado	R-Winchester	93.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Joe Bowen	R-Owensboro	93.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tom Buford	R-Nicholasville	80.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Jared Carpenter	R-Berea	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Danny Carroll	R-Paducah	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Julian Carroll	D-Frankfort	60.00%	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Perry Clark	D-Louisville	60.00%	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
C.B. Embry	R-Morgantown	53.33%	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	No
Carroll Gibson	R-Leitchfield	73.33%	Yes	X	X	X	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chris Girdler	R-Somerset	93.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
David Givens	R-Greensburg	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Denise Harper Angel	D-Louisville	60.00%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Ernie Harris	R-Crestwood	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jimmy Higdon	R-Lebanon	93.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paul Hornback	R-Shelbyville	93.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stan Humphries	R-Cadiz	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ray Jones	D-Pikeville	46.67%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes
Alice Kerr	R-Lexington	80.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	X	Yes	No
Chris McDaniel	R-Latonia	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Morgan McGarvey	D-Louisville	60.00%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gerald Neal	D-Louisville	53.33%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dennis Parrett	D-Elizabethtown	80.00%	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dorsey Ridley	D-Henderson	60.00%	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Albert Robinson	R-London	86.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
John Schickel	R-Union	93.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wil Schroder	R-Wilder	93.33%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dan Seum	R-Fairdale	93.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Brandon Smith	R-Hazard	73.33%	X	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Stivers	R-Manchester	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Damon Thayer	R-Georgetown	93.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Reginald Thomas	D-Lexington	60.00%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Johnny Turner	D-Prestonsburg	53.33%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robin Webb	D-Grayson	53.33%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Steve West **	R-Paris	*****										Yes					Yes
Whitney Westerfield	R-Hopkinsville	93.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Mike Wilson	R-Bowling Green	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
George "Max" Wise	R-Campbellsville	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

* The voting record for SB 118 is for the original language of SB 118, a Chamber supported bill. The language of SB 118 was replaced in the House after it passed the Senate. ** Steve West was not sworn into office until March 23, 2015.

The roll call votes you see in this record reveal how legislators voted on bills the Kentucky Chamber publicly supported or opposed during the 2014 General Assembly (an "X" indicates the legislator did not vote on the bill). The voting record includes bills that received a full vote before the entire House and/or Senate. Please note the substance of a bill may be significantly altered during the legislative process. Unless otherwise noted, the legislation referenced in the voting record is based on the final version of the bill receiving a floor vote for each house. To access the language of the bills highlighted in this document, the Kentucky Chamber invites you to visit the Legislative Research Commission's website at lrc.ky.gov.

2015 Legislative Voting Record



Rep. John Tilley



Sen. Paul Hornback and Rep. Rick Rand



Sens. Mike Wilson and Ralph Alvarado



Sen. Julie Raque Adams and Rep. Tommy Turner

House Bills



LEGISLATOR	DISTRICT	BILL NUMBER SUPPORT %	Local Option Sales Tax (LIFT)	Minimum Wage Increase	Pension Accountability	Crowdfunding	Smoke-free Workplaces	Telecomm Modernization	Health Care Solicitation	Road Fund Stabilization	Pension Oversight	Public-Private Partnerships (P3)	Oil & Gas Modernization	Addressing Heroin Epidemic
			CHAMBER POSITION	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
			HB1	HB2	HB62	HB76	HB145	HB152	HB153	HB299	HB306	HB443	SB186	SB192
Rocky Adkins	D-Sandy Hook	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lynn Bechler	R-Marion	75.00%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Linda Belcher	D-Shepherdsville	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Johnny Bell	D-Glasgow	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Benvenuti	R-Lexington	83.33%	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kevin Bratcher	R-Louisville	91.67%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
George Brown	D-Lexington	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Regina Bunch	R-Williamsburg	91.67%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas Burch	D-Louisville	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Denver Butler	D-Louisville	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Carney	R-Campbellsville	91.67%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Larry Clark	D-Louisville	75.00%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hubert Collins	D-Wittensville	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Leslie Combs	D-Pikeville	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tim Couch	R-Hyden	66.67%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Will Coursey	D-Symsonia	75.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ron Crimm	R-Louisville	91.67%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim DeCesare	R-Bowling Green	83.33%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mike Denham	D-Maysville	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bob DeWeese	R-Louisville	100.00%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jeffery Donohue	D-Fairdale	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Myron Dossett	R-Pembroke	83.33%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim DuPlessis	R-Elizabethtown	75.00%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joseph Fischer	R-Ft. Thomas	66.67%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Kelly Flood	D-Lexington	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
David Floyd	R-Bardstow	91.67%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim Glenn	D-Owensboro	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim Gooch	D-Providence	91.67%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Derrick Graham	D-Frankfort	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jeff Greer	D-Brandenburg	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
David Hale	R-Wellington	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mike Harmon	R-Danville	75.00%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chris Harris	D-Forest Hills	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Richard Heath	R-Mayfield	83.33%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jeff Hoover	R-Jamestown	100.00%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dennis Horlander	D-Louisville	75.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cluster Howard	D-Jackson	75.00%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kenny Imes	R-Murray	83.33%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joni Jenkins	D-Shively	75.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
James Kay II	D-Versailles	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dennis Keene	D-Wilder	75.00%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Thomas Kerr	R-Taylor Mill	66.67%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Kim King	R-Harrodsburg	75.00%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Martha King	D-Lewisburg	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adam Koenig	R-Erlanger	91.67%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stan Lee	R-Lexington	75.00%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

HOUSE BILLS CONT'D

LEGISLATOR	DISTRICT	BILL NUMBER SUPPORT %	CHAMBER POSITION												
			Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
			HB1	HB2	HB62	HB76	HB145	HB152	HB153	HB299	HB306	HB443	SB186	SB192	
Brian Linder	R-Dry Ridge	66.67%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Mary Lou Marzian	D-Louisville	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Donna Mayfield	R-Winchester	75.00%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thomas McKee	D-Cynthiana	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
David Meade	R-Stanford	75.00%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Reginald Meeks	D-Louisville	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Michael Lee Meredith	R-Brownsville	83.33%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Russ Meyer	D-Nicholasville	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Suzanne Miles	R-Owensboro	100.00%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Charles Miller	D-Louisville	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jerry Miller	R-Louisville	75.00%	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Terry Mills	D-Lebanon	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Phil Moffett	R-Louisville	58.33%	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Brad Montell	R-Shelbyville	91.67%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tim Moore	R-Elizabethtown	75.00%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Rick Nelson	D-Middlesboro	58.33%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
David Osborne	R-Prospect	91.67%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Sannie Overly	D-Paris	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Darryl Owens	D-Louisville	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ruth Ann Palumbo	D-Lexington	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tanya Pullin	D-South Shore	83.33%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ryan Quarles	R-Georgetown	66.67%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Marie Rader	R-McKee	83.33%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Rick Rand	D-Bedford	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jody Richards	D-Bowling Green	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Steven Riggs	D-Louisville	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tom Riner	D-Louisville	75.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Bart Rowland	R-Tompkinsville	91.67%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Steven Rudy	R-W. Paducah	83.33%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Sal Santoro	R-Florence	58.33%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	X	Yes	
Dean Schamore	D-Hardsinburg	75.00%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jonathan Shell	R-Lancaster	83.33%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
John Short	D-Mallie	75.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Arnold Simpson	D-Covington	58.33%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Kevin Sinnette	D-Ashland	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Rita Smart	D-Richmond	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Diane St. Onge	R-Lakeside Park	66.67%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Fitz Steele	D-Hazard	75.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jim Stewart	R-Flat Lick	75.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Wilson Stone	D-Scottsville	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Greg Stumbo	D-Prestonsburg	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tommy Thompson	D-Owensboro	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
John Tilley	D-Hopkinsville	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
James Tipton	R-Taylorsville	75.00%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Tommy Turner	R-Somerset	58.33%	No	X	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Kenneth Upchurch	R-Monticello	75.00%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
David Watkins	D-Henderson	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Gerald Watkins	D-Paducah	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jim Wayne	D-Louisville	66.67%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Russell Webber	R-Shepherdsville	75.00%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Susan Westrom	D-Lexington	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Addia Wuchner	R-Burlington	66.67%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Brent Yonts	D-Greenville	91.67%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jill York	R-Grayson	58.33%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	



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Rep. Brent Yonts



Rep. Tommy Thompson



Sen. Robert Stivers, Rep. Jeff Hoover and Rep. Greg Stumbo

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