



THE TRUTH REPORT

A Weekly Rundown of Important Activity in Topeka, from a Principled Perspective

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“Do not move the ancient boundary stone set up by your ancestors.” -Proverbs 22:28

Topeka, KS

Week eight was short and sweet, lasting three days. Committees were busy as they reviewed and had hearings on bills passed by the opposite chamber before turn-around. Below we will cover four new bills and one proviso. Next week, we will cover bills that made it passed committee a second time and any changes to the bills themselves.

Leadership has done an excellent job this year promoting a conservative agenda outlined in **A BETTER WAY**. Most of the current debates and energy are focused on what the exact policy looks like on specific issues. An easy example is tax cuts. Last week, the Senate passed SB 169, a flat personal income tax. As mentioned above, the bill is now on the House in the Taxation Committee. The committee and House may agree with the Senate's position or make changes to SB 169 and make their own position. If both chambers agree, the bill will head to the governor. If the positions are different, the chambers will host a conference committee to reach a compromise.

Conservative Offense

Women's Right to Know Act. HB 2439, or the woman's-right-to-know act, requires abortion clinics to inform women undergoing abortions via mifepristone of the possibility of undoing the abortion within a limited time period. The bill would require that abortion clinics, doctors, and the department of health and environment provide information regarding the possibility of abortion reversal, the timing of said reversal, and helpful resources for abortion reversal through signs, written notices, and website publications. If a woman wishes to try and save her baby after taking the first pill in a two-pill abortion series, she should be equipped with the knowledge on how to try.

[HB 2439](#)

Welfare A-BODS. HB 2140 increases the age range of persons who are

required to work in order to receive food assistance from 49 to 59 years old. These independent adults between the ages of 18 and 59 must either work at least 20 hours per week or spend the same amount of time training for and searching for employment through a program. Additionally, these adults must accept reasonable employment and may not voluntarily quit a job that requires at least 30 hours of work per week. Failure to meet these stipulations would result in the removal of aid from the food assistance program for a certain amount of time. This bill builds upon the motto: “He who shall not work shall not eat.” It is entertaining to note that almost all of the lawmakers working in the capital and on this bill are over 59, much less 49.

[HB 2140](#)

ESG. HB 2404, or the Kansas protection of pensions and businesses against ideological interference act, prohibits the state and discourages businesses from participating in ideological boycotts by establishing a system of repercussions for those that do so. Businesses that persist in participating in said boycotts would be liable to eventual divestment by the board of trustees of the Kansas employee's retirement system.

HB 2436, or the Kansas public investments and contracts protection act, provides an alternate means of protecting companies from ideological interference. HB36 prohibits the state and political subdivisions from discriminating based on a company's ideology. Fiduciaries, such as investment managers and contractors, that violate these regulations may be subject to pay damages that add up to three times what they received. The bill also creates the Kansas public employees retirement fund—which cannot be used to support economic development or social purposes—detailing the various purposes and requirements of the fund, and repealing K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-4921.

[HB 2404](#)

[HB 2436](#)

DEI. A proviso was offered in the Senate Ways and Means Committee this week. The proviso would ban state universities from requiring DEI oaths. The proviso was offered after a senator offered many examples of state universities in Kansas requiring applicants to submit diversity, equity, and inclusion oaths with their employment applications.

[Proviso](#)

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