



THE TRUTH REPORT

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

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Quote of the Week

"I think we just need to stick to our knitting on the topics and the subjects the American people care about." -**Sam Brownback**

Topeka, KS-

With the conclusion of the second week, it is surprising that we are over 10% finished with this session. Over 170 bills had been submitted to committees covering a wide variety of subjects. Below, we cover the bills that we think touch the most upon Individual Liberty, Free Enterprise, Traditional Values, and Limited Government. Almost none of these bills have had their hearing, and none have made it past their respective committees. This week's email will primarily be focused on informing you of the topics and bills being discussed. If you are passionate or concerned about any of the following topics, please utilize this information to research the bills and contact your representatives. Lastly, we will cover three major topics in Topeka that currently do not have bills...yet. Have a blessed week, and thank you for the many responses to last week's email.

Bills Introduced into Committee

Flat Tax. HB 2061 aims to reduce personal and corporate income tax—first to a flat rate of 5%, and then gradually to 0%. The bill also covers bank, saving, and loan rates, as well as modifying the amounts of income that can be exempt. Because we believe in lower taxes, tax predictability, and fiscal responsibility, we look forward to seeing how the final version of this bill can contribute to those goals.

[HB 2061](#)

Tax Cuts. Several sales tax carve-outs have been proposed. While we think it is great to lower taxes, it would be better to create an overall more friendly and level tax climate—instead of continuing to exempt certain items or entities.

[SB 29](#)

Social Security and Retirement Plan Taxation. SB 33 and 52 are bills proposed to lower the taxes on social security and certain retirement plan income. Please review them if you are interested in the methods and amounts by which they reduce taxation.

[SB 33](#)

[SB 52](#)

Sterilizing Children. SB 12 is an attempt to prevent children from being mutilated and sterilized in the wake of the transgender movement. Several states are working on legislation similar to this. Oklahoma has proposed banning these irreversible actions till the age of 26 and other states till 18. Kansans care about protecting our children. We look forward to hearing the debate on this topic.

[SB 12](#)

EV Road Tax. HB 2004 would create an excise tax on electric vehicles. Currently, our citizens pay 25 cents per gallon of gasoline toward road and highway maintenance. This bill would create a level playing field in regards to electric vehicles. The green movement has unfairly been subsidized for too long at taxpayers' expense. This bill attempts to resolve the discrepancy between gas/diesel and electric car owners by ensuring that everyone pays for the roads we all use.

[HB 2004](#)

Penalties for Felons with Guns. Kansas is a champion of the 2nd Amendment. Our gun laws are better than Texas. We want to keep up our state's high standard regarding this right. This means keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and in the hands of law-abiding citizens with as little government interference as possible. In line with that principle, we want you to be aware of HB 2031 that would increase the penalties for felons caught illegally obtaining and/or possessing firearms.

[HB 2031](#)

Veteran Issues. HB 2011 would exempt service members from income tax. Currently, our state sees our young men and women changing their residency when they arrive at their first duty station from Kansas to a different state—based solely on the income tax rate of the new state. We want more vets to stay in Kansas. While it might not be the only factor, we want to encourage our sons and daughters to return after their service and attract service members stationed here to stay.

HB 2036 and HB 2039 would lower property taxes and reduce the cost of hunting licenses for disabled veterans respectively.

[HB 2011](#)

[HB 2036](#)

[HB 2039](#)

Social Media Censorship. Senate Bills 1 and 50 work together to seek to address the first amendment right of freedom of speech by creating consequences for social media sites that censor speech that is not legitimately obscene or harassing—such as topics of political expression. Should a social media site include the right to censor non-obscene topics in its terms and services, SB 1 gives citizens the right to complain to the attorney general, who may instate a fine between 500 and 10,000 dollars for each separate instance of unlawful policy. Additionally, service providers may be fined 75,000 dollars or more for each time such policies were enforced. SB 50 elaborates on SB 1, noting that speech that is abjectly pornographic, violent, or harassing may be censored according to the service provider's terms of services. Both bills state that interactive computer services that express that they are publishers in their terms of service are exempt from this rule. We are interested to see these bills better defined and worked in the coming weeks.

[SB 1](#)

[SB 50](#)

Legislator Pay Increase. Senate Bills 10 and 35 offer two different ways to modify the annual stipend for legislators in the state of Kansas.

SB 10 elects to change K.S.A. 46-137a to allow those legislators who opt for higher pay to receive more compensation. During session, these legislators would receive \$88.66 per day for their service, as well as \$157 per day for subsistence allowance. Additionally, legislators would be granted an allowance of \$354.15 every two weeks to cover extra expenses, as well as a stipend for gas mileage. Meanwhile, SB 35 seeks to raise service compensation to \$125 per day served along with a subsistence allowance of \$109 per day, a biweekly allowance of \$554, and a stipend for gas mileage. In order to enact these measures, SB 35 would repeal K.S.A. 46-137a. As the debate around legislative pay continues, we look forward to balancing the principles of limited government with providing legislators with sufficient means to serve the state of Kansas.

[SB 10](#)

[SB 35](#)

Upcoming Topics

Medicaid Expansion. The Truth Caucus is 100% against Medicaid Expansion. We want to help our mentally and/or physically disabled citizens, and we also want to give a hand up to our citizens that fell on rough times. However, we will not support giving handouts or paying able bodied adults to not work.

[Losing Private Insurance](#)

[Medicaid and CHIP Sufficient Coverage](#)

[KS Medicaid Spending](#)

[Mecicaid Myths vs. Facts](#)

Marijuana. Legalizing marijuana in any form has the potential to expand government, limit individual liberty, and destroy traditional values.

ESG. A bill is in the works regarding ESG. With an anticipated decline in the

economy, we want to protect our citizens from outside influences that could prevent them from choosing the wisest investments for their portfolio. Instead, we wish to create an investment environment that provides our citizens with an opportunity to make money in a safe and secure manner.

Thank You! That's it for this week!

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