



Kentucky Chamber
Uniting Business. Advancing Kentucky.

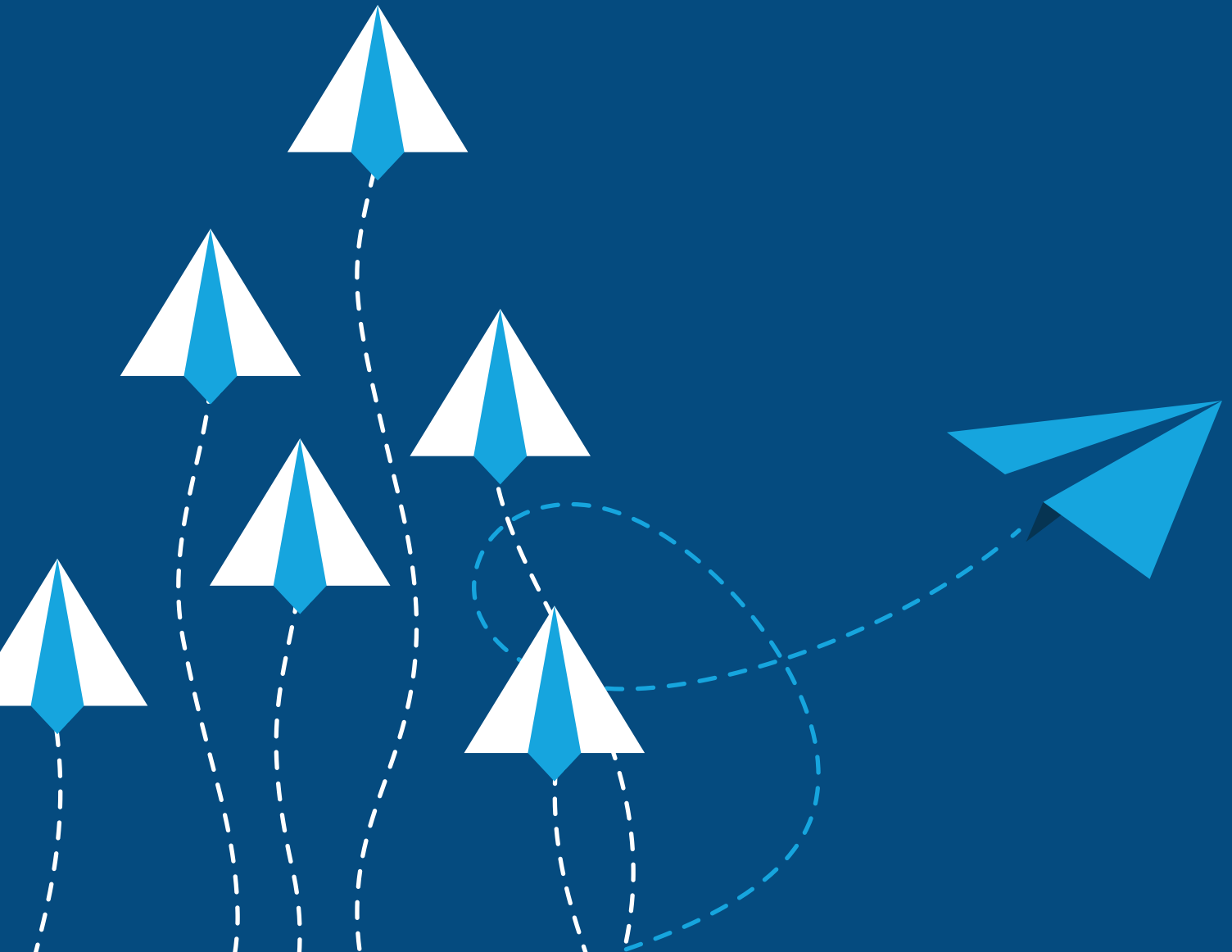
Results for **Business** 2020

What passed. What didn't. And what it means to your bottom line.



With a global pandemic changing
the tone, pace, and priorities,

Work Must Continue





Ashli Watts
PRESIDENT & CEO

Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

The 2020 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly was unlike any we have ever seen. The global pandemic known as the coronavirus entered Kentucky in early March, changing the tone, pace, and priorities of an otherwise ordinary session.

By the time measures were implemented across the state to deal with the spread of the coronavirus, lawmakers had yet to pass significant priority bills, such as the state's two-year budget and road plan. Safety measures were taken to protect legislators, staff, and the public, first removing chairs from the cafeteria and committee rooms to promote social distancing, and eventually closing the Capitol to anyone but legislators and essential staff on March 13.

Work had to continue, however, because lawmakers had a constitutional obligation to pass a responsible budget in 2020. Cutting down even further on the amount of days in the session and people in the building, the House and Senate members came to an agreement on a one-year budget with very limited spending in anticipation of significant lost revenue due to the pandemic. Legislators also passed a COVID-19 relief bill to carry out important policies to help struggling Kentuckians.

While some top priorities of the business community were left on the table in 2020, other important bills saw the finish line.

Producers from in and out of the state can ship alcohol directly to the home of Kentuckians, students in foster care will have their academic needs prioritized, small but important steps were taken in criminal justice reform, and more.

Bigger issues advocated by the Kentucky Chamber including infrastructure investment, sports wagering, and others will be even more critical in 2021, as additional revenue will be desperately needed in the Commonwealth as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to working with lawmakers in the coming months to ensure Kentucky is the best version of itself.

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THE KENTUCKY CHAMBER'S ADVOCACY EFFORTS:

Saving Money for Kentucky Businesses

The Kentucky Chamber's advocacy during the 2020 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly saved Kentucky businesses more than an **estimated \$1 billion a year** (under normal economic conditions). Here's a breakdown of how the Chamber's work generated real savings for the business community.

Legislation

Estimated Annual Savings

*(To the Kentucky Business Community
Under Normal Economic Conditions)*

HB 77

Reenactment of prevailing wage law **rejected**

A 16% reduction in inflated labor costs associated with the prevailing wage law costs would result in total annual savings to government of \$476 million. Since the business community provides 40% of government revenue, the savings to business would be approximately \$190 million per year (40% of \$476 million).

\$190
Million

HB 39 & SB 13

Business mandates **defeated**

HB 39/SB 13 would have more than doubled the minimum wage, from \$7.25/hour to \$15.00/hour, phased in over an eight-year period from 2020 to 2027.

The estimated cost to Kentucky employers of the minimum wage increase under both bills ranges from \$72.9 million in 2020 to \$579.3 million in 2026.

up to **\$579**
Million

HB 416

Increase in corporate tax **defeated**

This legislation would have imposed a wide range of new taxes, including increasing the corporate tax from the current 5% to 7%. In a presentation before the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue, the Office of State Budget Director estimated the 2018 legislation that reduced the corporate tax rate from 6% to 5% had a revenue impact of approximately \$70 million per year. Based on this estimate, increasing the tax by two percentage points would have generated approximately \$140 million per year in additional revenue.

\$140
Million



HB 132, HB 321,
HB 459, SB 114

Discriminatory legislation relating to public/school restrooms, school sports, and medical procedures defeated **defeated**

The Kentucky Chamber opposed the bills as discriminatory noting they would hinder any individual's or organization's desire to do business in Kentucky. In one state that passed similar laws, a study found a negative impact on the state economy of 0.06%. The Kentucky economy was \$208.3 billion in 2018 (most recent year available) and 0.06% of this amount is approximately \$125 million per year.

\$125
Million

SB 56 & HB 351

Legislation to reduce smoking **passed**

The Chamber supported legislation that will reduce smoking and the use of vaping products by Kentuckians. SB 56 prohibits the sale of tobacco or vaping products to persons under the age of 21. Additionally, HB 351 imposes a tax on vaping products. The savings to business as a result of this legislation is indeterminable.

Indeterminate

TOTAL SAVINGS
\$1.034 Billion

Pro-Business Legislative Victories

Many pro-business victories were enacted in the **2020 session of the General Assembly.**

Tobacco 21 SB 56

Updates Kentucky statutes to reflect new federal law banning the sale of tobacco to persons under 21 years of age.

Expungement HB 327

Provides automatic expungement of criminal records after acquittals and dismissals with prejudice.

Postsecondary Transparency HB 419

Requires the Council on Postsecondary Education to compile data on in-demand jobs within the state and to develop delivery methods to ensure access to this information by prospective students.

Interlocal Agreements HB 570

Makes several changes to support interlocal agreements, which can help local governments provide services efficiently and cost effectively.

COVID-19 Response SB 150

Codifies several changes included in the governor's executive orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and provides legal liability protections for health care workers and new manufacturers of personal protective equipment in response to COVID-19, and temporarily relieves certain business requirements that are difficult to meet during COVID-19 closures.

Distillery Production SB 99

Supports the distilling industry by clarifying minimum production standards, gives privileges to a distillery to sell malt beverage products developed through a collaboration with a brewery, removes sunset provision on local option.

Electronic Cigarette Tax HB 351

One-year state revenue plan that includes language taxing pre-filled e-cigarette cartridges, or pods, at the rate of \$1.50 per pod and taxing open e-cigarette system at the rate of 15 percent of the wholesale price.

Critical Infrastructure HB 44

Expands definition of critical infrastructure assets to include gas and petroleum pipelines and affords those assets protections and recovery of damages from criminal mischief.

Alcohol Shipment HB 415

Provides for direct to consumer shipping of alcohol by producers and parity for Kentucky distilleries.

Recovery Through Employment SB 191

Establishes a framework for employers that retain and hire people who are in addiction recovery and provides legal liability protections for those employers that adhere to the framework.

Foster Child Education HB 312

Increases information given to schools about students who are foster children.



Small Business Day at the Capitol

On February 13, more than 70 small business and local chamber professionals attended the third annual Small Business Day at the Capitol. The Chamber holds the event to provide small businesses an opportunity to advocate for important policies.



The day began with legislative leaders speaking on top priorities. Participants also attended the House Small Business and Information Technology Committee chaired by Representative Phil Pratt from Georgetown. Kentucky Chamber Director of Political Affairs Travis Burton, Small Business Policy Council Chair Kaelyn Query, and Kentucky Chamber Executive Committee Small Business Representative Conrad Daniels testified on Chamber priorities.

Participants also met with legislators representing their communities, members of leadership, and committee chairpersons overseeing policies impacting small businesses.

Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis Fund SB 263

Sets the process to refund excess assessments to coal employers.

Employee Break Periods HB 374

Clarifies break periods as they pertain to collective bargaining agreements.

Probation Credits HB 284

Creates education and work credits for individuals on probation.



Meeting with Representative Phil Pratt



Meeting with Senate Majority Leader Damon Thayer



Meeting with Senate Minority Leader Morgan McGarvey



*"It was a pleasure to be welcomed to Frankfort by the Kentucky Chamber for **Small Business Day 2020**. They ensured we had an exciting day that included a chance to advocate for our local businesses. It was a wonderful event for us, and we are already looking forward to next year."*

— Deanna Herrmann

Executive Director,
London-Laurel Chamber of Commerce

Left on the Table

Several measures would have improved the economic climate of Kentucky. Unfortunately, many positive, pro-business measures below were not passed by the **2020 General Assembly**.

Transportation Investment HB 580

Would have increased funding for roads and bridges with a motor fuels tax increase and certain license and registration fee increases, and would have established a multi-modal fund.

Principal Selection SB 7

Would have given superintendents hiring authority of principals and equalized the number of parents and teachers on school councils, making it two each.

FAFSA Requirement HB 87

Would have required completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form as a high school graduation requirement. The bill provides waiver options for meeting the requirement.

Deceptive Advertising SB 178/HB 481

Would have curbed deceptive advertising practices by attorneys regarding medication and equipment to ensure patient protection and promote transparency.

Sports Wagering HB 137

Would have enabled Kentuckians to place bets on sporting events, while protecting signature industries and generating tax dollars.

Caps on Damages SB 51

Would have allowed voters to consider amending the Constitution of Kentucky to allow the General Assembly to limit the amount of damages and to create uniform statutes of limitation. Legislation would have addressed excessive litigation by personal injury lawyers that prey on Kentucky's employers.

Vaping Regulations HB 69

Would have placed regulations on the sale of flavored vaping products, making it more difficult for youth to purchase.

Felony Theft Threshold HB 424

Would have increased the felony theft threshold thereby reducing the number of people with felony convictions which can be an impediment to employment.

Underground Utilities SB 228/SB 265

Would have set up a system for proactive communication between excavators and utilities to better plan for marking underground facilities.

Early Childhood Taskforce HCR 52

Would have established the Kentucky Preschool Program Task Force to study preschool programs.

Juvenile Justice SB 87

Would have returned discretion to local prosecutors and local judges in local communities, instead of creating automatic transfers of minors in certain cases from district to circuit court.

Board of Education SB 10

Would have helped remove politics from the Kentucky's State Board of Education. The bill required the state board of education to have similar appointment requirements as the state's university boards and would have prevented governors from changing the board following an election.

Early Literacy

SB 214/HB 488

Would have expanded evidence-based reading intervention supports to help ensure grade-level literacy before a student reaches fourth grade.

Communications Network Investment

HB 553

Would have incentivized investment in communication networks to make Kentucky more competitive with other states.

KEES Eligibility For Felons

HB 368

Would have removed the requirement that an eligible high school student and eligible postsecondary student not be a convicted felon for KEES eligibility.

Phantom Damages

SB 100

Would have brought fairness to the calculation of damages in general liability and medical malpractice litigation which would have reduced liability and health care costs.



Better Roads = Better Jobs Infrastructure Rally

The Kentucky Infrastructure Coalition comprising more than 50 members and led by the Kentucky Chamber hosted a rally on March 10 in the Capitol Rotunda. More than 250 people attended from across Kentucky to show their support for increasing funding for infrastructure investment and passage of House Bill 580 sponsored by Rep. Sal Santoro.

Kentucky Chamber Chairman Nick Rowe led the rally and was joined by city, county, and The Road Information Program officials at the podium. Senator Ernie Harris also attended the rally and spoke in support of better funding.

The rally provided supporters an opportunity to talk about the importance of infrastructure for economic growth. Using the theme **Better Roads = Better Jobs**, participants filled the Capitol Rotunda with signage and loud cheers for supporting better transportation infrastructure.



Kentucky Chamber Chairman Nick Rowe, Kentucky American Water, and Executive Committee member Spencer Coates, Houchens Industries

"I am proud the Chamber led the effort to invest in Kentucky's infrastructure, which is critical for economic growth. Though ultimately unsuccessful, the Chamber will continue to fight for better infrastructure in the Commonwealth and build strong coalitions to move our state forward. It is absolutely critical for us to fully fund infrastructure to keep our state moving ahead."

— **Spencer Coates**

President, Houchens Industries

2020 Legislative Voting Record House

LEGISLATOR	DISTRICT	SUPPORT%	FAFSA REQUIREMENT HB 87	PROBATION CREDITS HB 284	FOSTER CHILD EDUCATION HB 312	EXPUNGEMENT HB 327	ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE TAX HB 351	EMPLOYEE BREAK PERIODS HB 374	ALCOHOL SHIPMENT HB 415	FELONY THEFT THRESHOLD HB 424
Banta, Kim	R-Ft. Mitchell		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bechler, Lynn	R-Marion		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Bentley, Danny	R-Russell		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Blanton, John	R-Salyersville		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Bojanowski, Tina	D-Louisville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Booker, Charles	D-Louisville		E	E	Yes	E	No	Yes	E	Yes
Bowling, Adam	R-Middlesboro		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Branham Clark, Terri	D-Catlettsburg		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Bratcher, Kevin D.	R-Louisville		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Brenda, R. Travis	R-Cartersville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Bridges, Randy	R-Paducah		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brown Jr., George	D-Lexington		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Burch, Tom	D-Louisville		Yes	Yes	Yes	E	E	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cantrell, McKenzie	D-Louisville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Carney, John Bam	R-Campbellsville		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Donohue, Jeffery	D-Fairdale		E	E	Yes	E	No	Yes	E	No
Dossett, Myron	R-Pembroke		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
DuPlessis, Jim	R-Elizabethtown		Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes
Elkins, Larry	R-Murray		E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Elliott, Daniel	R-Danville		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fischer, Joseph M.	R-Fort Thomas		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flood, Kelly	D-Lexington		E	E	Yes	E	No	Yes	E	Yes
Frazier, Deanna	R-Richmond		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Freeland, Chris	R-Benton		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Fugate, Chris	R-Chavies		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Gentry, Alan	D-Louisville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Glenn, Jim	D- Owensboro		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Goforth, Robert	R-East Bernstadt		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Gooch Jr., Jim	R-Providence		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Graham, Derrick	D-Frankfort		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Graviss, Joe	D-Versailles		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hale, David	R-Wellington		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Harris, Chris	D-Forest Hills		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Hart, Mark	R-Falmouth		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hatton, Angie	D-Whitesburg		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes
Heath, Richard	R-Mayfield		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Heavrin, Samara	R-Leitchfield		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hinkle, Kathy	D-Louisa		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Hoover, Jeff	R-Jamestown		E	E	Yes	E	E	Yes	E	E
Howard, Cluster	D-Jackson		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Huff, Regina	R-Williamsburg		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Huff, Thomas	R-Shepherdsville		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	E
Jenkins, Joni L.	D-Shively		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
King, Kim	R-Harrodsburg		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Koch, Matthew	R-Paris		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Koenig, Adam	R-Erlanger		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kulkarni, Nima	D-Louisville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lee, Stan	R-Lexington		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Lewis, Derek	R-London		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Lewis, Scott	R-Hartford		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

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Maddox, Savannah	R-Dry Ridge		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marzian, Mary Lou	D-Louisville		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	Yes
Massey, C. Ed	R-Hebron		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McCool, Bobby	R-Van Lear		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McCoy, Chad	R-Bardstown		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meade, David	R-Stanford		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meeks, Reginald	D-Louisville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meredith, Michael	R-Oakland		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Meyer, Russ A.	D-Nicholasville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Miles, Suzanne	R-Owensboro		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Miller, Charles	D-Louisville		E	E	Yes	E	E	Yes	E	Yes
Miller, Jerry T.	R-Louisville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minter, Patti	D-Bowling Green		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Moser, Kimberly Poore	R-Taylor Mill		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nemes, Jason	R-Louisville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Osborne, David	R-Prospect		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Palumbo, Ruth Ann	D-Lexington		E	E	Yes	E	E	Yes	E	E
Petrie, Jason	R-Elkton		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Pratt, Phillip	R-Georgetown		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	E
Prunty, Melinda Gibbons	R-Belton		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rand, Rick	D-Bedford		E	E	Yes	E	No	E	No	Yes
Raymond, Josie	D-Louisville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reed, Brandon	R-Hodgenville		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Riley, Steve	R-Glasgow		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Roberts, Rachel*	D-Newport		No	Yes	X	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rothenburger, Rob	R-Shelbyville		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rowland, Bart	R-Tompkinsville		E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rudy, Steven	R-Paducah		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Santoro, Sal	R-Florence		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Schamore, Dean	D-Hardinsburg		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Scott, Attica	D-Louisville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Sheldon, Steve	R-Bowling Green		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sims Jr., John	D-Flemingsburg		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Sorolis, Maria	D-Louisville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stevenson, Cherlynn	D-Lexington		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Stewart III, Jim	R-Flat Lick		E	E	Yes	E	E	Yes	E	No
Stone, Wilson	D-Scottsville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	E	Yes
Tackett Laferty, Ashley	D-Martin		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Tate, Nancy	R-Brandenburg		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas, Walker	R-Hopkinsville		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tipton, James	R-Taylorsville		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turner, Tommy	R-Somerset		E	E	Yes	E	E	Yes	E	No
Upchurch, Kenneth	R-Monticello		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Webber, Russell	R-Shepherdsville		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Westrom, Susan	D-Lexington		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wheatley, Buddy	D-Covington		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
White, Richard*	R-Morehead		No	Yes	X	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wiederstein, Robert	D-Henderson		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Willner, Lisa	D-Louisville		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yates, Les	R-Winchester		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Kentucky Chamber Vice President of Public Affairs Kate Shanks, Senator Matt Castlen (R-Maceo) and Greater Louisville Inc Vice President of Government Affairs and Public Policy Iris Wilbur Glick testify on **Senate Bill 178**, recovery through employment legislation



TOBACCO 21 SB 56	DISTILLERY PRODUCTION SB 99	COVID-19 RESPONSE SB 150	RECOVERY THROUGH EMPLOYMENT SB 191
Yes	Yes	Yes	No
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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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No	Yes	Yes	Yes



Rep. Adam Koenig (R-Erlanger) championed **House Bill 415**, legislation allowing direct shipment of alcohol to Kentuckians. He also sponsored **House Bill 137**, that would have allowed sports wagering in Kentucky



Kentucky Community and Technical College President Jay Box, Kentucky Chamber Director of Political Affairs Travis Burton, Rep. Regina Huff (R-Williamsburg), and Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities President OJ Oleka testify on **House Bill 87**, legislation that would have required high schoolers to complete the FAFSA application before graduation

Boone County Judge Executive Gary Moore, Jeffersontown Mayor Bill Dieruf, president of KLC, LaRue County Judge Executive Tommy Turner, and Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Ashli Watts testify on the **importance of increasing transportation funding in Kentucky**



"HB 415 was a complex issue that the Kentucky Chamber distilled down into a simple message: What is good for Kentucky Bourbon is good for Kentucky's economy. They went to bat for one of the state's signature industries and helped to deliver a home run for Kentucky's future."

— Les Fugate
 Director of State and Local Government Relations,
 Brown-Forman

2020 Legislative Voting Record Senate

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			HB 284	HB 312	HB 327	HB 351	HB 374	HB 415	SB 7	SB 56
Adams, Julie Raque	R-Louisville		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alvarado, Ralph	R-Winchester		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Buford, Tom	R-Nicholasville		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Carpenter, Jared	R-Berea		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Carroll, Danny	R-Paducah		No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carroll, Julian M.	D-Frankfort		E	E	E	E	E	E	No	Yes
Castlen, Matt	R-Maceo		E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	No
Clark, Perry B.	D-Louisville		E	E	E	E	E	E	No	No
Embry Jr., C.B.	R-Morgantown		E	E	E	E	E	No	No	Yes
Girdler, Rick	R-Somerset		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Givens, David P.	R-Greensburg		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Harper Angel, Denise	D-Louisville		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Harris, Ernie	R-Crestwood		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Higdon, Jimmy	R-Lebanon		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hornback, Paul	R-Shelbyville		No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Humphries, Stan	R-Cadiz		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Kerr, Alice Forgy	R-Lexington		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McDaniel, Christian	R-Latonia		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McGarvey, Morgan	D-Louisville		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Meredith, Stephen	R-Leitchfield		No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Mills, Robby	R-Henderson		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Neal, Gerald A.	D-Louisville		Yes	Yes	E	No	E	Yes	E	Yes
Nemes, Mike	R-Shepherdsville		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parrett, Dennis	D-Elizabethtown		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Robinson, Albert	R-London		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Schickel, John	R-Union		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Schroder, Wil	R-Wilder		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Smith, Brandon	R-Hazard		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Stivers II, Robert	R-Manchester		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thayer, Damon	R-Georgetown		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Thomas, Reginald	D-Lexington		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	E	No	Yes
Turner, Johnny Ray	D-Prestonsburg		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Webb, Robin L.	D-Grayson		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
West, Stephen	R-Paris		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Westerfield, Whitney	R-Hopkinsville		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Wheeler, Phillip	R-Pikeville		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Wilson, Mike	R-Bowling Green		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Wise, Max	R-Campbellsville		No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

OVERALL PERCENTAGE WAS NOT CALCULATED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CAUSING MANY ABSENCES



Senator Ralph Alvarado (R-Winchester) testifies along with representatives from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky on **Senate Bill 56**, raising the legal age to buy tobacco to 21



FAFSA REQUIREMENT SB 87	DISTILLERY PRODUCTION SB 99	COVID-19 RESPONSE SB 150	DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING SB 178	RECOVERY THROUGH EMPLOYMENT SB 191
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Senate President Robert Stivers (R-Manchester) speaks on passage of the one-year executive branch budget

*"The General Assembly faced an urgent and unprecedented need to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic with legislation to prepare Kentucky to fight the disease and to recover from it. I truly appreciate the Chamber's timely response to our call for assistance to move **SB 150** through the process. Knowing we will have more to do, we will continue to work with the Ky. Chamber to assist businesses recovering from this crisis."*

— Senator Robert Stivers II
Senate President



HJI Supply Chain Solutions President Conrad Dainels, Lexington Event Company Founder Kaelyn Query, Greater Louisville Inc Vice President of Government Affairs and Public Policy Iris Wilbur Glick, and Kentucky Chamber Director of Political Affairs Travis Burton testify on many issues important to Kentucky small businesses

Looking Ahead: Great Challenges, Opportunities Ahead

Passage of a one-year budget, a first for the General Assembly, and a road plan overprogrammed by 119 percent ended the 2020 legislative session in a cloud of uncertainty. With several bills that could have supported key industries left on the table as a result of an abbreviated session, lawmakers will face a grueling schedule for 2021.

Perhaps the greatest challenge facing the 2021 General Assembly will be piecing together the budget for the second year of the biennium. In a short session in odd-numbered years, legislators are typically freed from the task of budgeting and setting revenue measures, but not in 2021.

Further complicating the task, the state road plan will also need an appropriation. The pandemic will decimate the road fund leaving critical state, city, and county transportation projects on hold indefinitely. For the third year, the legislature adjourned without ensuring desperately-needed increased transportation funding.

Facing declining revenues, the legislature froze pension contributions for state agencies, participating universities, quasi-governmental organizations. But the pressure will mount from credit bureaus and advocates calling for the General Assembly to face Kentucky's most pressing fiscal challenge head-on.

While early discussions shed hope for salary increases for many school and state employees, those were put on hold in the face of great economic uncertainty. Per pupil education funding was also held flat, another area that legislators hoped to add to at the start of the session. While lawmakers will want to revisit those priorities, there ultimately will be competing needs and tough decisions.

The Chamber will continue discussions with legislators over the interim and come to the table with recommendations on behalf of businesses to charge the recovery that will hopefully be underway by the time the 2021 General Assembly convenes. Considerations for tax relief, workforce retraining and placement, protections from costly and job-killing legal challenges, infrastructure investment, criminal justice reforms, and economic development will be at the top of the list.

The Chamber will call on the General Assembly, including its new members elected during the 2020 cycle, to pursue policies that strengthen Kentucky's business climate and further assist businesses recovering from COVID-19.

With each great challenge comes great opportunities for growth, and in the face of one of the greatest economic challenges the world has seen in a century, the Chamber urges the Kentucky General Assembly to focus on job-creating policies for the future. Now more than ever, the business community and lawmakers in the Commonwealth must come together to give Kentuckians the opportunity to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic better than before.

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As the state's premier business advocate, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce is a recognized and respected voice at the state Capitol. With thousands of members representing every major industry sector, the Chamber's diverse business policy initiatives converge upon one goal: a healthy, vibrant Kentucky economy. Ensuring that business has a voice in the legislative process, we are working with local business leaders to identify critical trends. As part of its advocacy mission, the Kentucky Chamber has developed six public policy councils composed of business leaders from around the state, each of which is responsible for developing legislative positions and priorities for their respective policy areas.

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“ True leadership is proven in times of adversity. The 2020 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly proved to be unlike any other session in history. As the Chair of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, I am proud of our work during this unprecedented time. We have served on the front lines, protecting business by passing pro-growth legislation and working directly with the Governor and legislative leaders to set us up for economic recovery. At times like this, uniting the business community has never been more critical.

“I am very confident and appreciative of our CEO, Ashli Watts, and how she has been able to strengthen our relationships with local chambers and work with the Governor’s office, the House, and the Senate for the betterment of businesses in the Commonwealth.”

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