



Bill Report 04 May 2023

The 2023 Legislative Session came to a close at 10:30 pm on Friday, April 28. In the final days of the legislature overrode eight of Governor Kelly's 15 vetoes.

Vaccinations

Bill number progression: SB6 ⇒ HB2390 ⇒ HB2285

- After HB2390 failed on the floor of the Senate the Health Conference Committee met to once again try to pass the provisions included in the original SB6 bill. They put the contents into HB2285 and passed it out of committee with an Agree to Disagree Report. HB2285 then passed on the floor of the House; [Yea: 63 Nay: 56](#) and Senate; [Yea: 22 Nay: 18](#) and will be sent to Governor Kelly.

Kansas Reflector article: <https://kansasreflector.com/2023/04/29/legislature-narrowly-approves-bill-stripping-authority-from-state-local-public-health-officials/>

DEI

- Governor Kelly used her line-item veto power to veto both sections of the Kansas budget prohibiting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) measures.
- HB2184 Section 15 B would forbid the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board from including incentives or requirements based on DEI training as a condition of licensure. Governor Kelly's veto was sustained in the House with a vote of [Yea: 82 Nay: 42](#)
- HB2184 Section 115 H post-secondary institutions from requiring applicants or employees to endorse or oppose DEI statements. The override attempt also failed in the House [Yea: 79 Nay: 45](#).

Food/Income Tax

- Governor Kelly's veto of [SB169](#) which imposed a flat tax rate of 5.15% failed to receive the votes needed for an override in the Senate on Wednesday; [Yea: 26 Nay: 14](#). On Thursday Sen. McGinn, having voted on the prevailing side, motioned to reconsider the bill. Upon hearing this Sen. Olson then changed his vote and the override attempt failed once again; [Yea: 25 Nay: 14](#).

Kansas Reflector article: <https://kansasreflector.com/2023/04/28/kansas-senates-attempt-to-override-gov-kelly-on-tax-reduction-bill-falls-short-again/>

- At the time that Governor Kelly vetoed SB169 she proposed an alternative measure to issue Kansas taxpayers a rebate of \$450 per taxpayer. A bill, [SB326](#), was introduced but did not receive a hearing in committee.

Kansas Reflector article: <https://kansasreflector.com/2023/04/24/kansas-governor-vetoes-flat-tax-plan-proposes-one-time-800m-rebate/>

Elections

- [SB209](#), removing the 3-day grace period for mail-in ballots to be counted was vetoed by Governor Kelly. It failed an override attempt in the Senate; [Yea: 25 Nay: 15](#).
- [SB221](#), a bill requiring write-in candidates to submit an affidavit confirming their interest in the office prior to the election was expanded during conference committee to include language making the SOS responsible for assisting and advising County Election Officers, changed the county threshold for local County Clerks from 125,000 to 100,000 (Douglas) with some requirements, and removed the ability to use ballot images for recount. The bill was signed by Governor Kelly.

WIBW news article: <https://www.wibw.com/2023/04/30/legislature-fails-override-govs-veto-change-mail-in-voting-deadline/>

Housing

- [SB34](#) and [SB37](#) were placed into [SB17](#). These bills were originally touted as an urban housing incentive program but opponents argue that it is actually an urban housing program and changed the name. The conference committee adjusted the size of an eligible county from 80,000 to 85,000; added a tool to allow banks a sellable tax credit, allows out of state insurance companies to participate, included an RHID piece and added existing lots to the eligibility requirements. This bill was signed by Governor Kelly.