

## **The 802 United's Mission Statement:**

The 802 United values the people and opportunities available in Kansas. We strive to make our state a welcoming environment for all humans, utilizing principles that put community and purposeful kindness ahead of ideological extremism.

### Methods and Processes:

- We will focus on issues and topics, never candidates or political parties
- We will transform ideas into action in our communities
- We will utilize community outreach and education using the "3 V method": Voices/ Volunteering/ Voting

This document was produced to help you become more knowledgeable about the legislators in your area, and the bills they supported during the 2023 legislative session.

Bills identified in this document align with core areas of The 802 United.

- Public education is the key to an educated public.
- Equal access to healthcare is vital to healthy communities.
- We will end gun violence.
- Love is love, and all pronouns will be respected.
- All voices deserve to be heard.

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The Kansas House of Representatives  
2023-2024  
Douglas County



## Kansas House of Representatives Douglas County Legislators

**Legislator:** Christina Haswood  
**House District:** 10  
**Hometown:** Lawrence  
**Occupation:** Public Health Worker  
**Committees:** Federal and State Affairs  
Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations  
Special Committee on Intellectual and Developmental  
Disability Waiver  
Taxation  
Health and Human Services  
Special Committee on Medical Marijuana

### **Bills Sponsored:**

HB2162-Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products.  
HB2244-Providing a permanent exemption for postsecondary educational institutions from the Public buildings requirements under the personal and family protection act.  
HB2245-Crreating the gun violence restraining order act to authorize the issuance of protective orders prohibiting the acquisition and possession of firearms by certain individuals.  
HB 2327-Discontinuing property tax exemption for new qualifying pipeline property that experiences a spill or leak and providing for recoupment of certain property taxes.  
HB2341-Declaring Juneteenth National Independence Day to be a legal public holiday and closing state offices for certain legal public holidays.



## Haswood Continued

HB2348-Restoring local government control over wages, compensation and benefits for construction projects.

HB2363-Releasing any person convicted of a drug offense involving marijuana from such person's sentence and providing for the expungement of any associated records.

HB2364-Increasing the extent of property tax exemption from the statewide school levy for residential property to \$65,000 of such property's appraised valuation.

HB2365-Terminating the KPERS 3 cash balance plan and transferring the members of such plan to the KPERS 2 plan.

HB2366-Providing for transfers to the local ad valorem tax reduction fund.

HB2368-Enacting the making work pay act to increase the Kansas minimum wage.

HB2369-Enacting the Kansas Indian child welfare act.

HB2374-Changing the legal public holiday of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day.

HB2479-Permitting the direct sales of vehicles by certain vehicle manufacturers and distributors.



## Kansas House of Representatives Douglas County Legislators

**Legislator:** Lance Neelly  
**House District:** 42  
**Hometown:** Tonganoxie  
**Occupation:** Security Supervisor  
**Committees:** Transportation  
Judiciary  
Financial Institutions and Pensions  
Special Committee on Restricted Driving Privileges

### **Bills Sponsored:**

HB2008-Providing membership in the KP&F retirement system for certain security officers of the department of corrections and allowing certain service credit purchases of previous KPERS KPERS security officer service for purposes of the KP&F retirement benefits.

HB2011-Providing a Kansas Income tax subtraction modification for certain amounts received as Compensation for members of the armed forces.

HB2036-Creating a property tax exemption for retired and disabled veterans.

HB2065-Allowing a court to change a spouse's name to a name that is different than a maiden or former name during a divorce proceeding.

HB2150-Repealing the zoning and planning authority for cities in the three-mile area extending from the city boundaries.

HB2254- Amending the definition of land devoted to agriculture use for property tax purposes to include properties used as part of registered agritourism activities.

HB2313-Creating the born-alive infants protection act to provide legal protections for infants who are born alive regardless of the intent of the delivery.



## Kansas House of Representatives Douglas County Legislators

**Legislator:** Barbara Ballard  
**House District:** 44  
**Hometown:** Lawrence  
**Occupation:** Unknown  
**Committees:** Transportation  
Social Services Budget  
Bob Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community  
Based Services and KanCare Oversight  
Special Committee on Intellectual and Developmental  
Disability Waiver  
Special Committee on Mental Health  
Special Committee on Kansas Mental Health Modernization and  
Reform  
Appropriations  
Special Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disability  
Waiver Modernization  
Interstate Cooperation



### Bills Sponsored:

- HB-2027-Creating a procedure to prevent distribution of a decedent's assets to a person charged with the felonious killing of the decedent until criminal proceedings are completed.
- HB2162-Providing a sales tax exemption for hygiene products.
- HB2244-Providing a permanent exemption for postsecondary educational institutions from the public buildings requirements under the personal and family protection act.
- HB2245-Creating the gun violence restraining order act to authorize the issuance of protective orders prohibiting the acquisition and possession of firearms by certain individuals.

HB2363 - Releasing any person convicted of a drug offense involving marijuana from such person's sentence and providing for the expungement of any associated records.

HB2364 - Increasing the extent of property tax exemption from the statewide school levy for residential property to \$65,000 of such property's appraised valuation.



## Ballard Continued

HB2241-Declaring Juneteenth National Independence Day to be a legal public holiday and closing state offices for certain legal public holidays.

HB2348-Restoring local government control over wages, compensation and benefits for construction projects.

HB2349-Abolishing the death penalty and creating the crime of aggravated murder.

HB2363-Releasing any person convicted of a drug offense involving marijuana from such person's sentence and providing for the expungement of any as associated records.



## Kansas House of Representatives Douglas County Legislators

**Legislator:** Mike Amyx  
**House District:** 45  
**Hometown:** Lawrence  
**Occupation:** Barber  
**Committees:** General Government Budget  
Higher Education Budget  
Special Committee on Taxation  
Special Committee on Kansas Emergency Management Act  
Water  
Local Government  
Special Committee on Taxation

### **Bills Sponsored:**

HB2162-Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products.

HB2244-Providing a permanent exemption for postsecondary educational institutions from the public buildings requirement under the personal and family protection act.

HB2245-Creating the gun violence restraining order act to authorize the issuance of protective orders prohibiting the acquisition and possession of firearms by certain individuals.

HB2327-Discounting property tax exemption for new qualifying pipeline property that experiences a spill or leak and providing for recoupment of certain property taxes.

HB2341-Declaring Juneteenth National Independence Day to be a legal public holiday and closing state offices for certain legal public holidays.

HB2348-Restoring local government control over wages, compensation and benefits for construction projects.

HB2349-Abolishing the death penalty and creating the crime of aggravated murder.

HB2363-Releasing any person convicted of a drug offense involving marijuana from such person's sentence and providing for the expungement of any associated records.





## Amyx Continued

HB2364-Increasing the extent of property tax exemption from the statewide school levy for residential property to \$65,000 of such property's appraised valuation.

HB2365-Terminating the KPERS 3 cash balance plan and transferring the members of such plan to the KPERS 2 plan.

HB2366-Providing for transfers to the local ad valorem tax reduction fund.



## Kansas House of Representatives Douglas County Legislators

**Legislator:** Dennis “Boo” Highberger  
**House District:** 44  
**Hometown:** Lawrence  
**Occupation:** Attorney  
**Committees:** Rules and Journal  
Russell Jennings Joint Committee on Corrections and  
Juvenile Justice Oversight  
Corrections and Juvenile Justice  
Judiciary  
Federal and State Affairs  
Special Committee on Foreign Adversary Investments and  
Land Purchases  
Special Committee on Medical Marijuana



### **Bills Sponsored:**

- HB2010-Updating a statutory cross reference to provide proper jury instructions in cases when a defendant lacks the required mental state to commit a crime.
- HB2065-Allowing a court to change a spouse's name to a name that is different than a maiden or former name during a divorce proceeding.
- HB2091-Requiring the secretary of agriculture to establish a division of sustainable agriculture that shall apply for federal grant funds under the greenhouse gas reduction fund to assist farmers in converting to renewable energy and sustainable agriculture practices.
- HB2162-Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products.
- HB2244-Providing a permanent exemption for postsecondary educational institutions from the public buildings requirements under the personal and family protection act.
- HB 2245- Creating the gun violence restraining order act to authorize the issuance of protective orders prohibiting the acquisition and possession of firearms by certain individuals.



## Highberger Continued

HB2341-Declaring Juneteenth National Independence Day to be a legal public holiday and closing state offices for certain legal public holidays.

HB2348-Restoring local government control over wages, compensation and benefits for construction projects.

HB2349-Abolishing the death penalty and creating the crime of aggravated murder.

HB2363-Releasing any person convicted of a drug offense involving marijuana from such person's sentence and providing for the expungement of any associated records.

HB2364-Increasing the extent of property tax exemption from the statewide school levy for residential property to \$65,000 of such property's appraised valuation.

HB2365-Terminating the KPERS 3 cash balance plan and transferring the members of such plan to the KPERS 2 plan.

HB2366-Providing for transfers of the local ad valorem tax reeducation fund.

HB2374-Changing the legal public holiday of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day.



## Kansas House of Representatives Douglas County Legislators

**Legislator:** Ken Corbet  
**House District:** 54  
**Hometown:** Topeka  
**Occupation:** Business Owner  
**Committees:** Appropriations  
Taxation

### **Bills Sponsored:**

HB2092-Reapportioning the districts of certain members of the Washburn University board of regents who are appointed by the city of Topeka.

HB2150-Repealing the zoning and planning authority for cities in the three-mile area extending from the city boundaries.

HB2256-Decreasing the state rate for sales and use taxes for sales of food, food ingredients and prepared food and modifying the percent credited to the state highway fund from revenue collected.



The Kansas Senate  
2023-2024  
Douglas County



## Kansas State Senate Douglas County Senators

**Legislator:** Marci Francisco  
**House District:** 2  
**Hometown:** Lawrence  
**Occupation:** Facilities Management  
**Committees:** Utilities  
Joint Committee on State Building Construction  
Local Government  
Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Special Committee on Energy and Utilities  
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations  
Special Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations  
Special Committee on the 30X30 Federal Initiative  
Special Committee on Kansas Emergency Management  
Transparency and Ethics

### **Bills Sponsored:**

SB71-Requiring the secretary of agriculture to establish a division of sustainable agriculture that shall apply for federal grant funds under the greenhouse gas reduction fund to assist farmers in converting to renewable energy and sustainable agriculture practices.

SB140-Allowing cities, counties or other local units of government to raise the minimum wage by ordinance, resolution or law.

SB171-Creating the veterans first medical cannabis act to regulate the cultivation, distribution, sale, possession and use of medical cannabis.

SB206-Enacting the medical autonomy/accessibility and truth act to remove certain provisions regarding abortion from the no taxpayer funding for abortion act, the women's-right to know act and the pain-capable unborn child act to allow for insurance coverage for abortions, provide tax benefits for abortion related services and remove inaccurate statements regarding the risks of abortion.

SB211-Abolishing the death penalty and creating the crime of aggravated murder.



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SB213-Requiring healthcare providers to charge the same amount for medical record requests related to a patient’s social security disability, workers’ compensation, medical malpractice or personal injury claims whether requested by a patient or the patient’s legal representative.



## Kansas State Senate Douglas County Senators

**Legislator:** Tom Holland  
**House District:** 3  
**Hometown:** Baldwin City  
**Occupation:** IT Consultant  
**Committees:** Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations  
Interstate Cooperation  
Commerce  
Assessment and Taxation  
Joint Committee on

### **Bills Sponsored:**

- SB87-Requiring a duly ordained minister of religion to report certain abuse and neglect of children.
- SB140-Allowing cities, counties, or other local units of government to raise the minimum wage by ordinance, resolution or law.
- SB 141-Requiring the attorney general to carry out certain duties related to investigating sexual abuse committed by a minister of religion.
- SB171-Creating the veterans first medical cannabis act to regulate the cultivation, distribution, sale, possession and use of medical cannabis.
- SB199-Authorizing the state banking board to deny, suspend or revoke a charter of fiduciary Financial institutions to purchase a surety bond an establishing a civil money penalty for Violations of the technology-enabled fiduciary financial institutions act.
- SB200-Limiting the number of terms a legislator may serve as speaker of the house of representatives or president of the senate.
- SB206-Enacting the medical autonomy/accessibility and truth act to remove certain provisions regarding abortion from the no taxpayer funding for abortion act, the women's-right-to-know act and the pain-capable unborn child act to allow for insurance coverage for abortions, provide tax benefits for abortion-related services and remove inaccurate statements regarding the risks of abortion.





## Kansas State Senate Douglas County Senators

**Legislator:** Rick Kloos  
**House District:** 19  
**Hometown:** Berryton  
**Occupation:** Director of God's Storehouse  
**Committees:** Transportation  
Federal and State Affairs  
Special Committee on Foreign Adversary Investments  
Special Committee on Elections  
Special Committee on Taxation  
Special Committee on Homelessness  
Joint Committee on Kansas Security  
Joint Committee on Information Technology  
Special Committee on Liquor Modernization  
Utilities  
Interstate Cooperation  
Financial Institutions and Insurance  
Special Committee on State Employee and Board  
Member Compensation  
Special Committee on Medical Marijuana



### **Bills Sponsored:**

SB58-Providing a sales tax exemption for certain purchasers by disabled veterans.  
SB108-Prohibiting motorcycle profiling by law enforcement agencies.

