

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 Senate
2023-2024
Reno County



Kansas State Senate Reno County Senators

Legislator: Mark Steffen
Senate District: 34
Hometown: Hutchinson
Occupation: Physician
Committees: Special Committee on Mental Health
Robert G. (B0b) Bethell Joint Committee on Home
And Community Based Services and KanCan Oversight
Special Committee on Taxation
Transparency and Ethics
Local Government
Judiciary
Public Health and Welfare



Bills Sponsored:

SB1 - Prohibiting internet social media terms of service that permit censorship of speech and making violations subject to civil fines under the Kansas consumer protection act.

SB5 - Prohibiting the prescribing of drugs intended to cause an abortion using telemedicine and restricting the governor's power during a state of emergency to alter such prohibitions.

SB6 - Restricting the authority of the secretary of health and environment and local health officers to prevent the introduction and spread of infectious or contagious diseases; repealing the authority of the secretary to quarantine individuals and impose associated penalties.

SB9 - Adding tianeptine to schedule I of the uniform controlled substances act.

SB12 - Enacting the Kansas child mutilation prevention act to criminalize performing gender reassignment surgery or prescription of hormone replacement therapy on certain persons and providing grounds for unprofessional conduct for healing arts licensees.

SB20 - Requiring child care facilities, elementary, secondary, postsecondary educational institutions and employers to grant exemptions from vaccine requirements without inquiring into the sincerity of the request and repealing the meningitis vaccine requirement to live in student housing.

SB50 - Prohibiting internet social media terms of service that permit censorship of speech.



SB7 - Reducing income tax rates for resident individuals domiciled in a rural equity decline county.

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SB8 - Reducing penalties for the late filing of and the failure to file personal property renditions and the discovery of escaped personal property, requiring filing only an initial statement with county appraiser for personal property, decreasing the penalties for failing to timely remit withholding income taxes of employees by employers, extending reimbursement from the taxpayer notification costs fund for printing and postage costs for county clerks for calendar year 2024, modifying and prescribing the contents of the revenue neutral rate public hearing notice, providing two prior years' values on the annual valuation notice, allowing for filing of an appraisal by a certified residential real property appraiser for appeal purposes, discontinuing the prohibition of paying taxes under protest after a valuation notice appeal, accounting for adverse influences in the valuation of agricultural land, including properties used for registered agritourism activities as land devoted to agricultural use for purposes of classification, providing a property tax exemption for certain business property operated in competition with property owned or operated by a governmental entity, providing income tax subtraction modifications to permit the carryforward of certain net operating losses for individuals and for the federal work opportunity tax credit and the employee retention credit disallowances, increasing the tax credit amount for adoption expenses and making the credit refundable, increasing the amount of income tax credits available for purchases under the disability employment act from qualified vendors, continuing in existence such credits beyond tax year 2023 and defining qualifying vendors and eligible employees, establishing a tax credit for contributions to eligible charitable organizations operating pregnancy centers or residential maternity facilities, clarifying the determination of taxable income of an electing pass-through entity and providing for the passing through of tax credits to electing pass-through entity owners for purposes of the salt parity act, excluding social security payments from household income and expanding eligibility for seniors and disabled veterans related to increased property tax homestead refund claims, providing a sales tax exemption for sales of property and services used in the provision of communications services and excluding manufacturers' coupons from the sales or selling price.

SB128 - Establishing the ad astra opportunity tax credit to provide an income tax credit for taxpayers with eligible dependent children not enrolled in public school.



The Kansas House of Representatives
2023-2024
Reno County



Kansas House of Representatives Reno County Legislators

Legislator: Joe Seiwert
House District: 101
Hometown: Pretty Prairie
Occupation: Agricultural Business Owner
Committees: Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget
Water



Bills Sponsored:

HB2004 - Establishing the EV energy equity road repair tax act and providing for a road repair tax on electricity distributed from a public charging station for electric vehicles.

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.

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



Kansas House of Representatives Reno County Legislators

Legislator: Jason Probst
House District: 102
Hometown: Hutchinson
Occupation: Free Lance Writer
Committees: Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
Legislative Post Audit
Agriculture and Natural Resources



Bills Sponsored:

HB2162 - Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products.

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.

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



Kansas House of Representatives Reno County Legislators

Legislator: Paul Waggoner
House District: 104
Hometown: Hutchinson
Occupation: Manager, Waggoners, Inc.
Committees: Elections
Special Committee on Elections
Special Committee on Governmental Ethics
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations
Legislative Modernization
Welfare Reform
Child Welfare and Foster Care

Bills Sponsored:

HB2004 - Establishing the EV energy equity road repair tax act and providing for a road repair tax on electricity distributed from a public charging station for electric vehicles.

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

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 Reno County Legislators

Legislator: Michael Murphy
House District: 114
Hometown: Sylvia
Occupation: B and B Owner and Operator
Committees: Legislative Modernization
Education
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Bills Sponsored:

HB2007 - Prohibiting the secretary of health and environment from requiring a COVID-19 vaccination for care at a child care facility or attendance at a school.

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

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.

HB2126 - Authorizing the over-the-counter purchase of ivermectin tablets and hydroxychloroquine tablets.

HB2181 - Prohibiting abortion procedures and creating the crimes of unlawful performance of an abortion and unlawful destruction of a fertilized embryo.



HB2222 - Prohibiting the enforcement of federal rules or regulations and the promulgation of state rules and regulations to carry out such enforcement without legislative approval.

HB2249 - Creating the defend the guard act to establish when the Kansas national guard may be released into active duty combat.

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.

