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2023-Detail – Kentucky Liberty Caucus

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Category & Support Type		Bill & Summary Priority Level & Detailed Evaluation	
Taxes & Spending	HB1	Reduces the state income tax to 4% from 4.5% stating in 2024, imposes several other taxes to make up some of the lost state revenue.	B. Reed
Support	High (Pass this session)	Will definitely pass. The question is what taxes are going to make up the revenue. In this bill, it is mostly applying sales taxes to various services that previously had been untaxed.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB100	Estab new Committee on Constitutional Enforcement.	S. Rawlings
Oppose	Low (Can wait)	Don't have an issue with supporting constitutional enforcement (obviously), but not sure what the actual need is for this. International orgs have no force of law in the US. The Supremacy clause makes the US Constitution and Federal above state law (and the Judiciary resolves those conflict where the Federal government oversteps its limits). It would be good to have a constitutional watchdog, but do we need another Committee? This is actually the Attorney General's role already, does a referral mean anything? Would anything coming out of this committee have actual teeth, eg req. Attorney General to sue (and even if so, would that violate separation of powers)?	(Lance)

HB101	KDE cannot mandate COVID-19 vax requirement to attend school. Opposed only because HB92 is stronger bill.	J. Decker
Medium (Committee review+)	Very similar to HB31, but from a different angle. Doesn't cover postsecondary schools. HB92 is the stronger bill.	(Steve)
HB102	Def. insurance requirements for delivery network drivers (eg door dash), establish that company must notify driver in writing of his insurance requirements, allows insurers to deny coverage to the individual	M. Pollock
Medium (Committee review+)	Good that it clarifies some gray issues concerning insurance requirements for drivers and the requirements of the company the driver contracts with	(Steve)
HB103	Redef of "torture" of a dog or cat. Makes it a Class C felony for each act	R. Dotson
Medium (Committee review+)	Clarifies existing language and increases penalty for each offense. Makes each offense a separate crime. Lance: I would prefer retaining the provision that a first, single offense, is a serious misdemeanor, but multiple or repeat violations rises to felony.	(Steve)
HB104	Adds " the offender abused the corpse of the victim of kidnapping or murder by engaging in deviate sexual intercourse, sexual intercourse or sexual contact as defined in KRS.510.010" to the list of aggravating circumstances considered in the sentencing phase of a capital murder trial	S. Heavrin
Medium (Committee review+)	Definitely, defiling a corpse sexually should be added to the list of aggravating circumstances.	(Steve)
HB105	Constitutional amendment to exempt property owners over age 65 from paying increased taxation on their property due to increase in the value of their property	T. Huff
Low (Can wait)	Low priority because it cannot go onto the ballot this year, but definitely supportive.	(Steve)
HB106	Mirror of SB73. Regulates online gambling.	D. Graham
Medium (Committee review+)	Mirror of SB73.	(Lance)
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Health	HB108	Forms commission to set up funding, rules and bylaws for the purpose of participating in the multi state Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Compact. (*Good idea, reducing licensing redundancy, but after COVID skittish about other states putting controls on our hospitals.)	D.J. Johnson
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Can see where this could benefit hospital staffing shortages, and reduce regulatory redundancy. However, hospitals created a staffing crisis by forcing vaccines on their staff, what's to stop something similar being used to force hospitals to adopt similar policies through APRN (the way the Biden Admin tried to impose regulations through OSHA and through Mericare reimbursement)? Should we be entering into a multi-state compacts, thus reducing state ability to regulate itself, when we just saw giving up state control of hospitals can backfire?	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB109	Makes holding property beyond the length of a rental agreement a theft of service crime	M. Lockett
Support	Low (Can wait)	Is a good bill but there are more pressing issues that need addressed	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB11	Tied to HB2, reallocates \$16.6M from the transportation budget for electric charging station pre-payments to the Building of a Veteran's nursing home in Bowling Green.	J. Petrie
Support	High (Pass this session)	Just procedural, re-allocating the \$16.6M that HB2 requires from the transportation budget.	Passed House (Lance)
Health	HB110	Adds "conscientiously held beliefs" to the list of exceptions to immunization requirements.	S. Baker
Support	High (Pass this session)	Good bill. Needed to be passed last year. Stop forcing people to inject things into their body against their beliefs to participate in society.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB112	Reqs all vehicles on a highway with iron, steel or wooden wheels be equipped with a rubberized strip on the portion of the wheel that is in contact with the pavement.	W. Thomas
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Not sure what vehicles this is intended to affect. I have a concern that it may lead to extra cost for Amish horse carriages.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB113	Authorizes electrical inspectors to perform electrical work outside of the jurisdiction where they serve as inspectors.	P. Pratt

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Will allow those inspectors to find extra work outside their area. I don't see a problem with that.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB114	New legislators shall participate in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System. Legislators who entered the LRP 2014+ and in the LRP cash balance plan shall have their balance transferred to the KERS hybrid plan. (*Makes legislators have "skin in the game" with KERS.)	J. Tipton
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	It's a long bill with lots of details concerning the different retirement plans across the state. Stipulates that if a newly elected legislator is currently in another state retirement plan, he/ she can opt to stay in that plan. It's overall a good bill with the intent of moving all of our legislators into the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, so they will have " skin in the game" and will make certain it stays properly funded.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB115	Cleans up language related to what constitutes a police service animal and removes penalty for assault when killing a police service animal if a person reasonably feels they have to do so to save a life.	B. Wesley
Support	Low (Can wait)	Solid bill, no issues with it. Just will be a matter of building support.	Passed House (Lance)
Elections	HB116	Amends existing legislation to allow the KY Association of Conservation Districts to submit names of nominees. Requires that all candidates and supervisors be at least 21 years of age	F. Rabourn
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Have no problem with this bill	Passed House (Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB117	Allows certain USDA exempted poultry producers to sell on a farm, farmer's market or road side stand. Poultry sold at a farmer's market or roadside stand must be frozen and wrapped.	S. Maddox
Support	High (Pass this session)	Can help local farmers move their products to the local community. Seems like an excellent idea considering the supply chain issues we are currently dealing with.	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB118	Lower min age for carrying a concealed deadly weapon from 21 to 18	S. Maddox

Support	High (Pass this session)	If they are old enough to join the military, then they are old enough to concealed carry.	(Steve / Lance
Education	HB119	Allows home schoolers to participate in public school interscholastic activities (sports). (*Why INTERscholastic? Why not scholastic extracurriculars as well (drama club, plays, chess club, FFA, FHA, whatever)?	R. Dotson
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good move, these parents are tax payers as well, why shouldn't their kids be able to make use of public school resources for their kids? Amendments: Why INTERscholastic, why not scholastic as well (drama club, chess club, whatever)? Restrict participation in sports to the geographically nearest public school with the activity to their home within their county.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB12	Expands the prohibitions while driving from texting on a cell phone to all kinds of communication devices (fine) and lots of common activities (like holding a cellphone; goes too far).	J. Tipton
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Distracted driving is a serious issue, but does this actually reduce that? This is likely going too far, as a huge % of people do these activities. I think better education about the dangers of distracted driving is a better option. Concerns: (1) Adds more reasons to pull people over for things that aren't necessarily unsafe (eg hands off talking). (2) Difficult to enforce. Laura's Thoughts: Problems with this Many. This makes it impossible to use a map app like Waze but allows you to use your car's navigation system if it is integrated into the vehicle. What's the difference? Discriminates against people without Bluetooth systemsthose speaking on Bluetooth are just as distracted as those holding a phone. How do you enforce any of this? How is changing a radio station while sitting at stop light any different than dialing a phone?	(Steve)
Health	HB120	Bans Sex Change operations and gender altering medications only for minors in KY.	S. Maddox
Support	High (Pass this session)	Children should not be making these life altering decisions. Amendments: Would love to refine the neglect and abuse statutes to explicitly exclude lack of "gender affirmation." Would also love to avoid using leftist terminology in these definitions.	(Lance)

Taxes & Spending	HB123	Elim limited liability tax on small businesses in Kentucky with gross receipts less than \$100,000.	P. Flannery
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Affects only small business, which need help in this economy. Seems pretty reasonable.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB124	Prohibits use of TikTok on any state issued devices with internet connectivity	S. Sharp
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Prohibits the download or use of the TikTok application or visiting the TikTok website. Maybe add in (2) the prohibition of clicking any link with TikTok material. Also of concern is that there is no penalty listed for disobeying this legislation.	(Laura)
Health	HB125	Reqs Dep of Public Health to incorporate information on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias into already existing materials, publish it on its website and distribute it to local health dept.	K. Moser
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Good information for the public to know about, but not really a high priority. I'm not sure that Alzheimer's disease and its contributing factors are well understood enough to make this highly effective, but fine.	Passed House (Steve)
Education	HB126	Attempt to reverse law passed to try and fix the Teacher retirement system by allowing teachers to join the old system.	C. Stevenson
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Removes provisions from 2021 HB258 that created and adjusted benefits for individuals who became members of the Teachers Retirement System after January 1, 2022. Provide that they be eligible for benefits applicable to members who entered the system before January 1, 2022.	(Steve)
Education	HB127	Estab a 4-year scholarship for persons agreeing to serve as coal county paramedics, and establishes funding. (*May be better applied to MDs, RNs & LPNs and handled Paramedics expanding KEES for trade schools.)	A. Tackett Laferty
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Looks like a solution for a problem. Not a bad bill. Lance: Do Paramedics require a 4 year degree anyway? They shouldn't. Why not expand KEES to trade schools that handle certification (like HB85), and then save this 4 year scholarship for physicians and LPN/RNs?	(Steve)

HB128	Lays out in very long and very specific details both the rights of tenants and landlords and also their responsibilities. (*Goes too far restricting market and regulating, but esp. tenants do need more specified protections than offered by current law.)	N. Kulkarni
Medium (Committee review+)	A very thorough bill. It lays out in very specific detail exactly what obligations both the tenant and the landlord have in a lease agreement and what rights they have in different scenarios. Very balanced. It doesn't put any undue burden on either side and draws up specific rules and penalties for breaking those rules. Particularly like that a landlord must keep a separate deposit open for security deposits and can not intermingle personal or business funds with that account. Lance: Provisions for domestic violence & stalking scenarios as well as for when a tenant or landlord dies are also good. Lots of good here, just needs to partner with a Republican to strike out 1/4 to 1/3 of the bill that imposes unnecessary regulation and market restriction in a future session.	(Steve)
HB129	Def " freestanding birthing centers," req. the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to update administrative regs to establish licensing standards. Potential cost savings and access.	J. Nemes
Low (Can wait)	There are good requirements laid out for these centers, such as having the capability to transport patients to a hospital if complications occur. Could be beneficial for small communities that don't have a nearby hospital, Also potential cost savings.	(Steve)
HB13	Changes the annual physical exam requirement for school bus drivers to every 24 months.	K. King
Low (Can wait)	Lowers the requirements still at a reasonable level to reduce barriers for school bus drivers. However, need an exemption if the person has certain medical issues that require yearly or more examination (eg heart condition).	Passed House (Lance)
HB130	Allow the Soil and Water Conservation Commission to procure heavy equipment (and make admin. regs) for loan or lease to conserve soil resources, preventing erosion, and protect water resources. (*Idea is fine, need clear spending and lease constraints.)	A. Neighbors
Low (Can wait)	Sentiment and idea here is fine. Needs clarifying language about which circumstances dictate leasing out equipment and which cases you would loan equipment out. Doesn't limit how much can reasonably be spent on purchasing this equipment. Leaves open a lot of room for abuse.	Passed House (Steve / Lance
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Taxes & Spending	HB132	Exempt motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, trailers and semitrailers from state and local ad valorem (proportionate to assessed value) taxes. (*Favors the wealthy. There should be more tax on a Ferrari than a Ford.)	P. Flannery
Oppose	Medium (Committee review+)	Always good to see another form of taxation go away. Not sure how local governments will be able to replace this revenue stream	(Steve / Lance
Education	HB133	Allows Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships to be used for a workforce solution training program offered by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.	S. Bratcher
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Allows local decisions be made concerning which occupations are in highest demand and gearing the scholarships to those fields. Seems like a really good idea.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB135	Empower the Transportation Cabinet to regulate Autonomous (self-driving) vehicles.	J. Bray
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	The main effects of the bill would be to: 1) Establish standards and definitions of AV. 2) Establish performance requirements and limitations. 3) Establish licensing and insurance requirements. 4) Empower the Transportation Cabinet with full authority over AV's. No other state agency may tax or regulate AV operations. 5) Obligates the owner of the AV to notify appropriate state agencies in the event of a mishap.	(John O)
Education	HB136	Prevents Council on Postsecondary Education from raising tuition more than 5% per year for residents, 7% for nonresidents, 4 year freeze for residents enrolled. Require unis to add two addl students to their boards & Senate confirmation of Gov noms to boards. (*Wait 1 session.)	W. Lawrence

Support w/ amendments	Low (Can wait)	There's a whole lot in this bill. Changes the makeup of the current university boards. Governor must have Senate's approval to name replacements. Will this require special sessions to be called throughout the year for this purpose? Good to try and rein in the tuition increases of our universities, but I fear putting a 5 percent cap on it will make it likely they will raise it by that much automatically each year. Lance: I like the tuition increase caps, would prefer short AND medium term caps (eg 5% and no more than 20% cumulatively over 5 years) or tied to the CPI. How can the senate confirm Gov picks when not in session? Do we need more student representation, it isn't a co-op? Best to hold off until next session for this one.	(Steve)
Health	HB137	Prohibit Vax Passports, require "conscientious belief" exemptions, and stop other egregious vax mandates in schools and elsewhere (ambitious).	S. Maddox
Support	High (Pass this session)	Allows student, staff or faculty members to opt out of a postsecondary school's immunization policy for specific reasons. Prohibit a public entity from creating standardized documentation with the purpose of certifying vaccination status. Require written notice of vax exemptions for sincerely held religious beliefs or medical contraindication. Establish when health care providers can support a medical exemption, require notice of of federal mandates and available exemptions, establish civil cause and action for violations, prohibit Department of Public Health from releasing personal identifiable information from immunization reports, prohibit preschools, primary and secondary schools from promulgating new immunization policy and mandating compliance during a school year and allow objections to immunization based on conscientiously held beliefs.	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB138	Allow concealed weapons at government owned facilities, including postsecondary schools. (* Well thought out exception list, but should not allow any 18+ yo students in high school.)	S. Maddox
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Amendments: This should not include any student in a high school (assuming that the concealed carry age gets lowered to 18).	(Lance)

Education	HB139	Reqs that public university not discriminate based upon viewpoint in funding of student orgs or off-campus speech.	S. Maddox
Support	High (Pass this session)	Good legislation, covers lots of speech suppression issues on college campuses. Higher ed should be bastions of free speech, not enemies of it but "Progressive" Marxists are profoundly ILliberal.	(Lance)
Health	HB141	Estab Urgent Need Insulin Program and Continuing Access to Insulin Program admin by Kentucky Board of Pharmacy, where manufacturers report to the Board and that the Board report to the General Assembly. (*Is program needed with new federal price controls on insulin?)	D. Bentley
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Need to re-evaluate in light of new price controls on insulin in latest omnibus package. Good to try and make sure that insulin is readily available to those that need it and assistance for those who are in need. Not sure if requiring the manufacturer to supply replacement for the supply given away won't cause them to merely raise the price on the insulin that they will sell for purchase.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB142	Def feminine hygiene products, exempts them from sales or use tax for four years. (*No big deal, but why a special carve out?)	L. Willner
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Don't see this as being something very high on the priority list for this session.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB143	Estab reqs for bouncers, prohibits consumption of alcohol by a bouncer during working hours, and agency oversight. Allows revocation or suspension of biz license. (*Some is OK, but onerous training req.)	L. Willner
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Way too much red tape/ requirements for both the bouncer and for the retail establishments to have to comply with. Requires training classes for bouncers. Who will the state find who specializes in this type of training? How far will the trainees have to travel for their classes? Who can determine the right or wrong type of training?	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB144	Provides protection from warrantless in-person access to, or surveillance on, private open land by law enforcement. Requires law enforcement to utilize body cameras and audio recording devices while there.	J. Hodgson
Support	High (Pass this session)	Good bill. Restricts the ability of police to come on a person's property for surveillance. It does provide a few exceptions: if an officer has a warrant, is putting down a wounded animal or has the owner's permission.	(Steve)

Education	HB145	Estab Commonwealth Ed Continuum, specifies membership, establishes terms and requires the Council on Postsec Ed to act as the administrative body for the Continuum.	J. Tipton
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	On the surface, it seems to be a noble idea, but not sure if another committee made up of people from so many different backgrounds could come together for specific remedies to fix our broken schools. Do we need even more boards and commissions? Maybe in a year after the Governors race. This also needs some trade school representation.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB146	Reqs Office of Unemployment Insurance to advise claimant of additional benefits & job training opportunities & other reasonable changes. Adjusts minimum weeks of benefits up from 12 weeks to 16. (*Don't love removing the scaled unemployment to duration schedule, if anything it should be region specific.)	R. Webber
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Requires Office of Unemployment Insurance to advise claimant approved for benefits of additional benefits training opportunities and financial aid resources available. Adds training provided by the Trade Act of 1974 to the definition of approved training. Adds disaster unemployment assistance and trade readjustment allowances to the programs not considered advanced benefits. Adjusts minimum state unemployment rate from 4.5 to 6.5 percent and the minimum weeks of benefits from 12 weeks to 16 Overall not a terrible bill. But it could open the door for more abuse of the system by lowering requirements for denial of benefits.	Passed House (Steve)
Business Regs	HB147	Prohibits employer from retaliating against an employee who is a crime victim when taking leave (with notics) to attend court proceedings. Also, maintain confidentiality. (*Good idea. Eliminate "emotional and psychological" harm from def, perhaps only Class B misdemeanors+.)	R. Roberts
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Amends KRS 337.415 relating to court ordered appearances by employees. Requires employee to give an employer reasonable notice when practicable. It's a good gesture, but is too restrictive on the employer. There should be some limits on the types of scenarios where employees can take time away.	(Steve)
Health	HB148	Provides for the written assignment of substance or mental health benefits to a substance abuse or mental health facility. Requires state employee health plan and state postsecondary institutions comply.	R. Webber

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Seems rather harmless, as most policies I'm sure already cover this. However, not a high priority. This cuts the patient out of the payment loop altogether, what keeps the Facilities from expoliting this with LONG states?	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB149	Prohibits traveling in the left most lane of a multi lane highway (currently mostly only when passing) at a speed lower than the posted maximum speed limit if a vehicle is overtaking the driver from the rear.	K. Upchurch
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	 Is law misformulated? It seems that part (a) (and existing law) only allows using left lane in a few circumstances related mostly to passing) and that (b) is saying even then only at the maximum speed if someone is overtaking from behind. If you are required to travel only at the maximum speed, it would seem to be difficult from going over the limit and breaking yet another law. Seems to be a a solution in search of a problem. If the point were, you can use the left lane normally, but get out of the left lane if someone is approaching you from the rear, then ok. Many people in practice, do that now. 	(Steve)
Health	HB15	Reqs businesses to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid "family" medical leave per year.	C. Stevensor
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	This creates a definition of "family member" that says "person with whom the employee shares, or has shared within the last year, a mutual residence and with whom the employee maintains a committed relationship." This is allowing anyone to take FMLA to care for someone they date. It defines "health care provider" as "any persons licensed under federal or state law to provide healthcare services" and allows these individuals to determine whether the patient needs continuing treatment or supervision by a competent individual. LPNs are licensed by the state. Are we going to let them determine who needs to receive FMLA benefits?	(Laura)
Business Regs	HB150	Amends def of a car dealer "franchise." Permits a new motor vehicle dealership to propose a successor agreement. Limit audit and document retention requirements on recall work. (*What problem is this fixing? Auto manufacturers having too much power over dealers?)	K. Upchurch
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Seems to be trying to give more liberties to the owner of dealerships when dealing with the manufacturer. If the dealership cannot maintain the requirements put on his or her business by the manufacturer, they should try to renegotiate, or sell off the franchise to someone who is willing to abide by it. Don't expect a change in the law to fix the issues.	Passed House (Steve)

Business Regs	HB151	Allows grads of two year surveying programs with much field experience to skip going through a four year program for licensure.	W. Williams
Support	Low (Can wait)	Allows a person to qualify for licensure as a land surveyor if he/she has graduated from a two year board approved program and has obtained a minimum six years of progressive experience in land surveying with four of those years under the direct supervision of a practicing land surveyor. Allows grads of a two year program with two years progressive experience to take the Fundamentals of Land Surveying Examination. Allows grads of a two year program with six years of progressive experience to take the Principles of Land Surveying Examination.	(Steve)
Other	HB152	Estab Taxpayer Transplant Program to recruit remote workers (using incentive grants to attract qualified employees) to the Commonwealth. (*Isn't the trade-off training people here to do this? Which is more likely to stick around?)	R. Webber
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Require the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority to issue a request for the contracted company to invest in the program and recruit, market and offer incentive grants to attract qualified employees. Authorizes the Department of Revenue to issue annual disbursements to the contracted company. I would think that if companies need employees that badly, they should hire search firms themselves to recruit workers. This is using taxpayer money to recruit employees from out of state to come here. Would much rather see that money spent on training the people of this state to fill these positions.	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB153	Firearm Anti-commandeering. State and local gov't shall not help fed enforce federal FIREARM BANS (incl magazines). This one applies criminal charges for individual cops who break law. (*That may be too much?)	J. Bray
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Firearm Anti-commandeering. Prohibits any state, county, city or educational institution law enforcement officer from enforcing federal firearm bans, and prohibits state or local authorities from enacting measures for that purpose. Also includes bans on attachments to firearms, such as larger clips. Criminal charges for individual cop is too much, enforcement should be at the unit or division level.	Passed House (Steve / Lance
Health	HB154	Estab requirements for insurers of dental plans relating to assignment of benefits. Require them to provide coverage and providers to comply with assignment provisions.	D. Lewis

Support	Low (Can wait)	Seems to be a decent bill, clarifying language about dental insurance coverage. Not really high on the priority list now.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB155	Prohibits the use or download of TikTok on any network or device under the control of a public agency. Permits the judicial branch of state government to implement it's own ban and restrictions on TikTok.	S. Witten
Support	High (Pass this session)	Very much needed. I would suggest stronger language towards the judicial branch. Rather than permitting them to institute their own ban, could you instruct them to or would that be a violation of separation of the branches?	(Steve)
Health	HB156	Incl psychiatric residential treatment facilities in the definition of "facility." Includes communicable disease outbreak and resident communicable disease status to exemptions for essential personal care givers	M. Dossett
Support	High (Pass this session)	Guess this is just to clarify existing law and make it clear to the administrators of these facilities.	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB157	Creates the Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Program under the Division of Emergency Management. ("Wouldn't it accomplish 2 priorities to just have National Guard trained in this?)	M. Hart
Support	Low (Can wait)	Specifies it's administration, requirements for crafting policies, procedures and regulations. Makes an appropriation. Not sure just how often this program would be used. Would it maybe be wiser to give our National Guard troops training in this area and call them up when needed?	Passed House (Steve)
Education	HB158	Replaces the requirement that a teacher or employee submit an affidavit to take sick or personal leave with a simple statement. (*Why roll back a fraud prevention measure that's in place?)	K. Timoney
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	A "statement" is not as legally binding as an affidavit. Could open the door for abuse of the system.	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB159	Firearm Anti-commandeering. State and local gov't agencies shall not help enforcement of most federal gun laws (that doesn't exist under KY law). Allows citizen complaints with the AG, to enforce compliance. (*Don't believe legal to arrest Fed for enforcing their Federal laws in bill's last sentence.)	S. Maddox

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Firearm Anti-commandeering. Slightly different twist on anti-commandeering: Non- enformcement of federal gun laws that don't exist in KY law (which I would imagine is VERY many of them). Seems like it would be a difficult to determine to which Federal laws this applies. Enforcement mechanism with the AG is good. One big problem: I don't believe it is legal to arrest a federal agent for enforcing federal law. Otherwise, I would love to see this combined with SB98, add in that fine structure and less radical departure from federal law (eg just apply to new federal laws from a set date).	(Steve / Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB160	Incr reporting reqs for entities using mixing zones to mitigate water pollution.	C. Freeland
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not an expert on these methods but more reporting reqs are good when dealing with pollution.	Passed House (Lance)
Education	HB161	Reqs each school board in state to have at least one student representative. (*Adults should make the decisions, period.)	L. Willner
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	May be helpful in a few cases, but don't think this is really a necessity. Letting the "inmates run the ayslum" is ridiculous. Students can have input through public comment period.	(Steve)
Health	HB162	Prohibits mental health professionals from engaging in sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts with a person under the age of 18, or a ward who is over 18. (*Many people DO report changing each.)	L. Willner
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Puts way too much focus on the sexual orientation change efforts but not on the gender identity change issue. Like the prohibition on public funds. Would like some guarantees that the educational materials provided are balanced. The entire point of the bill is the assumption that sexual orientation and gender identity can't be changed, but this plies in the face of a massive explosion in the incidence of atypical cases of each. There is no doubt that they can be influenced. It's a social agenda posing as legislation.	(Steve)

Elections	HB163	Give chief election official instead of Board of Elections the authority to appoint an executive director and an assistant director of the State Board of Elections. Reqs county treasurer certify a statement of the number of voting locations to receive payments for election costs. (*Second part is fine; why shouldn't the full board fill high level positions?)	D. Fister
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Not sure why the chief election official needs to appoint others to help with his/ her duties. Seems to be striping a board of power and giving it to one individual.No issue with requiring to certify number of voting locations.	(Steve / Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB164	Allows employment or appt of persons as young as 18 yo by jails, but reasonably limits what an employee under the age of 21 is allowed to do (eg only perimeter).	S. Heavrin
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Seems pretty reasonable. I would suggest that an employee under 21 who is working in the secure perimeter of a jail should always have a partner over 21 with them.	Passed House (Steve)
Other	HB165	Reqs reporting by end of year regarding the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership Program, and permits the child care provider to terminate an active contract created pursuant to this program. (*The program is a gov't handout to businesses, will be great to see if there is return on investment.)	S. Heavrin
Support	Low (Can wait)	Seems pretty harmless, just not a very high priority. What IS this program?	Passed House (Steve)
Other	HB166	Desig as official pets of KY domestic cats and dogs that reside in or have been adopted from Kentucky animal shelters or rescue organizations	S. Heavrin
Support	Low (Can wait)	Harmless but not a high priority	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB167	69 pages of changes to the veterinary field. Deals with reqs for attaining license for vet, vet technician and vet assistant. Deals with types of fields related to vet care Nothing seems amiss here on a quick pass, but waiting on impact statements. Needs to be throughly reviewed in committee.	M. Koch
Support	Low (Can wait)	Very long bill. Very detailed. Nothing in it seems very harmful. Will restrict membership in the veterinary field.	Passed House (Steve)

Education	HB168	Seeks to limit financial influence peddling (large financial gifts) from certain foreign governments in our universities (China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, Cuba, Venezuela, Syria are "countries of concern").	W. Williams
Support	High (Pass this session)	Prohibits public postsecondary education institutions from engaging in certain activities with foreign countries of concern, submit certain agreements with foreign countries of concern to appropriate federal agencies for review and notice. Requires them to report gifts of \$50,000 or more from foreign sources to the Council on Postsecondary Education and to the Auditor of Public Accounts. Good bill.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB169	Regs ATV driving on highways. Allows registration, requires proof of insurance and payment of all registration and clerk fee. Allows local ordinance to prohibit them on local roadways. (*Is this needed? Seems like a purely local issue.)	P. Flannery
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	This only pertains to four or six wheel multi passenger vehicles. Not sure how many of these need to be on the roadways (and the ones that are tend to be on country roads with little traffic). How many people will be willing to register and insure them? Seems likely to lead to lots of petty fines and arrests.	(Steve)
Education	HB17	Elim half day kindergarten, making all kindergarten full day. Shifts cost for counties that fund full day kindergarten already to the state. (*Isn't it preferable for young children to be at home?)	T. Truett
Oppose	Low (Can wait)	Forces all kindergarten programs to be full day, with money appropriated accordingly. For counties that run full day kindergarten anyway and pay for the difference rom county funds, this shifts the burden to the state.	(Lance)
Health	HB170	Reqs health insurance coverage for oocyte and sperm preservation services and medical services which are related to testicular and other urological cancers.	P. Flannery
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not a bad bill. It's good that it exempts religious organizations from the requirements.	(Steve)
Education	HB171	Reqs FAFSA application as a high school graduation requirement. (*Should be up to family. Why are we trying strong-arm all kids into college?)	S. Riley
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Very bad. Much too intrusive for the families of students who are not attending college or trade schools after graduation. It does allow for exemptions, but those families should not have to hassle with that.	(Steve)

Health	HB176	Cab of Health and Family Services shall develop guidelines and regs for health facilities' workplace safety assessments and workplace safety plan.	J. Nemes
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Reasonable prohibition against being charged for service that you do not receive.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB175	Prohibits sanitation district from charging a property owner for service unless they provide services, or there is an approved plan to connect within less than two years.	F. Rabourn
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Some version of this needs to pass NEXT year, there are several reasons that it need not this year. No reason to bring this into the Governor's race when we don't even know who the candidates are and how they want to run on and message the issue. Not sure what passing it this year versus next (where it really does need to pass) achieves (probably boosts fundraising, but for both sides). At a minimum this needs the qualifier "SOME OF the educational costs" added.	(Lance)
Education	HB174	Puts a constitutional amendment allowing the GA to fund non-common school (non public school) education as they see fit. (*Some version of this needs to pass NEXT year.)	J. Calloway
Support	High (Pass this session)	Called the Childhood Protection in Education Act. Very aggressive in dealing with every major issue in the public schools, without being unfair about it. Public school is for learning approved curriculum in a safe environment. This empowers parents to be more involved in their child's education, and to sue to protect their children.	(Lance)
Education	HB173	Strong bill establishing parent's right to protect their children in the public schools (every major concern addressed): transparency, COVID mandates, safety, bodily privacy, indoctrination, obscenity, bullying. (HB177 is similar, but limited.)	J. Calloway
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Barely more experience to run a barber school than become a barber with this bill. Lower the educational and apprenticeship req for barber as well. From 36 to 12 seems a drastic jump. Why not 36 to 24?	Passed House (Steve)
Education	HB172	Changes the requirement for a barbering school to have one teacher with 36 months teaching / administrative experience to 12 months. (*Like lower licensing reqs, but maybe 24 and lowering barbering lic. reqs too?)	M. Clines

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good bill. Everyone wants to have a safe workplace both for the employees and the visitors. Health care workers are at particularly heightened risk.	(Steve)
Education	HB177	Similar to HB173, doesn't have the bodily privacy part or the obscenity portions. Does contain a provision for parents to approve of gener reassignment procedures.	S. Baker
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Weaker version of HB 173. Few advantages beyond being less ambitious.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB178	For filling vacant seat of county judge / executive, reqs Gov choose replacement from list of 3 names provided by the executive committee, of the same party affiliation as the previous judge / executive.	N. Tate
Support	Low (Can wait)	Will keep the Governor in check in replacing a judge executive, making sure that the replacement is from the same party as the previous judge executive.	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB179	Replaces the death penalty with the life Imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Prohibits probation for a person sentenced to life without parole or life without parole for 25 years. For juveniles, prohibits sentence of life imprisonment without parole.	J. Tipton
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Personally, I support the death penalty for the most heinous of crimes. But I understand if others oppose it.	(Steve)
Health	HB180	Reqs health benefit plans and Medicaid cover biomarker testing. (*Key for preventative medicine.)	K. Moser
Support	Low (Can wait)	It can be a cost cutting measure due to early detection of disease indicators. It could be an alternative for a patient, allow them the coverage to try it. Are any of these test exorbitantly expensive, or inaccurate?	Passed House (Steve)
Other	HB181	Relating to divorce actions where there are minor children involved, remove the requirement that 60 days must elapse before taking testimony. (*Why not cool off?)	S. Dietz
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Not sure why this should be removed. Sometimes a cooling down period is necessary.	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB182	Def "child sex doll" and "traffic" to child obscenity criminal statutes. Makes a felony possession, trafficking, importing or advancing of a child sex doll.	S. Dietz

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Great bill. I'm for even making the punishment more severe. Lance: Interesting law. Not sure how common this is, but it is roughly similar to trafficking child pornography.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB183	Replaces the third day of June with the 19th day of June to commemorate Juneteenth National Freedom Day.	S. Dietz
Support	Low (Can wait)	Replaces the third day of June (Confederate Memorial Day, and Jefferson Davis Day) with the nineteenth day of June (Juneteenth National Freedom Day) as a state holiday. Don't love the term "Juneteenth" but a day to celebrate the end of slavery is probably appropriate.The nineteenth day of January (Robert E. Lee Day), the thirtieth day of January (Franklin D. Roosevelt Day) can go as well, neither have any association with Kentucky why do we have so many January state holidays? *Perhaps redistribute to Good Friday "Day of Service" or 1st Day of Rosh Hashanah/Feast of Trumpets.	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB184	On book, decriminalizes consensual homosexual sodomy. This law was deemed unconstitutional by SCOTUS in Lawrence v Texas (2003).	S. Dietz
Support	Low (Can wait)	Decriminalizes consensual homosexual sodomy. Technically this is unnecessary, given that this law was deemed unconstitutional by SCOTUS in Lawrence v Texas (2003). No problem with cleaning up the books. Would leaving this on the books make it, in effect, a trigger law?	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB185	Allows for work experience to be considered in lieu of a bachelor's degree for unclassified gov't jobs. (*Fighting college credentialism.)	S. Witten
Support	Low (Can wait)	Permits the secretary of the Personnel Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations considering relative work experience or certification in lieu of a bachelor's degree for the purpose of evaluating employee qualifications. Doesn't seem like a bad idea. Just as long as they are hiring the most qualified for the position.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB186	Prohibits the sale of air ambulance membership agreements to individuals enrolled in the state's Medical Assistance Program. (*Seems to be meant to avoid charging people twice for overlapping insurance coverage.)	D. Frazier Gordon

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good bill. No need in buying insurance for something you are already covered for. Also allows a prorated return of fees if you are newly enrolled in the state program.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB187	Def. "green house gas emissions reduction agreements." Requires that it be properly recorded to be binding on subsequent purchasers or creditors.	K. King
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good bill but not too high priority. Would protect someone from purchasing a property and then finding out there are strings attached related to greenhouse gas regualtion.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB188	Allows construction management-at-risk entities and construction manager general contractors to self-perform jobs up to 20% of the cost of the project when a subcontractor fails to perform. (*Seems like a good protection to assure a project actually finishes.)	J. Dixon
Support	Low (Can wait)	Allows construction management-at-risk entities and construction manager general contractors to self-perform when a subcontractor fails to perform or when certain conditions are met. Allows contractor to use materials and supplies from a supplier or subcontractor or tools or equipment leased from a subcontractor. Seems like harmless requirements but not a high priority	Passed House (Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB189	Removes the transfer of lottery revenues from the Collaborative Center for Literary Development. (*Moves funds to other parts of the General Fund.)	K. Banta
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Doesn't say where those revenues are now going to, only "to the reading and diagnostic fund." Needs clarifying	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB19	Excl all distributions from military pension plans for veterans and their spouses from state income tax	W. Thomas
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	All for doing anything we can to support our veterans. Lance: Generally agree, but where is the limit (we have a professional, voluntary military)? For me, this is probably going a bit too far.	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB190	Restricts the use of the National Guard outside of the state active duty unless Congress officially declares war or has taken official action pursuant to the U.S. Constitution.	C. Massaroni

Support	High (Pass this session)	Good bill. We don't need our Guardsmen deployed across the globe in peacekeeping missions or as meals on wheels. Keep them at home as much as possible. Require Congress to do its constitutional duty.	(Steve)
Elections	HB191	Creates the procedures for filling an unexpired term on the consolidated local government council. (*Good, though 24 hours is short, and does 60 days put election on a Tuesday?)	J. Bauman
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	In the case where the vacancy occurs 3 months prior to the election, and no special election will be called, I would suggest codifying an extension of the filing deadline for new candidates to apply to be on the ballot. Note: Writ of vacancy within 24 hours is a tight window. 60 days from writ might not put election on a Tuesday.	Passed House (Steve)
Business Regs	HB192	Reqs a crew of at least two persons during operation of a train or light rail, includes penalties for failure to comply.	A. Tackett Laferty
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Good bill. Ensure that in an emergency, there is someone capable of controlling the train. Exemption for work performed in the yard. I would suggest amending to require both individuals be trained engineers.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB193	Estab a refundable \$1000 tax credit for certain volunteer firefighters. (*Not all first responders?)	A. Tackett Laferty
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Purpose is to recruit volunteer firefighters in those areas where there is a need. Not sure a \$1000 credit will help, but it can't hurt	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB194	Returns the retirement distribution state tax exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110.	D. Bentley
Support	High (Pass this session)	Actually returns this to the level it was at for decades. Good to make an adjustment, as inflation is currently shrinking the defined benefits received by retirees.	(Steve)
Health	HB196	Estab Mental Health Safety Center (SafeKY) within the University of Louisville. Require SafeKY to develop and maintain a free to use real time electronic mental health application 24/7/365. (*Good idea; Better built privately, maintained by Family and Health services.)	K. Fleming

Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	not sure if we can trust the woke universities to not use this kind of service to groom children. Better to build the app privately, and maintain it through Family and Health Services.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB197	Def perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals, req. the Energy and Environment Cabinet regulate maximum PFAS limits and monitor KY waters. (*Clean water is important, if this isn't already regulated.)	N. Kulkarni
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	These are the chemicals used in the manufacturer of nonstick cookware and stain repellent fabric treatment. Definitely need monitoring.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB198	Def "job posting" and "wage range." Requires all employers to include the wages or wage range for advertised positions.	N. Kulkarni
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Another onerous requirement for business. This is something that can be discussed / negotiated within the interview process	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB199	Def "communication disorder." Allows that information be incl in the KY vehicle registration database that a regular passenger of the vehicle may be deaf or hard of hearing.	N. Kulkarni
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Way too much information to be perused by an officer. Why can't this information be transferred via the driver of the vehicle if necessary?	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB2	Appropriates \$16,630,000 towards veterans' nursing home in Bowling Green	J. Tipton
Support	High (Pass this session)	Appropriates \$16,630,000 towards veterans' nursing home. Beshear approved \$2.5M to fund design and preconstruction costs in March of 2020. Expected to be a \$ 30M facility per WKBO article on March 29, 2021. Then Spectrumnews reports on November 2, 2022 that it will be a \$50M center. State allocated \$10.5M toward facility already and another \$19.5M from the Veterans Administration in 2021? This new appropriation totals \$46,630,000.00 for what was originally expected to be a \$30M project.	(Laura)
Health	HB200	Estab a health care provider / GA partnership for scholarship funds for health care workers in areas of high demand. (*Only if pandemic mandate firings reinstated and no racist DEI component.)	K. Fleming

Other	HB204	Outlines relief that may be sought for government infringement on religious liberty. Waives sovereign governmental and qualified immunity.	S. Rawlings
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	I'm pretty certain most, if not all of these topics are currently part of the curriculum. Doesn't define racism against other races to be included. If so, codify full picture of racism (not just WRT A-As, or U.S.): eg historical ubiquity, "White Slavery" & Barbary Wars, Indian Wars & Native Relocation programs, Internment Camps)	(Steve)
Education	HB203	Reqs public middle and high school curriculum to include instruction on the history of racism. (*No objection, but is it necessary (eg RS22 SB1)? If so, give a comprehensive world history of racism & slavery, incl all races.)	L. Swann
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Looks like an attempt at luring new industry to the state. Not a bad proposal, but not a high priority. Note: I'm skeptical of how much economic benefit data centers (as opposed to tech companies) bring to the state They definitely use a lot of energy, how many good paying jobs do they bring in, what secondary industries do they help? Also, could the company trim staff from 20 or 30 employees down to 10 after 2 years? We need some more extensive assurances here.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB202	Provides a sales and use tax exemption for 30 years on newly constructed data centers.	P. Pratt
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	I'm all for making our work zones safer, but opposed to automated law enforcement. If you open the door on it for this, what comes next? Also, I've seen too many times when road construction projects are completed, but the signs and speed limitations remain in place for months.	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB201	Estab pilot program for automated speed enforcement in highway work zones and issue civil citation to any motorist traveling more than 10 mph over the posted speed limit. (*Slippery slope, No to Al surveillance law enforcement.)	J. Blanton
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	themselves by mandating the jab as a condition of employment. How about rehiring those who were let go with back pay. Also I do not like the language included on page 5 lines 19 & 20 :"to improve racial and ethnic diversity within a specific designated health care credentials"	(Steve)

Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Great bill. You would not think that a protected Constitutional right would have to be codified in this way, but it unfortunately does. Lance: Agreed, great bill. Need to make sure that the provisions of the Freedom to Serve Act HB495 from 2022RS (ie not disadvantaging a religious organization in any gov't contracting or public-private partnership service programs based upon their sincerely held beliefs). It's uncertain to me that falls under this bill currently.	(Steve)
Education	HB205	Provides that school disciplinary codes shall prohibit discrimination based on race (unnecessary, already in federal law). Provides definition of "protective hairstyles" (also largely unnecessary).	G. Brown Jr.
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Pretty sure that it's already codified that it's illegal to discriminate based on race. Not sure where this is a big issue in our schools.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB206	Adds 19th of June as a state holiday commemorating Juneteenth National Freedom Day.	G. Brown Jr.
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	There is another bill filed replacing June third holiday with the nineteenth. Don't need to add to the list of holidays.	(Steve)
Health	HB207	Allows law enforcement agencies to create their own wellness programs. Records are to be kept confidential, not subject to subpoena or open records request.	K. Bratcher
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good to maintain confidentiality with the mental health protection programs for officers. Does allow for exceptions when an officer threatens suicide or violence towards another clearly identifiable person	(Steve)
Health	HB208	Reqs certain health insurance policies to provide coverage for an annual mental health examination, not subject to any cost sharing requirements.	R. Roberts
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Not a bad bill, not sure why it exempts participants from any cost sharing requirements such as a copay	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB209	Makes it discriminatory if a potential employer asks questions about an applicant's previous salary. Assesses civil penalty for violations.	R. Roberts
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Yet another onerous requirement for employers to follow.	(Steve)

Govt Regulations	HB21	Set-up a process for homeless persons to obtain driver's licenses or alternative ID using various homeless resource provider addresses.	R. Bridges
Oppose	Medium (Committee review+)	How does an employee know that a person is actually homeless, etc.? What impact does this have on voting? How does this impact non-citizens? What qualifies a support org. to issue such a certification? Need more thought about the ways this could be exploited and manipulated by bad actors.	(Laura)
Business Regs	HB210	Contains provisions for insurer insolvency. Makes various other technical changes to regulation of insurance industry.	M. Pollock
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	There is zero chance that all 100 of the legislators in the House who voted for this bill actually understood it in its entirety.	Passed House (John O / Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB211	Removes the public holidays on which public offices may be closed: removes January 19th, Robert E. Lee Day and June 3rd, Confederate Memorial Day/ Jefferson Davis Day.	C. Aull
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this, not a high priority	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB212	Creates a hearing for the removal and banning of dog ownership for a person incompetent to stand trial who is charged with harboring a vicious dog.	C. Auli
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this bill, but I think that this could currently be done with the leeway given to judges in sentencing	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB213	Exempts currency and bullion from sales and use tax. (*Don't like carve outs, but these function as a common medium of exchange.)	S. Doan
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Very important to get this enacted due to recent actions by the Fed Reserve and the inflationary acts of Congress.	(Steve)
Elections	HB214	Expand the Attorney General's independent inquiry of election irregularities from not fewer than 12 counties to all counties. Require that the Attorney General or his /her designee conduct a hand-to-eye recount in randomly selected precincts and races.	J. Hodgson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Great bill. My only suggestion would be to amend so that the two volunteers selected for the hand-to-eye recount be one from the Republican party and one from the Democrat party. Bares some similarity to Southworth's SB23.	(Steve)

Business Regs	HB215	Removes the population req and 1% occupational license fee (eg city payroll tax) limit. Allows county to void crediting of city occupational license fee to the county. (*Means more worker taxes.)	T. Smith
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Bad bill. Increases the amount counties can collect from occupational license fees. Will lead to explosion in the amount local cities and county charge businesses/employees on wages, and hence customers to operate. A lot of convincing should be required to implement this tax.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB216	Estab an employer student loan tax credit equal to 50 percent of the amount paid by the employer on the loan. (*Taxpayer subsidized company fringe benefits to repay student loans.)	N. Kulkarni
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	If an employer wants to pay an employee's student loan, that is okay, but the taxpayers should not have to support it.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB217	Incl appl for salvaged titles under the electronic registration system.	M. Meredith
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not a bad change, but not a high priority. The central concern of salvage titles must remain certification of safety and full diclosure. Not sure that allowing electronic registration affect either.	Passed House (Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB218	Desig Honor and Remember flag as state's emblem of the US veterans who gave their lives in the line of duty. Sets circumstances under which it can be flown. (*No problem with emblem status, but def shouldn't be flown above US or state flag. Would open door to other flags.)	R. Raymer
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	All for honoring and supporting our veterans, but do we need another flag to fly?	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB219	Adds on-job psychological trauma for police, firefighters, EMT, front-line staff, active duty Nat. Guard, as valid worker's comp reasons.	R. Raymer

Support	High (Pass this session)	 Allow " injury" to include psychological injuries for police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, front line staff or members of the National Guard. Establish when psychological injuries are valid worker's compensation claims. Straight-forward bill, simple and important. All of these are high pressure, high stress jobs dealing with life and death; definitely susceptible to PTSD, etc. Good bill. We need to look out for the mental well being of our first responders and make sure they are not penalized when they have to step away from the job. 	(Lance / Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB220	Estab procedures for issuance of driver's licenses for service members stationed outside the US but maintaining residence in KY.	N. Tate
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good bill. Makes it easier for our service members to obtain a license	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB221	Prohibits the banking industry to track purchases from licensed gun dealers. Allows AG a cause of action for violations, and prohibits state agencies from interacting with violators.	D. Lewis
Support	High (Pass this session)	Good push back against woke banking institutions who want to curtail constitutionally protected gun ownership.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB222	Extend the levy for hazardous waste management assessment against hazardous waste generators from June 30, 2024 until June 30, 2032. (*Reasonable to make them pay forpay for long-term clean-up.)	J. Gooch Jr
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Need to keep funding for state assistance with clean up of hazardous chemical spills	Passed House (Steve)
Health	HB223	Allow police officers to receive addl leave time to attend mental health treatments & receive reimbursement for costs. Req supervisors to receive training on supporting officers. (*Should this include all 1st responders?)	C. Freeland
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good to look out for the mental well being of our officers. No issue with this other than why doesn't it include all first responders?	(Steve)

Business Regs	HB224	Sets up licensing reqs for "nonrecourse consumer legal funding" entity, a company that loans money to a client involved in a civil suit, and will collect repayment upon the conclusion of the suit. Limits collection to a percentage of the award.	P. Flannery
Support	Low (Can wait)	Regulates lawyers that in many cases entice people to file lawsuits by paying them out upfront, and then take a huge profit if the lawsuit pans out. Thorough bill. Not a high priority. I'm not 100% sure we shouldn't just ban this practice altogether, fine with regulating it.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB225	Removes compulsory annual dues above cost to join and perform discipline operations required of members of the bar.	S. Doan
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Bar members should not have to pay excessive membership dues to an organization that may not align with their beliefs. Kentucky is a right to work state	Passed House (Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB226	Estab admin of behavioral community crises response (counseling for disaster situations) and transfers admin from Dep. of Military Affairs to Cab. for Health and Family Services.	J. Bauman
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	 Will be good to have this service under one entity, that can be used on a daily basis but especially during a crises. Is this a new team that is being created, or is it consolidating control of an existing group of people under a specific Department? Bill is a bit confusing with the definition section seeming to establish a new department. Nevertheless, seems fine. 	Passed House (Steve)
Education	HB227	Reqs school fiscal impact statement to evaluate potential costs to a school district by the passing of certain legislation. (*Good idea, but introduce it after we get the major changes to public school through.)	J. Bauman
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	 This will discourage big changes to the public (common) schools. This needs to wait until the big changes on the horizon get pushed through. Some concern about how accurate a guess the district would be making on this, or if schools would overestimate the costs in their input to the GA to get more funding. 	(Steve)

Business Regs	HB228	Prohibit employers from considering criminal history until a bit later in the hiring process (ie not part of selection for initial job interview). (*Easing transition back into the work force IS important.)	G. Brown Jr.
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	If an employer doesn't feel comfortable hiring someone with a criminal background, the employer should be allowed to get this information initially, so as to not waste his /her time or that of the applicant. Need more thought on how to address this problem in a way that isn't burdensome to employers.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB229	Exempts feminine hygiene products from sales and use tax. (*Why this carve out?)	G. Brown Jr.
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Not sure why we need this particular carve out	(Steve)
Elections	HB230	Reqs the Sec of State to report to the GA, county clerks, and public on website regarding voter reg cleanup.	J. Hodgson
Support	High (Pass this session)	Great idea. Would require a report of registered voters by address in each county, so that voters can verify their own address. Would love to know why the county clerks can't do voter roll cleanup, only the Sec of State (that is my understanding anyway)?	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB231	Allow Dep. of Community Based Services to request name and fingerprint-based criminal background check adults in home in which a child is placed during an emergency placement. (*Need discard of fingerprint data.)	D. Elliott
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Would like for the check to be done prior to the placement, but it does stipulate that it's for emergency placement. Need to have a provision that any time a person's fingerprint is collected (for any purpose), the data is destroyed unless they have a felony conviction. Why should your fingerprint data be permanently added to a database because you are willing to house a child in an emergency charitably?	Passed House (Steve)

Business Regs	HB232	Incr min financial responsibility for adjuster licenses. Estab. reqs for public adjuster contracts, notice rights, inspection, investigation of claims and conflict of interest. ("How burdensome?)	R. Duvall
Support	Low (Can wait)	Lots of changes to the requirements for adjusters to follow. Very detailed. Don't see any problem with it, just not a high priority. These seem like reasonable, but need some feedback on how burdensome these changes would be for insurance adjusters.	Passed House (Steve)
Health	HB233	Reqs health facilities to provide written patient's rights and implement an maternal health disparities program for perinatal care. Req the Dep for Public Health to track maternal death. (*Serious issue, good parts here. Racial disparity doesn't mean racism; no to the mandated racism trainings.)	B. Chester Burton
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Require health facilities to provide each patient with written information regarding the patient's rights and to implement an evidence based maternal health disparities program for perinatal care in those facilities. Require the Department for Public Health to track data on maternal death and severe morbidity. There are some good parts to this bill. There are racial discrepancies in maternal deaths/outcomes, it should be looked into and solutions found. But the focus on racism and the requirements for employees of these facilities to be pushed into "training" on these topics is too much.	(Steve / Lance
Business Regs	HB234	Enacts the Uniform Collaborative Law Act. Regulate the use of collaborative law participation as a voluntary form of alternate dispute resolution (rather than adversaial legal proceedings).	S. Dietz
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	It's a good bill. Lots of details and stipulations about how the process works. Good system for freeing up room in our court system.	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB235	Elim Education exemption for criminal obscenity statutes. (*Mostly closes a nonsense loophole, what ed purpose would literal obscenity have?)	J. Calloway
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Simple enough. There is no educational reason to be distributing obscenity, esp. to kids. Arguably bill could have a qualifier that it excludes actual classroom instructional materials, but nobody would ever prosecute that anyway. Filed in the Senate with inexplicably no movement last year.	(Lance)

Taxes & Spending	HB236	Reqs that financial managers involved with gov't pensions in the state act solely based upon pecuniary factors (ie making money), not ESG or ideological factors.	S. Sharp
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Financial managers involved with gov't pensions in the state must act to maximize risk- adjusted returns solely based upon pecuniary factors (ie making money), not ESG or ideological factors. Solid bill, and simple, I always wonder why it doesn't extend beyond gov't pensions. There shouldn't be any other factors worthy of interest for a financial advisor, they have a fiduciary responsibiliy.	Passed House (Lance)
Business Regs	HB237	Allows possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages at non-licensed venues within or sharing a boundary with an entertainment destination center with a license. (*Get a liquor license if you want people to be able to drink.)	M. Meredith
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Seems to be a way to get around having separate liquor licenses for businesses next door. If you want people to be able to drink in yoiur store, get a liquor license.	Passed House (Steve / Lance)
Health	HB238	Prohibit discrimination against donation of organs to disabled persons. (*Good bill, bad official title from LRC.)	D. Bentley
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Pretty straight-forward. Don't hold having a disability against a person when choosing who gets a limited supply of organs. Doctors should use their medical judgement in determining whether disabled person can follow the post-donation care protocols, that's it.	(Lance)
Health	HB239	Reqs a health care provider to order a toxicology test to determine if a cause of overdose is from an illicit drug. Require report of test to law enforcement and the coroner if the individual died while in the hospital. (*Should have right to refuse if conscious.)	D. Frazier Gordon
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	I can see where this might help law enforcement open an investigation into illicit drug trafficking. I see the possible good from a law enforcement standpoint, but Is this an infringement upon someone's right to refuse medical treatment?	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB24	Exempt members of the KY National Guard from motor vehicle taxes	B. Wesley

Oppose	Medium (Committee review+)	all for doing anything we can to support our active duty military Lance: Generally agree that supporting the military is a positive, but there has to be some line on that if we are being fiscally conservative. Being part of the National Guard is, after all, a paid position.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB240	Estab a \$7,500 tax credit for homeowners over 65 or who have a physical or mental impairment for home modifications to increase habitability and efficiency. (*Fine, but Recycled or sustainable components?)	N. Kulkarni
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Not a terrible idea, but maybe too broad in the requirements. Also don't like the requirement that it be manufactured with recycled or sustainable products.	(Steve)
Education	HB241	Cleans up some language that qualified mental health professionals can write exemptions from compulsory school attendance.	J. Bray
Support	Low (Can wait)	Small change. Takes out language referring to psychologists and psychiatrists and switches to established legal definitions about qualified mental health professionals.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB242	Estab attendance threshold for citizen members of the Comm. on Race and Access to Opportunity. Establish reporting reqs for appts. (*The members don't even show up? Do we genuinely need this commission?)	K. Timoney
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Would be good to replace members who are not attending meetings. Better yet, how about disbanding the commission? We know there are racial disparities in virtually everything. Let's just focus on giving EVERYBODY opportunity, judge people solely on competence and performance, and let that sort things out. Meritocracy, a radical concept.	(Steve / Lance)
Taxes & Spending	HB243	Estab employer's organ and bone marrow donation tax credit. Allow employer tax credit for paid time off for an employee donator and for the \$ paid for a replacement employee. (*PART OF replacement funds?)	S. McPherson

Support	Low (Can wait)	Good concept. But not a high leg. priority. This is a fine and reasonable bill, only quibble is maybe only a partial credit for replacement employee. This comment isn't at all targetted at it specifically, as this credit is easy to	(Steve / Lance)
		justify Republicans have to start considering: Are we going to give a tax credit for every good activity? When does this just become technocratic social engineering?	
Education	HB244	Estab high school(s) according to the Kentucky Guard Youth Challenge Program run by the Adjutant General of the National Guard. (*Fine if most funds are federal.)	C. Fugate
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	The program sounds like a positive one. I don't think we need significant state tax dollars going to construction of new schools in the state and funding their administration, when we have to funding the ones we have and they aren't as effective as they need to be given the investments made in them. My understanding is that most of the funding is coming from Federal Sources however. If true, then fine.	Passes House (Steve / Lance)
Health	HB245	Revise continuing ed reqs and clarify proof of completed work in a graduate program can qualify for periodic head trauma reqs for license renewal. Modify appl. reqs to be a supervising physician.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this, just not a high priority.	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB246	Remove statute of limit. for childhood sexual assault or abuse. Req every civil action involving childhood sexual assault or abuse be accompanied by a motion to seal.	L. Willner
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Definitely need to remove statute of limitations. Currently at ten years. Way to short.	(Steve)
Other	HB247	Allow court to enjoin a party from filing any addl actions if a responding party does not pay attorney's fees and costs within 60 days of final judgement & issue an anti-suit injunction to responding party if the court finds them a vexatious litigant.	S. Doan
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good way to try to get frivolous cases removed from docket, and to compel payment.	(Steve)

Health	HB248	Estab reqs for cert of recovery housing. Permits local gov'ts to assume inspection and enforcement duties. Direct the Dep. of Medicaid Services to seek approval to provide coverage for certified recovery houses. (Why regulate this?)	S. Heavrin
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Definitely need to promote recovery houses as a response to the drug addiction problems our communities are facing. It isn't clear how regulating them does that, however. Not clear what it does at all actually. Is there a lot is frauduent half-way housing?	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB249	Incl killing a child <12 yo as aggravating circumstance for death penalty.	N. Wilson
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Should definitely be a consideration in the sentencing phase.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB25	Vets with a 100 percent service connected disability exempt from local and state vehicle taxes (up to 2 vehicles), local and state vehicle insurance taxes, fees for state issued IDs and not req to purchase hunting or fishing licenses	W. Thomas
Support	High (Pass this session)	all for helping our veterans, particularly the disabled Lance: Particularly service members with severe disability, this is very easy to justify.	(Steve)
Elections	HB250	CONST. AMEND. Allows persons with mental disabilities and Felons, except muderers, to have the right to vote. (*Not crazy, but Break the most serious laws, lose voice on what laws should be.)	G. Brown Jr.
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	The language used is confusing / unclear. Needs to be simplified for voters to understand exactly what it means. Most states allow felons to vote. It doesn't usually make that much difference electorally. KY only allows this restoration by Gov. (in constitution) currently.	(Steve / Lance
Business Regs	HB251	Estab "quantifiable instability of the built structure" as an automatic violation of the Uniform State Building Code.	J. Calloway
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems like a reasonable requirement.	(Steve)

Health	HB252	Immunize health care providers for harm from a health service-related act or omission other than gross negligence or wanton, willful malicious or intentional misconduct. (*Blanket immunity? Would req. ALMOST ALL saved on med. liability costs to go toward reducing health care costs.)	J. Nemes
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	As it relates to the COVID-19 vax, this is bad to give them blanket immunity. Should be consequences when you give treatments without informed consent.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB253	Reqs Dep. of Vet. Affairs to create and distribute a veterans' benefits and service document to employers. (*Sec 1: Good.) Req employers to keep copies in conspicuous place. (*Sec 2: Unnecessary.)	B. McCool
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Section 1 is fine, good for Vets to have all these resources in one place. Section 2: Yet another requirement for businesses to comply with.	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB254	Prohibit a gov't body from entering into \$100,000+ contract with a big company that discriminates against firearm ind. (*Expands recent law on coal. Why not other important industries?)	J. Bray
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	 Like the bill, could quibble with the contract being over \$100,000 or that the company having more than 10 employees (cut both in half). Would also like it to clarify no government contracts state and local. Expands recent law on coal Why not other important industries? Ag, petrochem, alcohol, free speech social media 	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB255	Allows counties to add up to 3% sales tax on restaurants.	T. Smith
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Another new local tax is not needed. Restaurants are already struggling.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB256	Creates Kentucky Gaming Commission, outlines its formation and reqs. biz using electronic gaming machines (seems targeted to "grey machines") to report to Commission. (*Go ahead, regulate & enhanced tax them.)	T. Smith

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems targetted to regulating grey machines. No major issue with them being regulated. Horse racing establishments shouldn't have a monopoly on these types of gaming machines, but they should still be regulated (and perhaps appropriately taxed). Commission should expand & incl online wagering and sports betting if approved.	(Lance)
Taxes & Spending	HB257	Estab KY contribution trust fund to take charitable donations (eg to disaster relief efforts) and req the reporting of deposits to and expenditures from the fund.	J. Petrie
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Hesitance with this is, why aren't these funds just going to charities? Should be a provision that these funds get reallocated entirely to non-profits aid organizations which do not discriminate against religious charities.	Passed House (Lance)
Taxes & Spending	HB258	Remove the req for various state agencies to report to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue. (*Removes excessive & duplicate reporting.)	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good that it will free up duplicate reporting requirements.	Passed Hous (Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB259	Adjusts dates and reporting reqs for state agencies to report their budget analysis on odd numbered years to the GA / LRC.	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait)	Moves dates and moves the reporting requirement to the Legislative Research Commission rather than the General Assembly. No problem with this bill.	Passed Hous (Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB26	Prohibit use of public funds for lobbying activity by Public Agencies or Agents (incl. penalties), no self-dealing by gov't org lobbyists/agents.	F. Rabourn
Support	High (Pass this session)	 Good idea. We need to research the definition of a public agency/agents further to see which orgs' lobbyists would fall within the bounds of Public agents. As it stands, this prohibits public agencies from lobbying, which is a good idea. You shouldn't be using public funds in an effort to try to self-deal (and expand your public agency). 	(Denny)
Taxes & Spending	HB260	CONST. AMEND. Incr. property tax exemption from \$6,500 to \$60,000 on primary residence for age 65+ and permanently disabled. Req it to be indexed every two years. (*Wait NEXT session, different take than SB34.)	M. Dossett
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Different spin on this idea than SB34. Good idea. I would, however, rather see this as a bill, so that it could be more easily increased in the future. Still rather see something more means tested, but like this as much or more than SB34.	(Steve)

Health	HB261	Classifies assisted living facilities as residential, not institutional buildings. Estab. procedural and compliance reqs.	S. McPherson
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not sure of the impact of classifying them as residential rather than institutional buildings. Good that it stresses making reasonable accommodations for the clients in these facilities and differentiates facilities that care for dementia patients. Overall, this seems mostly reasonable.	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB262	Remove references to manufacturer's instr. for breath testing equipment, instead standard operating procedures.	P. Flannery
Support	Low (Can wait)	Pretty harmless change but not a high priority	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB263	Changes the term "drug court" to "specialty court." Identifies programs and designates responsibility for collection of fees.	P. Flannery
Support	Low (Can wait)	Largely just administrative change. Not a high priority.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB264	Estab General Reg Sandbox Advisory Committee and KY Office of Reg Relief. Applicants who demonstrate innovative offering or service can apply to have gov't regs set aside while bringing product to market.	P. Pratt
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems like a good idea to free up red tape for businesses. However, would like to see it done through existing gov't structure, rather than creating new bureaucracy. Also, I understand the need for meetings discussing innovative business practices to be private to protect trade secrets, but outside of that those meetings should be subject to public disclosure.	Passed House (Steve)
Business Regs	HB265	Reqs Dep. of Workplace Standards consult with Dep. of Vet. Affairs to create and distribute vet benefits and services posters for businesses with 50+ FT employees. (*Fine, but Better ways to accomplish.)	B. McCool
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Another onerous requirement for businesses. The hope is that vets accidentally see info at these particular companies, but Isn't reaching out to vets directly the obvious best move here?	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB266	Enumerates the rights of incarcerated children. (*Good list, but meaningless without civil action or enforcement mechanisms.)	L. Willner

Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Good list of rights for children who are in the justice system. What does any list of rights mean without processes to protect them or legal recourse when they are violated?	(Steve / Lance
Education	HB267	Prohibit public and private postsec institutions from inquiring about a student's criminal history for adm.	L. Willner
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Very bad bill. Colleges have a duty to keep their campuses safe for all students. This inquiry should be mandatory. *The exception should be sealed juvenile records.	(Steve)
Health	HB268	Estab advisory committee to review the system of perinatal care in KY and make recs for improvement.	L. Willner
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Yet another level of bureaucracy in our state government created. Generally agree that the number of committees is exhausting, but this one is probably for the best (assuming it doesn't overlap with any of these other things). Note: We don't need need another commission to tell us that AAs have higher infant morality rates, etc. and then recommend woke counseling or trainings. * Actually come up with real solutions.	(Steve / Lance
Health	HB269	Allows parental depression screening to be claimed as a service for the child. Dictates coverage. (*Need more info on how much impact this would have.)	L. Willner
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Unnecessary. Most health care practitioners already make a check up on the mother's well being. Adds another layer of billing. Need more information on how much impact this actually would have.	(Steve / Lance
Education	HB27	Def homeschool "learning pods", exclude them from "child care center" or "family child care house" definition and their hiring reqs.	F. Rabourn
Support	High (Pass this session)	I have a concern about page 9, lines 14- 15 "who are enrolled in a public or private school and conducting instructional activities remotely," Would this language exclude homeschool parents from starting learning pods without being affiliated with a school? Lance: It's a good question to be certain about, but my understanding is that homeschoolers are regulated officially as private schools.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB270	Exempt baby bottles, wipes, breast pumps, breast pump supplies, and children's diapers from sales tax. (*Carve out, but one promoting new families. Fine.)	T. Bojanowsk

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Unnecessary tax break. Minimal expense. We do need to come up with some coherent logic for what is going to be sales tax exempt. I assume formula is already included. This probably falls under the bar of the least offensive carve outs.	(Steve / Lance)
Health	HB271	Creates the Kentucky Child Mental Health Services Access Program. Estab. its duties and responsibilities. (*Noble goal. Seems like another prog. that ignore core issues.)	T. Bojanowski
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Another unnecessary layer of bureaucracy. Obviously nobody has a problem with Mental Health programs for kids. It just feels like we are throwing programs at the issue though, when the breakdown of the traditional family and church community, proliferation of destructive cultural elements (esp. pop cukture and social media), and over-medication are the core problems.	(Steve)
Health	HB272	Reqs Medicaid to cover lactation counseling, consultation and breastfeeding equipment. (*Need a cap on expenditures since not universally needed?)	T. Bojanowski
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Medicaid can't cover everything. No real problem with this, but need a cap on expenditures. Can states dictate Medicaid coverage terms?	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB273	Exempt from sales tax breast pumps and breast pump supplies. (*Fine, but see HB270.)	T. Bojanowski
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Not a necessary tax break. HB270 is a better and more expansive bill with better internal logic for what should be covered.	(Steve)
Health	HB274	Reqs Health Access Nurturing Development Services program to provide ed info about maternal and postpartum depression.	L. Burke
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good information to put out to mothers.	(Steve)
Health	HB275	Reqs Medicaid coverage for doula services. Estab. training and ed reqs for doulas. (*This actually cuts costs, correct?)	B. Chester Burton
Support	Low (Can wait)	Child birth is already covered. Doulas are effective and cheaper for most pregnancies, win- win.	(Steve / Lance)

		Expand Medicaid eligibility to incl pregnant women and new mothers up to 12 months	
Health	HB276	postpartum regardless of citizenship or national origin. (*Only if reported to ICE.)	N. Kulkarni
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Don't need to expand Medicaid services to illegal aliens. Really these services are for the baby though, most of which are likely citizens.	(Steve / Lance
Health	HB277	Allow inmate who is pregnant or has given birth in the last six weeks access to available certified professional midwifery or doula services. (*Opens up liabilities. With security, transport does it reduce costs?)	N. Kulkarni
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Care should be by local health services, but no extras for inmates. Does instituting new health process/provider open up risks with inmates? Do these services reduce costs?	(Steve / Lance
Health	HB278	Reqs health benefit plans to provide coverage for contraception, sterilization, pregnancy ed. with religious org exemption. (*Unnecessary, let people choose.)	J. Raymond
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Some coverage would be okay (rel. exemption is good), but not for everything, and not without co-payment. Let people pick between different ins options.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB28	Estab 4th Thurs. in March Tuskegee Airman Day.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Fine, nothing objectionable here. Not an official state holiday, just recognition of heroes.	Passed Hous (Lance)
Health	HB282	Req providers provide new mothers with info on mental health risks. (*Similar to, but less comprehensive than, SB135.)	R. Roberts
Support	Low (Can wait)	Similar to, but less comprehensive than, SB135.	(Lance)
Business Regs	HB287	Decr admin regs for charitable gaming orgs. (*Should retain background checks.)	K. Bratcher
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Not a bad bill. I don't like removing the fingerprint requirement for license applicants. If they are running charities, we need to know they are of high character.	Passed Hous (Steve / Lance

Education	HB288	Prevents ALL K-12 schools from entering into NDAs relating to misconduct involving a minor. Reqs school districts disclose any allegations or investigations to other districts and employee criminal background check every 5 yrs. Prohibit schools from hiring a violent or felony sex crime offender. (*Must protect due process.)	J. Tipton
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Good bill with good requirements, must protect our children. I would want to strike out "within the last 12 months" for an applicant to disclose being the subject of an ongoing investigation or disciplinary action.A simple allegation or investigation finding nothing should not condemn a person.	Passed House (Steve)
Education	HB289	Provide merger process for contiguous school districts. Req insolvent district be merged with contiguous school district.	J. Tipton
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems like a reasonable way to rescue a failing or struggling school districtsl.	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB29	Remove KY residency req for internment in vets' cemeteries.	D. Lewis
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good bill. Don't have any problem with this.	Passed House (Steve)
Health	HB290	Change regs for prescribing and dispensing controlled substances, and synchronization schedules. Update list of controlled substances allowed under a health plan benefit. (*Why remove hydrocodone?)	S. Bratcher
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Most of this is regulatory updates. The part I can't understand is why remove hydrocodone from the list as a prohibited Schedule III controlled substance. Wasn't hydrocodone a huge part of the opioid epidemic crisis in the state?	(Steve)
Education	HB291	Adds 2nd accrediting body, Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission, to allows grad of 4+ yr programs to take engineering qualifying test.	S. Maddox
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems to be a reasonable adjustment. Not sure the origin of this extra accediting agency, but fine.	(Steve)
Health	HB292	Amend def of "drug overdose." Remove language from immunity law that reqs a "layperson to reasonably believe medical assistance is required."	K. Herron

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Reasonable changes.	(Steve)
Other	HB293	Incl "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" relating to the KY civil rights chapter, prohibit discrimination on the basis.	K. Herron
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Not a big problem with sexual orientation as defined but the gender identity is not something we can push for special status for.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB294	Prohibits selling dogs, cats & robbits in retail. Mirror of SB56	C. Stevenson
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Another restriction on a business.	(Steve)
Health	HB295	Allows health care practitioners to prescribe undesignated glucagon in name of school, for use when child may go into insulin seizure or doesn't have meds. (*Good safety precaution.)	C. Stevenson
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	For the treatment of a diabetic (or hypoglycemic?) student. Would be good to have it on hand.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB296	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she."	R. Bridges
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB297	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she."	R. Bridges
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB298	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she."	R. Bridges
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)

Health	HB299	Reqs health plans cover for testing for hep C infection for pregnant women and treatment for postpartum women.	C. Stevenson
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Would need medical expert opinion, do we need to test every pregnant woman for Hep C (that would likely be result)? Note: Hep C Treatment is a massive expense.Can see this being beneficial in some cases, but is this necessary for all cases?	(Steve / Lance)
Criminal Code	HB3	Relatively straight-forward changes to the juvenile justice criminal code, incl. procedures for handling truancy, evaluate treatment options for violent offenders. (*Murder may justify longer lack of recidivism period to seal records.)	K. Bratcher
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Juvenile justice criminal code changes, incl. procedures for handling truancy, evaluate treatment options for violent offenders. Also requires detainment for 48 hours (excluding weekends) of violent offenders until a hearing can be held. Nothing too controversial here. *Sealing of records after 5 years of non-offense is ok, but Murder may warrant longer lack of recidivism.	(Lance)
Education	HB30	Reqs students born male to use only those facilities designated to be used by males and students born female to use only those facilities designated to be used by females.	B. Wesley
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Ideas correct, language needs to be tightened up a bit. Section 3(1) needs to say: Every school restroom, locker room, and shower room designated for student use accessible by multiple students at the same time shall be designated for and used by biological male students only or biological female students only. Also require schools to provide the reasonable available accommodation to students who assert that their gender is different from their biological sex	(John)
Health	HB300	Provides for Equal criminal homicide Protection for unborn child (fetus) in elective abortion decisions. (*Voters not ready for prosecuting mothers who get abortion; does provide counter-weight for Repubs. wanting to weaken restrictions though.)	E. Callaway

Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	 Would provide for the same protection for an unborn child (fetus) as for any other person in an abortion procedure that results in the death of the fetus (ie intentionally killing a fetus is homicide). This isn't currently a winning position with the electorate, will require resetting of societal mindset over years. Nevertheless, there are bills seeking to weaken the existing prohibitions on abortion in this state among Republicans (eg rape, incest, pre-heartbeat, only surgical, etc. exemptions). This bill does throw down the gauntlet that there are much more restrictive possibilities as well if they want to force the issue. Laura has lots of thoughts on this Too many for here. The Trigger law allows for prosecution of those who prescribe abortifacients or perform abortion procedures. Prosecuting the mother is a bad, bad, bad idea. 	(Lance)
Business Regs	HB301	Estab consumer rights in regards to data harvesting. Restricts who can disseminate this information and how they can do so. (*Need to examine difference with SB118.)	J. Decker
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Very long and detailed. I thought there were too many exceptions regarding who can harvest data and who they can share with. Any nonprofit or NGO, anyone affiliated with a political party covers a broad swath. Also, there are too many exceptions for the types of data that can be harvested. Needs amending to clarify both these areas.	(Steve)
Elections	HB302	Elections omnibus bill: Reqs AG select 6 random + 6 counties with highest rates of irregularities, for indep. inquiry. Consolidated precincts must incl. adeq. parking (OK). Electioneering limits for in-person absentee voting or training election officers (Good). Penalties for felons who attempt to register to vote. (*Good ideas here, most provisions don't go far enough; eg HB214 is better admin. indep. inquiry bill.)	J. Decker

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Requires AG select six random counties and six counties with highest rates of irreg. for indep. inquiry. Require Attorney General to promulgate administrative regulations to establish uniform procedures for inquiry. Require that petitions for consolidated precincts include adequate parking accommodations. Prohibit electioneering during any days of in-person absentee voting or during training for election officers. Prohibit any candidate beaten in the primary from running for the same office in the general. Only "death" as a condition to fill a vacancy in the nomination of a candidate. Prescribe penalties for felons who attempt to register to vote. HB214 is a much better bill regarding AG's independent inquiry. Requires inquiry in every county. Asking for adequate parking in consolidated precincts – why not do away with consolidated precincts? Smaller is better. Prohibit electioneering during the early in person voting period (fine). We need ONE DAY VOTING, not voting days. Rest of it is okay.	(Steve / Lance)
Taxes & Spending	HB303	Removes several state offices and creates new offices within Dep for Business and Community Development. Includes companies in the hydrogen transmission industry in Bluegrass State Skills Corporation Grant-in-aid and Skills Training Investment Credit programs. Increases grants-in-aid from \$200,000 to \$500,000. Changes amount of Ioan loss payments for western KY disaster relief from the original \$200M to \$100M. Incl companies involved in hydrogen transmission in KY Enterprise Initiative Act, KY Business Initiative program and the KY Reinvestment Act. Stipulates that employees must pay maximum state income tax unless triggered by local tax rates.	J. Branscum
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	A lot packed in this bill. Most appears to be for economic development of the hydrogen transmission industry and for disaster relief for western KY. Don't have much of a problem with it, except the stipulation that employees must pay maximum state tax amount. There are lots of \$\$\$ being doled out to corporations, does it have to be paid for by the employees in the affected communities?	Passed House (Steve)
Health	HB304	"Right to die/assisted suicide" for terminally ill patients. (*Leads to general devaluation of life; Req providers to pass patient on to someone who will assist suicide is egregious.)	J. Raymond

Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	 Patient must confirm orally and in writing, be of sound mind, have a witness and can rescind at any time (except after they have been killed). Health care provider not required to participate but must pass patient on to provider who will. Provides assisting health worker with an affirmative defense against murder or manslaughter charges. I am personally against this, but for someone who supports, this is a very comprehensive, well written bill. The provision requiring passing patient on to executioner is egregious. 	(Steve / Lance)
Education	HB305	Def Child Care Development Fund and Child Care Assistance Program to access federal money for child care (in 45 C.F.R. pt. 98).	J. Raymond
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Licensed or unlicensed health care personnel, school personnel, social workers, child care personnel and long term care personnel shall not have to meet income guidelines to be eligible. I have no issue with figuring out how to maximize the impact of federal dollars, including for providing child care assistance to family's that genuinely need it. Any expansion of the program that incentivizes the state raising kids rather than parents is a non-starter. This needs more exploration from Republicans to figure out that balance.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB306	Reqs child care centers be tested for radon at least once every five years. Spec. licensure & insurance req for radon labs. Req landlords conduct radon testing and inform tenants of the results. (*Make this region-specific guidance.)	J. Raymond
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Seems to be a reasonable requirement but not a high priority. Risk of Radon is region-specific, why not make this zone 1 specific? Or issue guidelines/recommendations to county fiscal courts to regulate this at the county level.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB307	Reqs seller of rez property built prior to 1976 conduct tests for lead content. Req landlord to test for lead once every 5 years and inform tenants of results. (*Why every 5 yrs; once, or every 10-15 yrs?)	J. Raymond
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Not a big problem with this bill, except the requirement that landlords test every five years. Wouldn't one clean bill of health suffice?	(Steve / Lance)

Business Regs	HB308	Allow paid vacation or sick leave following death of a child. Allows donation of time by fellow employees.	S. Stalker
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Hopefully most employers would already allow this, but not a bad proposal.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB309	Estab mechanism for protections for owners or lessors of leased property from items arising from work performed through a contract when the lessee is prohibited from entering into such an agreement by the lease.	M. Dossett
Support	Low (Can wait)	Seems reasonable, but why do you need a nullification if a lessee enters into a contract that they are not allowed under their lease? Seems that alone would nullify it.	(Steve)
Education	HB31	KDE cannot mandate COVID-19 vax requirement to attend school. Opposed only because HB92 is stronger bill.	S. McPherson
Oppose	Low (Can wait)	Only covers up to 12th grade. Also need protection from postsecondary and all other parts of the state government, HB92.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB310	Incr penalties for violations related to sale and distrib of tobacco products, alt. nicotine products or vapor products to <21 yo.	W. Lawrence
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems like a reasonable amount increase to prevent underage sale of product.	(Steve)
Health	HB311	Prohibit Medicaid from req health professional or medical group maintain physical location in KY to be eligible as a Medicaid provider if they exclusively offer services via telehealth.	R. Raymer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Don't have a problem with this but would like to see the requirement that the provider exclusively offers service via telehealth be removed. Why not allow other providers also. I get the logic here, but if they are taking advantage of KY's medicaid reimbursement system, they should have at least SOME physical presence in the state, this would give out of state telehealth providers a big advantage of KY providers.	(Steve)

Govt Regulations	HB312	Exempt any group of 3 contig. counties from obtaining (hospital) certificate of need if each has pop of 90K+ & borders another state. (*Make it all border counties.)	M. Proctor
Support	Low (Can wait)	Seems to be specific to only one area of the state. Yes, this is only a certificate of need bill for NKY.	(Steve / Lance)
Taxes & Spending	HB313	Redef "eligible project" to include when matching funds are available either on publicly owned property or meets certain cond. Elim. eligible grant recipient 10% match req. Bases program eligibility on census population, Caps avail funds at \$2M per county, and DQs projs that receive discretionary mega-development funding.	A. Bowling
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems to be reasonable requirements and adjustments, but not a very high priority.	Passed House (Steve)
Criminal Code	HB314	Makes intimidation of a sports official a Class A misdemeanor. (*Maybe Class B?)	D. Hale
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this just not a high priority.	(Steve)
Education	HB315	Reqs school's trauma-informed team incorporate child abuse and neglect awareness into provided training, guidance and assistance.	N. Tate
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Also, Reqs school's plan to incl strategies for age-appropriate and evidence-based child abuse and neglect awareness and prevention. Reqs KY Dep. of Ed to send annual notification of where standards can be found within the academic standards for health. A lot in this bill. Good for schools to focus on child abuse and neglect.	(Steve)
Education	HB316	Req school boards incl at least one non-voting teacher.	T. Bojanowski
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Teachers can influence boards by speaking at meetings and through the superintendent. Not necessary to have a seat on the board.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB317	Provides general police powers of officer employed by metro correctional services. Estab disciplinary protocols relating to officer accused of misconduct. Allow officer to take 48 hours leave after critical incident. (*Don't agree with full police powers. Leave should be mandatory.)	J. Nemes
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	No problem with most of this bill. However, a correctional officer should not have the "privileges and immunities of sheriffs. Sheriffs are elected constitutional officers, correctional officers are not.	(Steve)

Taxes & Spending	HB318	Estab income eligibility reqs for Child Care Assistance Program at <=200% of fed poverty level. (*Needs to be much lower.)	A. Tackett Laferty
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	200 percent above is way too much. Needs to be at 100 percent, then possibly pro-rated from there.	(Steve)
Education	HB319	Estab interstate compact for mutual licensure of teachers.	J. Tipton
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	No major issue with this, but won't it create price competition with other (neighboring) states? Prefer a more general approach were all professions have cross-licensure, not just teachers. If you can do a job in another state why are we creating barriers to doing it here?	(Lance)
Education	HB32	Allow hiring of classified personnel without a high school diploma if the school district allows the employee the opportunity to obtain one at no cost to the employee.	K. Jackson
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Could help slightly alleviate unskilled staff shortages in the school system.	Passed Hous (Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB320	Allow applicant with nonresident operator's license and comm. driver's license to take the KY CDL skills test for \$150.	C. Freeland
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	No issue with this. Would make it easier to get more CDL drivers in-state, we have a need in the work force.	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB321	Estab animal abuse in 1st & 2nd degree; allow law enforcement to seize and hold animals, and seek forfeiture and reimbursement from owner.	K. Bratcher
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Estab animal abuse in 1st & 2nd degree. Allow law enforcement to seize and hold animals and seek forfeiture and reimbursement from the owner. Grants criminal immunity for a person who enters a vehicle containing a cat or dog believed to be in danger of death. Allows seizure of animal believed to have been the object of sexual crimes against an animal. No problem with any of this. We should try to look out for the well being of pets.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB322	Reqs Div. of Workers' Comp Funds issue lump sum settlements for outstanding claims. Set special fund assessment at 6%. Req remaining claims balance fund Ed and Labor Cabinet.	J. Bauman
Support	High (Pass this session)	Definitely need to make these individuals whole as quickly as possible.	(Steve)

Criminal Code	HB323	Creates juvenile services fund to reduce recidivism via family wrap-around service, early intervention, alternatives to detention, reentry programs and facilities.	K. Herron
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	If this will reduce recidivism I'm in favor of it.	(Steve / Lance
Govt Regulations	HB324	Create regional citizen juvenile justice review boards and State Citizen Juvenile Justice Review Board to review the cases of all incarcerated children and develop policy recommendations.	K. Herron
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Not a terrible idea, but can this be accomplished using the existing infrastructure, rather than create new levels of bureaucracy?	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB325	Allow local gov't to destroy abandoned, confiscated or forfeited firearms.	K. Herron
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Terrible idea. How about auctioning / selling those firearms to law abiding citizens?	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB326	Creates Office of Safer Communities in the Dep. of Public Health.	K. Herron
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	More bureaucracy not needed.	(Steve)
Education	HB327	Reqs African and Native American history to be taught as part of curriculum for middle and high school students.	K. Herron
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	This is already being taught.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB328	Makes participation date in County Employees Retirement System if entering KY Dep. of Criminal Justice Training Police Corp program prior to July 1, 2003 shall be date training began.	D.J. Johnson
Support	Low (Can wait)	Reasonable provision, just not sure how many officers this will affect.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB329	Reqs State Treasurer to either revise, cancel or keep effective any contract in which the Gov't Contract Review Committee issues non-binding recs to the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet.	M. Hart

Support	Low (Can wait)	Require the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet to revise, cancel or keep any contract issued pursuant to the Governor's constitutional powers. Seems like reasonable clarification but not a high priority	(Steve)
Education	HB33	Allow grants to colleges and universities for setting minimum tuition standards for teacher prep courses throughout the state.	J. Tipton
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Could potentially help alleviate teacher shortage.	(Steve)
Health	HB330	Incl APRN as qualified health professional authorized by court to examine individual for involuntary treatment for substance abuse disorder.	M. Dossett
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Would be helpful in areas where there are a lack of doctors available.	(Steve)
Education	HB331	Reqs all middle and high schools to maintain & at least all coaches are trained on portable automated external defibrillators & CPR.	R. Palumbo
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	 Reqs all middle and high schools to maintain & are trained on portable automated external defibrillators. All coaches trained on its use and on CPR. Defibrillator kept on hand at all practices and games. Required to annually certify compliance. Good safety precaution. Not sure how expensive these are. If they are cheap, everyone should already have them. If not, perhaps there should be a grant for small schools? 	Passed Hous (Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB332	Reqs certain public buildings built after Jan 1 2025 have 1+ powered, height adjustable, adult-sized changing table (for the disabled).	J. Nemes
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Seems like a requirement that would not be utilized very often. Unnecessary overregulation.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB333	Allow value of multi-unit rental housing that is subject to government restriction on use to be calculated using specific methods. Disallow inclusion of income tax credits in those methods.	J. Nemes

Support	Low (Can wait)	Seems reasonable but not a high priority.	(Steve)
Health	HB334	Reqs an application to increase the number of beds by an immediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability to be consistent with the state health plan under certain circumstances.	D.J. Johnsor
Support	Low (Can wait)	More regulatory red tape, but they should have to stay in compliance.	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB335	Exempt firearm safes, firearm safety courses and firearm safety devices from taxation between July 1,2023 and July 1, 2027.	R. Roberts
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	In favor of this just wish you would make it permanent.	(Steve)
Education	HB336	Prohibit governing boards of regional state college and universities from entering into contracts for lifetime employment. (*Why not use this to reconsider tenure.)	P. Flannery
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Good thought, but I'm not sure they are racing to do this. Really only appies to Calipari right now. The lifetime contracts that are actually hurting us are tenure agreements at Universities for unproductive or Woke faculty.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB338	Estab prospective juror may elect to be relieved of service on jury for the period summoned, if the juror is age 70 or older.	A. Neighbor
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB339	Estab quarterly installment payment program for property tax. Allow admin fee up to 3 percent. Disallow 2% early discount. Prohibit collection of penalties and interest on installment program.	L. Willner
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Allowing 3 percent administrative fee, but disallowing the 2 percent early discount? If there are no penalties or interest for not paying on time, why pay anything? Not necessary.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB34	Permits a city to establish preference for awarding public construction projects to unions, negotiate wage minimums & set firearms regs.	J. Raymond
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Also Grants local gov. the authority to adopt and enforce ordinances that req employers to provide leave to their employees and to enact local firearms regs. A whole list of socialist desires. Terrible bill. No chance of it passing	(Steve)

Elections	HB341	CONST. AMEND. Removes Treasurer from list of elected state officials. (*Having a front-end spending watch dog can be important.)	S. Doan
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Not real sure what this hopes to accomplish. It removes the Treasurer from the list of state officers up for election every four years, but refers to the Treasurer in other passages. ???	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB342	Provide auto-expungement and sealing of records in forcible entry and detainer cases.	N. Kulkarni
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	These should be treated as other crimes are. No special treatment.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB343	Allow recog. of occupational licenses and gov't certificates from other states, incl. using work experience as a basis. Excludes interstate licensure compacts.	S. Doan
Support	High (Pass this session)	Seems to be a reasonable way to issue licenses to new arrivals to the state. If someone is licensed and or has been legally performing a job in another state for an extended period of time, it is both unnecessary and anti-competitive to issue addl licensing reqs here.	(Steve / Lanc
Taxes & Spending	HB344	Direct government agency head, cabinet secretary or appointed official to provide a report and analysis of all relief funds created to provide assistance to entities impacted by an emergency. Report to the General Assembly.	M. Dossett
Support	Low (Can wait)	Seems to be reasonable to track where relief funds have gone.	(Steve)
Health	HB345	Prohibit discriminating in pricing based on an applicant's health status, claims experience, receipt of health care or medical condition for purchase of Medicare supplements.	K. Moser
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Reasonable prohibition.	(Steve)
Health	HB346	Permit insurers to req insured to try biosimilar biological products prior to providing for equiv branded prescription drug. (*Should req corresponding premium reduction.)	K. Moser
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Reasonable way to allow cost savings for both the patient and the insurer. Savings need to be passed on to the insured, not just taken as profit by insurers.	(Steve)

Criminal Code	HB348	Makes it criminal to sell various hemp-derived byproducts, esp, those that are "intoxicating" incl. delta-6 and delta-8 THC.	R. Raymer
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	I don't have much expertise in this type of product. These seem to be THC-related, hemp- derived products made from CBD oil, many of which are hallucinagenic or intoxicating. Good idea: Seems like they are dangerous, the law is always racing to keep up with these sorts of thing. Will need expert analysis to really proof the bill and make sure it is appropriately definited and targeted.	(Lance)
Health	HB349	Permit expedited partner therapy for sexually transmitted infection. Permit self testing for immunodeficiency virus. Remove penalty for someone who donates organs, skin or other tissue while knowingly being positive for immunodeficiency virus.	D. Bentley
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Would need to strike out the provision that you remove the penalty for someone who knowingly donates while having virus in order to support.	(Steve)
Education	HB35	Universal Pre-K: Reqs school districts to provide a full day preschool program for 3 & 4 year olds, operate on the school district calendar, provide transportation. (*For at risk kids? Fine. Otherwise, keep kids in the home.)	J. Raymond
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	We don't need to be putting 3 & 4 year old children into the school system, especially not for a full day, nor do the kindergarten students need to be attending a full day. Horrible idea. Lance: The LESS indoctrination, and more time at home, the better for most kids. Also, any gains that this produces in the short term for most kids dissipate by 4th grade. At risk kids are a different issue.	(Steve / Lance)
Health	HB350	Prohibit insurers and pharmacy benefits managers from imposing several reqs on health plan insureds, like using online pharmacies.	D. Bentley
Support	Low (Can wait)	Most of these seem like reasonable restrictions to preserve patient choice, but not a high priority	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB351	Allow state park rangers to have powers of peace officers outside of parks in all parts of the state. (*Not state police.)	C. Fugate
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Not necessary. They are not state police, they are park rangers.	(Steve)

Health	HB352	Amend to include gender neutral language.	D. Meade
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Suspected shell bill.	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB353	Exclude testing equipment used to determine the presence of chemically toxic substances or hazardous compounds in controlled substances from the prohibition of possession of drug paraphernalia. Exclude fentanyl found on testing equipment from the definition of fentanyl.	K. Moser
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems to be reasonable requirements.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB354	Allow Treasurer to promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to implement the chapter. Require the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland to serve alternating terms on the KY Financial Empowerment Commission.	S. Sharp
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Reasonable requirements.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB357	Amend KRS: correct outdated references to specific interim joint committees, correct titles of various state officers and update the the names of several state and federal agencies.	D. Hale
Support	Low (Can wait)	Corrections are needed, but this could be another shell bill. Not sure.	(Steve)
Elections	HB358	Change the close of the voter registration book to 21 days before the election. Require the State Board of Elections to remove voter names upon notification of death, incompetency or felony conviction before the books are closed if received within 5 days of the books closing.	T. Smith
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Need to leave the closing of voter registration at the current 28 days. The rest are positive changes.	(Steve)
Education	HB36	Removes " insured" from the definition of "student loans" that can be financed and purchased by the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation.	T. Truett

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Essentially doesn't require all student loans to be insured in order for the state to help in financing them. Fine, but if they aren't insured doesn't the state take on heightened repayment risk? If so, need controls on that.	Passed House (Steve / Lance
Taxes & Spending	HB363	Increase the amount of sales and use tax incentives that may be committed in each fiscal year for building and construction materials and equipment used for research and development, electronic processing and flight simulation.	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait)	Doubles the amount of available incentives. May attract new investment in the state.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB364	Bar public employers from auto-deducting dues from payroll for any labor organization for political activities. (*Need strongest of both bills between HB2364 and SB7, req annual re-enroll, no distrib of fin. info.)	J. Bray
Support	High (Pass this session)	Make public labor union members write a check to that organization, you don't get free payroll deduction services. This reqs employees to consent to union membership in writing every year (better than SB7). SB7 has a prohibition against employers collecting banking info etc. and sharing it with any union. Need best of both bills. Would be EVEN stronger if prohibition was ANY deductions for any org that uses any portion of proceeds for political activity, these bills SEEM to exempt only the funds going for political activities.	(Lance)
Education	HB365	Require local school boards to annually review and revise it's trauma-informed approach plans.	L. Willner
Support	Low (Can wait)	Reasonable requirements but not a high priority	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB366	Creates prevailing wage board and reqs one for all public service projects.	A. Gentry
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Not necessary. These projects tend to be high wage jobs anyway, and the wage scale can be part of the bid process.	(Steve)
Other	HB367	Designate coal as the official rock of KY. Designate chalcedony as the official mineral.	A. Gentry
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not a bad proposal but not really important	(Steve)

Criminal Code	HB369	Remove language describing a series of felony offenses. Allow expungement of juvenile records with multiple felonies arising from one incident	S. Miles
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Should only expunge felonies with a clean record for at minimum 5 years as an adult.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB37	Allows pass-through business to pay income tax at the entity level. Allows applicable partners, members and shareholders to exclude the income from the pass-through entity to avoid SALT cap limits on federal taxes. (*Need to revert to current law, if IRS closes loophole or SALT cap expires.)	K. Fleming
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Shouldn't have to pay taxes twice on the same income, that much is correct. Pass-through entities are designed already to avoid double-taxation, by paying taxes on the individual tax return. This bill, as I understand it, flips it so that taxes can be paid at the level of the business rather than the individual tax payer. This essentially allows very wealthy taxpayers to avoid the \$10K cap on SALT and pay less in federal taxes.	(Steve / Lance)
Criminal Code	HB370	Makes criminal for <18yo, or >18 but <21 yo, who possess or attempt to purchase alt nicotine, tobacco, or vape products. Req local school boards to incl policies that penalize, even suspend, students for possessing. (*Criminalizing more young adults isn't the answer.)	M. Hart
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	I understand the concern, but I think the better tactic is to go after the companies selling to minors, not criminalizing our youth.	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB371	Enhances promoting fentanyl, carfentanil or fentanyl deriv contraband to Class B felony, make it a "violent offense." (*Some concern about "violent offender" part.)	J. Bauman
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Good to enhance penalties for fentanyl trafficking. Epidemic that we need to get under control. Not sure about making it a "violent offense" though. Why not keep "violent offense" as engaging in unjustified physicall violence?	(Steve / Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB372	Estab constables shall charge and collect same fees as provided for sheriffs for services constable is authorized by law to perform.	J. Blanton

Govt Regulations	HB373	Revisions lots of law enforcement certification statutes, most good. (*MUST remove ability of deputy jailers and corrections staff to make arrests outside of jail. Court security officers MUST be trained in order to make arrests)	J. Blanton
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Lots of good recommendations for changes. I think though that court security officers should have the same requirements as other deputies, since they deal with a criminal element on a daily basis.	(Steve / Lance
Health	HB376	Req cost-sharing for non-insulin drugs and certain equip/supplies for treatment of diabetes not exceed certain cost-sharing thresholds. Allow cost-sharing limit to be adjusted annually.	D. Bentley
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirements but not a high priority. We do need to start helping reign in the cost of dabetes treatment (as well as figuring out a way to prevent it, of course). It is exceptionally expensive to treat for 30+ years. Companies gouge as it has become a huge money maker for them.	(Steve / Lance
Business Regs	HB377	Removes expiration dates from gift cards.	K. Moser
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good idea but it can wait.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB378	Makes it ethical misconduct for legislator or leg agent to discriminate or sexually harass. Prohibits leg agents from campaign contribs to GA member seeking state-wide office during session.	K. Moser
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	The description of the bill states that it permits certain legislative agents from making campaign contributions to a member of the GA running for state-wide office, but I read it to say that it prohibits this. Definitely, lobbyists should not be allowed to contribute to campaigns.	(Steve / Lance
Govt Regulations	HB380	Allows 20 yo to attend police officer basic training so long as they turn 21 prior to conclusion.	S. Witten
Support	Low (Can wait)	Seems like a reasonable adjustment that will help with recruiting young officers.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB382	Eliminate references to circuit clerk, allow county clerk to maintain branch offices to process motor vehicle titling and registration. Eliminate circuit clerk's issuance of operator's licenses and IDs.	J. Dixon
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems like a reasonable idea to put it all under one umbrella. Just hope our county clerks can manage it properly.	(Steve)

Taxes & Spending	HB383	Offer employer tax incentives for wage assessments. Create different wage assessment calculations if a project is located in an advanced incentive county	R. Webber
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	More unnecessary tax breaks for corporations.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB384	Specifies duties and membership criteria for the KY Healthy Farm and Food Innovation Board. Establish a fund. Exempt the Board from a classified service designation.	M. Dossett
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	This is a terrible idea. The members on the board are selected based on racial and sexual quotas. Membership is designed to attract non profit organizations. Need to focus on helping local farmers, not NGOs.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB385	Reduces req # of candidates submitted to Gov for appt to Geographic Information Advisory Council from six to three.	M. Imes
Support	Low (Can wait)	More choices could be better but not a big deal.	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB386	Expand reqs to move over or slow down when approaching emergency or public safety vehicle to incl any vehicle displaying a warning signal.	M. Imes
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this but not a high priority	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB387	Amends multiple statutes to update references to more newly established committee names.	S. Heavrin
Support	Low (Can wait)	Needs updating but not a high priority	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB388	Allows individuals who administer, deliver, distribute or sell controlled substances that result in death to be changed with murder. (*Needs "knowingly" & "a lethal dose.")	D. Frazier Gordon
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Could be part of addressing the fentanyl and opioid epidemics. Fentanyl, for instance, can be accidentally administered through contact, and often has a shockingly low lethal dose. Can't be imprecise wuth terms when talking about Murder charges.	(Steve)
Education	HB389	Reqs public charter school boards adopt a common comprehensive reading program that is reliable, valid, and aligned to reading and writing standards.	K. Banta
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Need to focus our schools back to the basics – reading and writing – and away from the cultural indoctrination.	(Steve)

Govt Regulations	HB39	Reorganizes KY Horse Park Commission, its duties and function. (*Wait 1 year, plus No bill with racist "affirmative action" provisions should ever be codified into law.)	P. Pratt
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Does a good job defining the duties and responsibilities of the Commission. My only problem with this bill is the language used on page 5 lines 6 and 7"including staff development and training programs for affirmative action." Don't understand why we are encoding affirmative action into statute.	(Steve)
Education	HB390	Estab and set reqs for Student Teacher Stipend Program. Provide up to \$8K to student teachers. Appropriate \$10M for Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Program. (*No issue paying Student teachers, esp. given expense. Not excited about Loan Forgiveness.)	K. Banta
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Direct the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to administer. Wouldn't necessarily have a problem with a grant to each student teacher or loan forgiveness but both in combination seems excessive.	(Steve / Lance)
Health	HB391	Req long term care providers to eval and discuss opps for joint training as new regs and guidelines announced.	A. Neighbors
Support	Low (Can wait)	Just a suggestion. Has no teeth behind it.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB392	Elim circuit clerk, instead vesting power to issue titles and licenses for motor vehicles in the County clerk only.	J. Dixon
Support	Low (Can wait)	Reasonable provision.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB393	Change subject entities from public agencies to governmental bodies. Allow city to sell or dispense of items without value. Increase limit from \$5K to \$10K at which city may sell property	J. Dixon
Support	Low (Can wait)	Lots of minutiae about operations of municipalities. Not opposed but not a high priority.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB394	Changes financial statement reqs for professional employer org initial and renewal application. Reqs submission of wage reports and pay all contribs to the Office of Unemployment Insurance.	P. Pratt
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with any of this but not a high priority.	(Steve)

Taxes & Spending	HB395	Create the Investments in Information Technology Improvement and Modernization Projects Oversight Board. Estab times for submission of plans by state agencies and a review of those plans by the board.	P. Pratt
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Not real sure how much improvement of state information technology can be accomplished by 6 members of the GA. Need the advice of specialists in the field who are on the cutting edge.	(Steve)
Education	HB396	Remove elig restr for nonresident student participation in interscholastic athletics to have to sit out for one calendar year.	S. Riley
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Don't have a real problem with this, especially don't want to penalize students whose parents have relocated. Just hope it doesn't increase recruiting of student athletes.	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB398	Makes 3rd DUI within 10 years a Class D felony with min term of 120 days. Req any person arrested for DUI remain in custody for 8+ hours.	P. Flannery
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirements to try to prevent repeat offenses.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB399	Permits officers and others employed by KY State Police to participate in political activities while off duty.	C. Massaroni
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Our officers need to have their First Amendment rights restored pronto.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB4	Specifies processes and timelines for approving, building, and decommissioning electric generation facilities.	J. Branscum
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Nothing seemed particularly objectionable here.	Passed House (Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB40	Estab any admin. reg. that is ruled deficient by the admin. review committee shall be null, in essence, as long as one of the originating board, AG & Gov. agrees.	D. Lewis

Support	High (Pass this session)	Relating to administrative deficiency finding: grants an administrative body 10 days to appeal a legislative committee's deficiency finding to the Attorney General, allows Attorney General 20 days to uphold or overrule. Withdraws or nullifies a regulation automatically if the appeal is not filed or the finding is upheld. Allows the Governor to act on the regulation if the finding is overruled and prohibits an administrative body from promulgating a similar regulation for at least a year after the finding was upheld. Seems to be a common sense detailed explanation of how the process should work. I think it's a harmless bill.	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB400	Create enhanced penalty for a person under 21 who operates a motor vehicle with an alcohol concentration of 02 or more.	C. Aull
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good enhancement but not a high priority	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB401	Adds Div. of Records Management and rename the Div. of Information Technology to the Div. of Electronic Services within the Office of Technical Services within the Dep. of KY State Police.	D. Hale
Support	Low (Can wait)	Could be a shell bill. Not certain.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB403	Removes classifications of ambulance services, mobile integrated health care programs and medical first responders. Permit state level reciprocity.	K. Fleming
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not sure how badly the state reciprocity agreement is needed. Could end up causing the state to lose first responders.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB404	Direct premises licensed by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission to submit annual reports of criminal activity on their properties.	N. Kulkarni
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Has no mechanism included for action on the results of those reports. What is the intention to do with this information?	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB405	Estab multi-state licensure compact for social workers. (*Better to do this with all industries; eg HB343)	K. Fleming
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Not sure if this would help attract social workers or possibly cause the state to lose some. The idea that someone who can do a job in another state cannot do it is KY is just a fiction and used as a barrier to entry for people seeking employment here.	(Steve)

Education	HB406	Provide that a parent member of a superintendent screening committee shall not be an employee of the school district. Require minority representation on a screening committee in a district with a minority population at 50 percent or greater.	B. Chester Burton
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not bad requirements but not a high priority.	(Steve)
Education	HB407	Remove degree seeking requirement for non remarried spouse and children of a deceased veteran. Require students to use federal grants towards tuition prior to use of waiver. Expand educational benefits to include service members with a disability rating of 50 percent or higher.	P. Stevenson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Most of this is okay, but it should not remove the degree seeking requirement for benefits to be received.	(Steve)
Health	HB408	Require health plan benefits to provide coverage for certain formulas, breastfeeding support and equipment.	P. Stevenson
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	More give aways not necessary.	(Steve)
Education	HB41	Directs the Kentucky Department of Education to develop a foster care student toolkit to assist school personnel in addressing the unique educational needs of foster children. (*KRS 158.4416 somewhat already does this.)	R. Raymer
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	KRS 158.4416 was passed in 2022 regarding Trauma-informed approach to education. It set out guidelines for school counselors in every school to create a team and train teachers in dealing with students who have experienced all forms of trauma. This bill focuses on trauma informed practices that are already being taught but only asks that a person in each district, who will be "the foster care liaison," to let the teachers, counselors and administrators know of the availability of the foster care student toolkit and encourage its use. While having this information available for those who want to read it is not bad, I don't think it needs to be legislated. The KDE can regulate the creation of such a toolkit and make it available if it so chooses. Lance: I don't trust the KDE's judgement. If it is a good idea, it likely should be legally mandated. Nevertheless, probably best to just clarify KRS 158.4416 applies to any foster scenario.	(Laura)
Govt Regulations	HB410	Require the governing body of a city to mandate the proper care of a burial ground	P. Stevenson

Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	More mandates from Frankfort are not needed.	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB411	Make certain LGBTQ and qualifying veterans eligible for state veterans benefits.	P. Stevenson
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good to make them whole, but not a high priority	(Steve)
Education	HB412	Extend expiration of KEES scholarships from 5 to 8 years after high school graduation.	P. Stevenson
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Need to make it an incentive that the student utilize the scholarship to complete their postsecondary program in a timely fashion. Five years are enough	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB413	Estab refundable tax credit for renters in the amount of 25% not to exceed \$1000. (*MAYBE a 1-time credit for pandemic/inflation; should be encouraging ownership.)	P. Stevenson
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	I can see the logic behind giving renters an equivalent tax credit to the home mortgage deductions, but we should be encouraging people to own rather than rent.	(Steve / Lance
Govt Regulations	HB414	Designate June 12 as Women's Veterans' Appreciation Day.	P. Stevenson
Support	Low (Can wait)	Doesn't mention replacing Confederate Memorial Day and Jefferson Davis Day.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB415	Reqs reg of all non-motorized vehicles operated on public highways excl bicycles.	W. Lawrence
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Seems to be another bill targeting the Mennonite community. Not necessary.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB416	Estab separate overweight fine schedule for violating posted bridge weight limit on any state maintained bridge over 75 yo. Reqs signage to be in place.	W. Lawrence
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Existing laws should suffice to restrict. Why only on state maintained bridges or on bridges over 75 years old?	(Steve)
Criminal Code	HB417	Create automatic class D felony expungement process after 5 clean years. (*Needs to be higher than 5, but core issue is employers unwilling to hire rehabilitated felons.)	D. Grossberg

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Five years is too soon. Should be 10 years minimum.	(Steve)
Education	HB418	Allow members the Teacher's Retirement System to make up unpaid days. Require a maximum of 10 makeup days to count for service.	D. Grossberg
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	As it is now, only required to work a maximum of 180 / 185 days. Just over half a year. No allowance necessary.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB419	Require a current copy of all digital parcel and tax district data be securely stored with the Commonwealth Office of Technology's geographic information clearinghouse. Restrict data from being redistributed, sold, shared or used for any commercial or unauthorized purposes.	C. Freeland
Support	Low (Can wait)	No big problem with this just not a high priority.	(Steve)
Health	HB42	Establishes a bill of rights for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and defines penalties for violations of these rights.	M. Hart
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems like a good bill	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB420	Exempt houseboat rentals from transient room taxes. (*Could justify Houseboat rentals of 30 days+.)	C. Freeland
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this just not a high priority.	(Steve / Lance)
Education	HB421	Allows school districts to contract for road improvements, replace energy-inefficient buildings on their properties. (*Must be clear, Transp. Dept is not required to approve reimbursement for improvements.)	K. Timoney
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	No problem with school districts being able to put in the work to try and expidite building replacements and road improvements. It should remain clear that submitting an application does NOT mean that other parts of government is required to pay for them.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB422	Require electrical utilities to have a vegetation management plan performed in accordance with ANSI standards. Establish homeowner rights.	K. Timoney

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirements. Would like to see property owners rights be extended more than 7 days to file a claim in a court with jurisdiction.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB423	Consider relative work experience in lieu of a bachelor's degree for the purpose of evaluating employee qualifications.	K. Timoney
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good idea. Don't want to limit the pool of available candidates.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB424	Reqs qualified medical professional to withdraw blood when presented with search warrant or court order. Provide criminal and civil immunity to the qualified medical professional.	S. Baker
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good recommendation for looking after the health and safety of the accused.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB425	Create a peace officer special accommodation certification process for law enforcement agencies trying to fill vacancies.	J. Gooch Jr
Support	Low (Can wait)	Only applies to officers from out of state who are applying for a position in KY who have been certified in the state they currently reside in.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB426	Add "reliable" to the description of utility service in Kentucky.	J. Gooch Jr
Support	Low (Can wait)	You would think this would be understood by the utilities but in cases it is not.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB429	Limit security requirements, amount available for lending. Permit a state bank or trust company to elect to comply with lending limits applicable to national banks.	M. Meredith
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good requirements. Banks should not be allowed to loan money that they cannot back up.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB433	Establish dates for the renewal and reinstatement of deferred deposit service business and check cashing licenses. Allow the commissioner to modify dates when necessary to facilitate common practices and procedures among the states.	C. Stevenson

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Reasonable requirements for the banking industry to follow.	(Steve)
Education	HB435	myRequire teachers to be compensated for non instructional planning time within their school day during which they are required to supervise or instruct students. Expand the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program to include a program leading to a bachelor's degree in education.	T. Bojanowski
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good incentives for luring students into the teaching profession. We don't need to overburden them with trying to plan lessons while also instructing.	(Steve)
Health	HB436	Provide Medicaid covered medical assistance for inpatient and outpatient services provided by a residential pediatric recovery center.	M. Lockett
Support	Low (Can wait)	Should cover at least some of the cost.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB437	Forbid housing discrimination based on an individual's source of income.	L. Swann
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	How can a landlord or mortgage issuer guarantee ability of owner /lessee to pay mortgage or rent without querying about the applicant's source of income?	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB438	Estab limitations on use and sale of data captured by automated license plate readers. Data, under normal circumstances, can only be kept for 90 days. (*Don't like Al plate readers in general, esp. unregulated.)	L. Swann
Support	High (Pass this session)	Very much needed with the proliferation of these devices in our communities.	(Steve)
Other	HB439	Add gender neutral language	K. King
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB44	Carve out a tax exemption for marketing services.	K. Fleming
Oppose	Low (Can wait)	Hard to see this as anything but Pork for a particular industry.	(Bob)

Criminal Code	HB440	Reqs appt of guardian ad litem for any unrepresented minor who is party to an interpersonal protective order. Estab protocols for proceeding against minor who violates order of protection.	J. Nemes
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good to look out for minors involved in the justice system. Good requirements for the court to follow when the minor is on either end of the protective order.	(Steve)
Health	HB441	Make technical corrections.	D. Bentley
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB442	Appropriate funds for payment of claims against the Commonwealth.	D.J. Johnso
Support	High (Pass this session)	Many claims listed in this bill which were found to be legitimate, but red tape kept the funds from being appropriated. Definitely need to make these claimants whole.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB443	Clarify each fiscal year of the biennium relating to branch budget bills.	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait)	This is a minor, but correct, correction given 2 year budget cycle.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB444	Amend to clarify fiscal biennium.	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait)	This is a minor, but correct, correction given 2 year budget cycle.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB445	Relating to budget forms, make a technical correction.	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait)	Corrects language to refer to the official name of Office of State Budget Director.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB446	Allow monies in EKSAFE and WKSAFE funds to be used as loans for replacement, renovation or expansion of certain police, fire and ambulance stations.	J. Petrie
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	No problem with this. They cannot rebuild to greater than 120 percent capacity and loan must be re-payed.	(Steve)

Taxes & Spending	HB448	Each branch of government shall have in process of preparation and revision plans and needs of its budget units and existing and prospective sources of income for the next two years. Upon receipt of estimates each branch shall revise its budget as it deems warranted.	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait)	Seems like a reasonable requirement for state agencies to follow.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB449	Clarify that "biennium" means "fiscal biennium."	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait)	Could be a shell bill. I think it is just adjusting language to fit the 2 year budget cycle.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB45	Establishes the Tax Expenditure and Economic Development Incentive Review Board of the GA to review, analyze, provide oversight, and make recommendations to the GA about tax expenditures and economic development incentives.	K. Fleming
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Establishes another committee, the purpose of which is relatively easy to justify given that the state has recently made Billion dollar grants / tax incentives. However, this committee MUST have mandatory requirements for public report disclosures, and assessments before any incentive legislation assigned (not up to leadership discretion, see section 7.5).	(Lance)
Taxes & Spending	HB450	Rural Jobs Act of 2023, allots \$50M of state matching capital for investments in growth biz for rural counties (esp. East & Wast KY). (*Great idea; why exclude small biz?)	J. Blanton
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Great idea to promote business investment in Eastern and Western KY. However, big issues with implementation. Applicant must have invested at least \$100M in nonpublic companies located in non-metro counties (so, elim small business from being eligible right off the bat; micro-investment often has the highest relative pay-out). This IS for future investment (not retroactive), correct? Only applies to qualifying counties, so it discriminates against other counties in the state who may have an equal need but don't meet the benchmark (I get it, it's rural counties BUT shouldn't the population measure be population DENSITY based rather than population, and 22% poverty rate is pretty high, seems like any county over 19% is struggling by the eye test).	(Steve / Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB451	Reqs state and local contracts buy needed iron, steel, aluminum manufactured in the US unless waiver is granted. KY Buy American Act.	J. Blanton

Support	High (Pass this session)	No issue with this except must understand that it WILL increase costs, at least for steel (China has been massively gov't subsidizing steel production to drive out competition for over a decade). Excellent idea. We must protect our native industry. Shame so little of this is made in KY.	(Steve / Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB452	Switches presumption in favor of public use for fishing along public water bodies and waterways. (*This shouldn't invalidate fishing licenses or esp. catch limits.)	J. Blanton
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	 Allows public use for fishing along public water bodies and waterways if access is not gained through private lands and health and safety of public and habitat not placed at risk. Good accommodations for the fishermen and women of the state. However, this shouldn't invalidate fishing licenses or esp. catch limits; needs to be amended if it does. 	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB455	Defer annualized use allowance payments for local facility projects to 2023-2026 biennium.	J. Blanton
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Not sure why it says making an appropriation therefor, when it appears that the funding will not be allotted until the 2024-2026 biennium.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB456	Estab licensing, fees and reqs for roofing contractors.	D. Grossberg
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Licenses restrict who can engage in a profession. I don't think there is a glut of roofers in the state right now.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB457	Establish exclusive jurisdiction for contractor dispute actions involving real property to the courts of the Commonwealth.	D. Grossberg
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good clarification. Not sure where else they may settle a dispute, unless they work it out outside the court system.	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB461	Provide no county or waste management district shall compel confidential business information from solid waste management company.	A. Bowling
Support	Low (Can wait)	Reasonable requirement. Not sure how many people this has negatively affected but it can't hurt.	(Steve)

Taxes & Spending	HB5	Exempts from property tax distilled spirits or aging in barrels located in a bonded warehouse or premises. (*Taking money from schools when Bourbon is booming?)	J. Petrie
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	 Multi-faceted bill. Don't misinterpret the following, it is a good bill and apparently more likely to move than the more staightforward HB120. This implementation of a ban of sex reassignment and gender-altering care attempts to address it by imposing all of the penalities possible without outright banning it: banning public funding, incl. Medicare services, stripping licenses (and criminal penalties tied to failure to report), allowing for lawsuits over ambiguous injuries It has all of the hallmarks of an overly massaged and lawyered approach. Should have just included Section 5 of HB120, and imposed ciminal penalties. 	Passed House (Lance)
Health	HB470	Req reporting (with criminal penalty) and strips license and funding from anyone conducting "gender-affirming(altering) care (GAC)" and "gender(sex) reassignment surgery" on minors. Bans state funding and performance of GAC. Allows for civil liability for "injury" sustained via providing GAC (incl for insurer). (*Why adopt the left's nomenclature/euphemisms?)	J. Decker
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good breakdown of shared custody / time and how that relates to support payments. Very thorough.	(Steve)
Other	HB463	Def terms, estab procs and parenting time credit for dealing with joint custody and initial \$250 in medical expenses.	D. Elliott
Support	Low (Can wait)	Reasonable requirement. Early detection can be very helpful in treatment.	(Steve)
Health	HB462	Prohibit insurers from requiring cost-sharing requirements for for any covered, diagnostic breast examination or supplemental breast examination, if referred due to family history or findings on a pre-screening. Gives a schedule for providers to follow based on the age of the patient.	L. Willner

Oppose (bad bill)	Very bad bill. The taxes generated from this funds local schools and fiscal courts in the bourbon producing counties. This tax is being removed from multi national corporations making record profits and placed on the taxpayers in those counties. The state SEEK formula would have to be reworked to adjust for this loss of revenue, taking \$\$ away from non bourbon producing counties to make up the difference in tax revenue lost in the counties that do store bourbon.	(Steve)
HB50	Require mayoral, city council, wards, legislative body members, school board candidates and soil and water conservation officers to have party affiliation and primary	M. Lockett
Medium (Committee review+)	The effects of this are very complicated Fine with non-school board (& non-judicial candidates, not addressed in this bill) being partisan races (though why does it matter for those positions, and do they need to be?). How does this actually change school board races? Won't this actually prevent a candidate with different ideas actually making it onto the board to provide fresh perspectives?	(Steve / Lance)
HB500	Prohibits sale or lease of agricultural land to foreign nationals from some countries. (*Not bad, but: Must specify in 22 C.F.R. sec. 126.1 if countries are paragraph (d)(1), (d) (2) or (f)->(z)? Existing ownership? Targeted to near military bases?)	R. Heath
Oppose (friendly)	 I'm not totally opposed to this. China's purchases have made a lot of news recently, esp. near military installations. This prohibits sale of farm land to citizens of various unsavory countries. Concerns: It isn't entirely clear, reading 22 C.F.R. sec. 126.1, which countries specifically this applies to as there are several lists there. It doesn't seem that this applies to already existing ownership interests. I worry that this is targetting citizens of other countries, when the real issue is with that country's gov't itself, and this might hurt overall investment. If the issue is national security, perhaps distance from a military base restriction might be more targetted to the purpose. 	(Lance)
HB504	Shifts school funding to be based on students enrolled, rather than students attending. (*Needs provision for student who withdraw or chronically truant being removed from count.)	J. Tipton
Medium (Committee review+)	I worry that this disincentives school caring about whether students actually show up for class. At a minimum, this needs a provision to require removing students from membership promptly if they are withdrawn from school or are chronically truant. School shouldn't be compensated for students who are essentially never there.	(Lance)
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Health	HB51	Allows healthcare providers to charge even for the first copy of a patient's requested healthcare record.	K. Moser
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	The existing law is superior. These are the patient's records, not the provider's, and a single (first) copy shouldn't be imposed on the patient.	(Bob)
Health	HB52	Def stress injury, allows me increased length of treatment for stress-related injury to firefighters and allows lifetime cap on benefits.	K. Banta
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	good bill. There is some worry that this could potentially be exploited, as with many psychological injury. Better to err on the side of taking care of first responders.	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB525	Estab KY Gaming Commission to reg skill games (incl grey machines) and sets some initial limits. (*Go ahead and legalize and regulate them; may not happen until next year.)	S. Doan
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Very reasonable approach. Better to bring these under regulation and taxing authority than outlaw them or allow them to continue unregulated.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB53	Allows lifetime orders of protection for victims of qualifying offenses; defines qualifying offenses	K. Banta
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	good bill	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB533	Prohibit gov't from entering into \$100,000+ contracts with financial companies that discriminate against politically sensitive companies. Exempts religious objections. (*Expands recent law on coal to ag, petrochem, free speech social media, and firearms.)	E. Callaway
Support	High (Pass this session)	If you boycott investment in crucial KY industries, the state shouldn't be giving you big contracts. Providing pushback to protect KY industries is a crucial duty of the KY gov't.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB534	Allows legally req notices published on digital news website if site meets certain quals. Allows local gov't to publish ad directing public to its notice section on a digital news website. (*Should be in addition, not alternative, to local paper.)	S. Dietz

Firearms & Military	HB55	Exempts veterans with a 50 percent service related disability from fees for personalized license plates; increases fees for several types of plates.	R. Dotson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Great bill. The only possible issue I might have is with section (3)(g) I'm not sure that we want to give teachers carte blanche to have religious expression and ability to distribute materials to students outside instructional time but while still operating under official duties. That can potentially be dangerously close to "establishment" if abused. Rest of the bill is great.	(Lance)
Education	HB547	Codifies/clarifies right to religious expression by public school teachers. (*Some concern with (3)(g) and #1A establishment clause.)	C. Fugate
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	good bill. Lance: I suspect this would actually drop healthcare costs (with little to no impact of patient safety) by having a trained midwife delivering vs occupying a hospital bed, is that correct?	(Steve)
Health	HB54	Allows Medicaid coverage for midwifery services	R. Webber
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Sets protocols and regulations allowing teachers to remove disruptive students from class and principal to expel violent or permanently remove disruptive students from classrooms. Student behavioral issues are the single biggest problem in education (other than lack of parental involvement). HOWEVER, students must have a right of appeal. Due process is a constitutional right, and teachers and principals are generally going to be in the correct, but they cannot be allowed to be dictators.	(Lance)
Education	HB538	Sets regs to remove disruptive students from the classroom and expel those who are violent. (*Very important bill. Must add due process provisions, students/parents must have right to appeal.)	T. Truett
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	It would be great for local governments to post information on their website and when available post information on a newspapers digital website, but this should not exempt local government from also posting this information on the newspapers hard copy. We need full transparency from our government agencies. Some people do not have internet access, or they are hesitant to get on the internet. They should not be required to mail in a request for information and then hope it gets mailed back in a timely manner.	(Steve / Lance

Support	Low (Can wait)	good bill Lance: I don't have a major issue with this, it is a minimal impact on revenue, I'm sure. We have to draw a line somewhere on tax carveouts, why not draw a line on these minimal costs?	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB553	Cleans up the Biennial Payroll to remove allocation for actuarial costs related to paid sick leave.	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait)	Fine. Apparently is was just a placeholder amount anyway, so it cleans up the accounting.	Passed Hous (Lance)
Health	HB56	Def. "regional community service program," establishes conditions under which a regional program can provide services outside its area.	D. Bentley
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	good bill	(Steve)
Health	HB569	Adds rape and incest exemptions to abortion ban. Also adds fetal abnormality exemption. (*Even overlooking logical inconsistencies, not a good time for this or HB300.)	J. Nemes
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	 Complete abortion ban or the near complete ban (life of the mother) that is current law is straight forward: regardless of how a baby is conceived, it is human life worthy of protection. Additional exemption for gross fetal abnormalities/birth defects would be: it is more compassionate for all to end life before a miserable, tragically short existence that would end in extremely early childhood (not arguing FOR that, but it has a clear logic). OTHER EXEMPTIONS LACK LOGICAL CONSISTENCY: In principle, I don't understand the logic of a consensual sex incest (nonconsensual falls under rape) exemption for abortion. If it is enhanced birth defects, then shouldn't the logic for that exemption schould actually be demonstrable proof of a severe birth defect? The logic behind either rape or incest being exempted, but not pregnancies via consensual sex also escapes me. It seems to be: (a) Babies conceived through non-consensual sex are not worthy of protection but consensual are. But, Why do conditions of conception confer value to the child?; OR (b) Pity/Compassion: We should have pity for the mother of a child via non-consensual sex, but not for one where the conception was accidental or consensual. Both situations are worthy of compassion, but if you believe it is a unique human life compassion for one person doesn't outweigh the compassion for, and life of, another (the baby). 	(Lance)

Health	HB57	Recognize a competent adult's right to bodily autonomy and inherent and absolute right to refuse medical treatment; prohibit any person, employer, entity, or health care provider from mandating medical treatment.	S. Rawlings
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Section 1 (a) says that the General Assembly recognizes that "Citizens of the Commonwealth are guaranteed autonomy over their own bodies and medical choices, and they possess the right to recieve or not received medications or treatment;" The problem with this is these words will be used against the argument for prohibiting abortion. The mantra of pro-choicers is that they should have autonomy over their bodies and medical choices. This needs to be re-worded with something like "Citizens of the Commonwealth are guaranteed to possess the right to receive or not to receive medications or medical treatments." or something carefully thought out. Lance: Agreed. Have to be very careful about the language here. One person's autonomy cannot mean the direct killing of another person I don't think it can be receive or not receive medications either though (as most abortions are by medication currently).	(Laura)
Health	HB58	Prohibit discrimination against medical care providers who decline to perform procedures that violate their conscience.	S. Rawlings
Support	High (Pass this session)	Does several similar things: grant providers the right not to participate in or pay for services that violate their conscience; exempt providers from liability for exercising these rights; establish a civil cause of action for persons injured by violations of these provisions Amazing! Provides for cause of action and lays out recover for those who are the recipients of discrimination! Has excellent definitions as well.	(Laura)
Business Regs	HB594	Effectively eliminates "skill-based grey machines" by prohibiting them returning money (only non-cash redeemable merchandise). (*Better approach is regulation, eg HB525/HB256).	K. Timoney
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	This is a very difficult bill to evaluate. It's purpose seems vague. Def "Amusement Machines" with the objective of distinguishing them from gambling devices, and permits their use. Provides for a penalty for anyone operating a gambling machine illegally. It assumes the proliferation of illegal gambling machines is such a problem that they must be distinguished from amusement machines.	(John O / Lance)
Education	HB60	Asks school board to establish policy and develop procedures for a moment of silence and reflection at the start of each school day.	D. Fister

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	May be difficult for the teacher to "enforce". good thought, but low priority	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB61	Adds " whole or ground coffee beans and dried tea to definition of home based processor.	D. Fister
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Low priority, not sure how many people this will affect	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB62	Redefines " real estate brokerage" to include those who advertise for sale an equitable interest in a contract for real property.	D. Meade
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Not a high priority. Lance: Seems to include a common practice in commercial real estate under the umbrella of real estate brokerage regulation.	Passed Hous (Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB63	Incl Space Force in definition of Armed Forces. Amends Interstate Compact on Ed Opportunity for Military Children to incl the children of National Guard and Reserve personnel.	S. Bratcher
Support	High (Pass this session)	good bill, we added a new branch of the military, so need to include it in all existing legislation.	Passed Hous (Steve)
Firearms & Military	HB64	Extends period of time that a peace officer employed before December 1, 1998 may be separated from service before losing certification status from 100 days to 365	M. Dossett
Support	Low (Can wait)	Seems like a good bill, it can be a hassle to regain certification and is a police officer's fitness for the job going to degrade that much in 100 days? Plus 100 days isn't that long to find a next job. 1 year seems reasonable. low priority	(Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB65	Allows Freedom Flag to be flown along with the American and Kentucky flags on September 11	M. Dossett
Support	Low (Can wait)	These changes are pretty innocuous, but (a) where does it stop & (b) is it a 1st Amendment issue to allow 1 flag that isn't an official flag and exclude others? Could open a can of worms.	(Steve / Lanc

Govt Regulations	HB66	Creates winter and summer standards and a slew of other conditions for disconnection of service by retail gas and electric utilities. (*Some of this is good; but over-reg., most have similar policies anyway.)	L. Willner
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Establishes a certificate of need for persons who are at risk provided by a physician, physician assistant, community based service organization or faith based service organization. Prohibits disconnection on holidays, weekends or before 8 am and after 5 pm on weekdays. Allows for reconnection for partial payment within a payment plan, waiver of termination fees, reconnection fees and late fees for a customer with a certificate of need. Requires 14 day written notice prior to disconnection to a residence. Way to much restriction on the utility companies. Too much red tape for them to navigate through.	(Steve)
Health	HB67	Req. any health benefit plan include 20 alternative pain therapy, if recommended by a doctor. (*Reducing opioid use is a HUGE priority, but this is ripe for fraud.)	C. Stevenson
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Require that any health benefit plan issued or renewed in Kentucky that provides coverage for hospital medical or surgical expenses shall include coverage for chronic pain treatments provided by a licensed professional. Require Medicaid and Medicaid managed care organizations to include coverage for chronic pain treatments. Require a health care practitioner discuss and refer or prescribe alternate treatments before initially prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance. Reasonable requirements for insurance to cover and a good focus on the practitioner's responsibility to monitor the history of the patient and recommend alternate treatments before prescribing controlled substances. Should help with prescription pill abuse epidemic facing the Commonwealth. Lance: The motivation here is good (find a way to keep people in chronic pain off opioids if possible), but do we want everyone here with a claim of chronic pain to be taking 20 visits to alternative pain therapies? Seems ripe for fraud, need protocols to avoid this.	(Steve)
Health	HB68	Reqs gov't health benefit plans to cover epi. devices for persons 18 and younger.	C. Stevenson

Govt Regulations	HB72	Codifies numerous reasonable regulations on transfer of property deeds after death. (*Final Provision on Inheritance Taxes would be best debated as a separate bill.)	S. Rawlings
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Redefines "City" to include all cities, not only those containing a population of 80,000 or more. Requires that the posting be submitted to the newspaper in enough time to be publicized within 10 days of the notice on the website when the purpose of the posting is to inform the public of a completed act, including those acts specified in KRS 424.130(1)(a), or within three (3) days of the posting when the purpose of the posting is to inform the public of the right to take a certain action, including the events specified in KRS 424.130(1)(b) and (d);	(Laura)
Elections	HB71	Make sure that election related public notices are well-publicized.	J. Decker
Support	Low (Can wait)	Solid bill, the rare person that comes into this level of money quickly can be the target of both scammers and thieves.	Passed House (Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB70	Restricts the KY Lottery or Corporation, it's board or employees, from releasing the name or likeness of any winner of a lottery prize over 7 million who elects to have their identity withheld	K. Banta
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Employee can use after 90 days employment, sets forth allowable uses, designates how notice of need is provided by employee. Way too restrictive to the employer. Too liberal for the employee. You would gain 1 hour of leave for every 30 hours worked, which calculates to 69 hours per year of a 40 hour work week. Let employers set their own policy (or make the minimum requirements FAR lower).	(Steve)
Business Regs	HB69	Reqs employers to provide (exorbitant) earned paid sick leave to employees, penalizes employer who fails to follow.	C. Stevenson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Require health benefit plans, Medicaid, KCHIP, self-insured employer health plans offered by the governing board of a state postsecondary institution and the state employee health plan to cover epinephrine devices for persons 18 years or younger and that the coverage not be subject to cost sharing requirements. Seems pretty reasonable but I think some cost sharing could be allowed to help offset the cost to the insurers. Just needs to be a reasonable amount.	(Steve)

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Significant improvements to streamline transfer of property after death. Should reduce the burden on probate courts. Overall, nothing objectionable here on the regulation side of things until the very end. The last provision eliminates all inheritance taxes (eg KRS 140.070), as far as I can tell. That is a big change and really should be debated on its own.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB74	Makes water fluoridation programs optional for local water districts	M. Hart
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Restore local control where state control is unnecessary.	(Steve)
Health	HB75	Alters def. and establish program to increase Medicare fee-for-service reimbursements.	B. Reed
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems like a change in the law to aid hospitals getting more completely reimbursed by Medicare for outpatient services. Don't understand this one completely, but seems like a no lose change to the law.	Passed House (Lance)
Other	HB76	Sets up dates throughout the year to annually recognize different types of agriculture production.	B. Reed
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not sure of the necessity of this, but suppose it's harmless.	Passed Hous (Steve)
Govt Regulations	HB77	Estab Day Light Savings Time in state if authorized by Congress	B. Reed
Oppose	Low (Can wait)	Lance: I have no idea why this is a priority, or popular. Why DON'T people want the hours of the day aligned with when the sun is actually up? People want kids standing out at bus stops in the dark? I put it down as oppose, but if the case were made for it maybe it could be support. This bill doesn't make that case at all.	(Steve / Lance
Govt Regulations	HB78	Cleans up language on familial relationships, replaces "consenting adults" with " consenting persons", makes any non-consenting person a victim.	K. Banta
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good clarification of existing language.	(Steve)

Govt Regulations	HB80	Provides that reimbursement paid to volunteer firefighters to respond to emergencies or the use of their personal vehicles should not be considered wages for the purpose of unemployment insurance.	D. Fister
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not sure how many people this will affect. Don't think we need to do anything that would discourage someone from becoming a volunteer firefighter. Lance: I believe this prevents volunteer firefighters compensation from disqualifying them from unemployment insurance and perhaps from income tax on those funds.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB81	Adds campers to taxable registered property.	S. Sharp
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Don't need more new taxes.	(Steve)
Education	HB82	Reqs districts to have official policies on how to identify and teach children with dyslexia. Start incorporating teaching strategies for dyslexics in teacher prep programs.	T. Bojanowski
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	A pretty solid bill. Dyslexia and inability to read due to the learning disability is a major issue behind illeracy and poor test scores throughout school. The technology is there is help these kids if teachers can be trained to spot it and teach skills to overcome it.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	HB83	Estab. expiration date and process for judgement liens. Provides that the expiration date can be postponed by the courts.	P. Flannery
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good to have the liens expire without further court action. But could it harm someone who doesn't realize they need to seek continuation in court	(Steve)
Education	HB85	Expands the KEES program to include trade schools, and the number of hours that can be covered for each student in the program. (*Needs to merge in HB133's "Approved workforce solutions training program" definition)	W. Lawrence

Support	High (Pass this session)	 I like this with the definition of "Approved workforce solutions training program" that is listed in HB 133. The HB 133 version's definition allows for differences in what is high demand based on the geographic location of the program. I like this one better (HB 85) version because it adds "Properietary schools" such as barbering, cosmetology, embalmers and funeral directors. It also amends KRS 164.7879 to allow the use of KEES money by students who earned such but have moved out of state as a result of a parent/guardian's military transfer. 	(Bob / Laura)
Taxes & Spending	HB86	Estab community restoration tax credit. Caps it at 50K per year.	W. Lawrence
		Looks like a tax break for the banking industry to me. Lance: Not clear to me, I think it has something to do with the disastery recovery efforts in WKY and EKY. Reserving judgment to see what this actually is about.	(Steve)
Taxes & Spending	HB87	Exempts active members of the Armed Forces assigned to KY who are on temporary duty in other locations and members of the National Guard or Reserves from motor vehicle usage tax on vehicles purchased from KY motor vehicle usage tax.	S. Bratcher
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems aimed at avoiding the risk of double taxation for service members who are deployed in different states over the course of their service. (*Better than HB24)	(Steve)
Education	HB92	Bans COVID mask, vax & test mandates in public schools (including post-secondary).	J. Calloway
Support	High (Pass this session)	Last part of HB51 from last session. Bans mask, testing, and vax COVID-19 requirements in public schools including post-secondary. Good bill.	(Lance)
Education	HB99	Reqs Dep of Ed to create a professional development training program for certified personnel, require each local district to implement it, require an additional day be added to the school calendar if the required training can not be completed in a day.	J. Nemes
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Hopefully this may streamline the process, but it could add more burden on teachers	(Steve)
Education	SB102	Mirror Bill to High Priority Support Education Bill, HB173	L. Tichenor
Support	High (Pass this session)	Excellent bill, addresses a whole range of culturally and politically salient issues in education.	(Lance)

Govt Regulations	SB104	Revise membership reqs (incl Senate confirm) and term lengths of new members of KY Authority for Educational Television (KET). Current members appointed by Gov expire on effective date of act. (*Fine, but wait 1 year.)	S. Meredith
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not real sure why these changes are needed. Must be a pressing concern. More centrally, why can't this wait until after the Governor race? Allowing the Gov to appoint replacements won't change a lot. Why not wait and see if a Republican is the next Gov?	Passed Senate (Steve)
Education	SB107	Estab new nominating committee to pre-screen 3 candidates for each opening that the Gov can fill on KY Board of Ed. (*What if Repub. party fought for principles: meritocracy, no identity politics & not codifying Sex & Race quotas into law (eg 1.2b, 1.5)?)	M. Wilson
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Not great legislation anyway. It's meant to constrain the governor to only selecting somewhat vetted candidates for the KY Board of Ed, but the Governor will appoint the members of this committee as well (to 6 year terms). So, primarily it just adds yet another layer of bureaucracy. I'll never support any legislation that codifies racism or sexism in the form of quotas. That Republicans voted for a similar measure to constrain the appointments to the existing KY BOE is astonishing (perhaps they were duped in negotiations with Beshear to embracing discriminatory Democrat ideology, DEI, and identify politics).NOTE: 1.2b2 (appointments based upon proportionate political affiliation) is a subtly powerful piece of legalese (also adopted for appointment of KY BOE in existing law) that potentially can be used to reform our state post-secondary ed system's political biases both in terms of faculty and aministrators political affiliations.	Passed Senate (Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB11	Elim ability (for the Governor) to close the road between the Capitol and Annex.	J. Schickel
Support	Low (Can wait)	Minor bill, but the Governor should have never closed the road anyway.	Passed Senate (Lance)
Health	SB110	Allows KY Board of Nursing to suspend or reprimand nurse if nurse ion adult care- giver misconduct registry or finding of abuse or neglect of a child. Allows traveling nurse from another state to practice on very short-term basis. Limits # of nurse educators on KY Board of Nursing to between 3 and 6.	L. Tichenor

Business Regs	SB115	After comm sub, an indecent exposure law that prohibits sexually-explicit content from being exposed to minors. (*Still support, but now lower priority.)	L. Tichenor
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Simple enough bill. This would still likely include the COVID vaccines, so would give a right of refusal for that. More broadly, it's about informed consent.	(Lance)
Health	SB114	Reqs persons administered emergency use authorized drugs be informed of the risks and possible benefits and have right of refusal.	L. Tichenor
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Not a very high priority. Reasonable that taxing jurisdiction should have this info. I do worry that this inclreases the chances that tax info can then be leaked, however (much as Trump's tax returns got leaked).	Passed Senate (Lance)
Taxes & Spending	SB112	Allows the sharing of tax information when requested for an audit.	C. McDaniel
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Don't have a problem with this just think it should cover every county. I worry that these positions will no longer req actual medical experience. Sometimes Master's of Public Health are SJWs who didn't have the motivation to do actual social work. If we do this, we need to reign in their powers and ability to control policy.	Passed Senate (Steve / Lance)
Health	SB111	Expand reqs to serve as director of health in counties containing city of first class. No longer have to be a physician if master's degree in public health or a related field and 5+ years experience.	A. Mays Bledso
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	I like adding the causes to suspend or reprimand a nurse. They should have already been there. I don't like allowing a nurse from another state to practice in Kentucky who is in the state on a non routine basis. Not even sure what that means as a qualification.	Passed Senate (Steve / Lance)

Health	SB12	Bars reporting requirements or employer penalties for physicians participating in "wellness programs" for work stress-related counseling. (*Good idea, but only if it extends to other health professionals.)	D. Douglas
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Usually it is extremely difficult to change these criminal statutes. I'm not sure what great need this bill fulfills, but it is a slight improvement in language for the most part. I'm not sure that incest between consenting adult, which I'm fine with continuing to be illegal (just to be clear) should be considered "sexual assault" however.	Passed Senate (Lance)
Criminal Code	SB119	Slight changes to def of sex crimes: sexual abuse to sexual assault; expand sexual contact. (*Fine; should consensual incest be sexual assault?)	M. Deneen
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	The reason CA #2 failed last time was massive spending on the other side AND language confusion with NO language, needing a YES vote. Can't have "nothing" language. Also, can't explicitly state exemptions in the referendum, the ballot isn't the place for that.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB118	CONST. AMEND. No right to abortion in the Constitution & GA can regulate as it see fit. (*A version of this needs to pass NEXT session. Can't have "nothing" language, or imply exceptions.)	W. Westerfield
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Kentucky would become one of only a handful of states to regulate adult-oriented businesses officially at the state level. Includes all sorts of sexual conduct, or nudity, related businesses from adult bookstores to strippers in the definition. Also includes any biz hosting drag shows. Lists about 10 different types of biz that are associated with families or children: churches, child-care facilities, schools, YMCA, youth sports facilities, parks, etc. Requires 1000 foot distance of adult biz from any of those or another adult-oriented biz. Also requires the exclusion of minors. Long past due for this sort of aggressive state level regulation to protect children and families.Currently only the most egregious of activity, like indecent exposure, is limited at the state level. Bill was butchered by Comittee sub, now it is a version of indecent exposure law and only focused on sexually explicit conduct.	(Lance)

Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	No significant problem with this. It's a restriction of businesses, but a very reasonable one. However, it needs to apply to all Medical Professionals, not just physicians or not at all. Good requirement that physicians are not required to divulge that they are participating or to report on other physicians who are. I think it would be a good idea to also include nurse practitioners and nurses in this legislation. They have some of the same issues to contend with as physicians.	Passed Senate (Peggy / Steve)
Business Regs	SB120	Planned communities must file declaration with county clerk where community is located. Provides how an association shall be organized, with reqs for board and members, via bylaws.	P. Wheeler
Support	Low (Can wait)	Reasonable protocols for planned communities. Way too much direction on how those communities should be set up. But that may be a good thing for people who wish to live in a restricted neighborhood.	Passed Senate (Steve)
Govt Regulations	SB122	Desig areas of Capitol Annex and parking spaces adjunct to Capitol and Annex to be (re-)allocated to GA and LRC. (*OK, but isn't the issue a lack of space? Build more.)	R. Mills
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Some of this seems reasonable. Where are these relocated people and parking spaces going to go? Shouldn't the solution be to expand or build a new parking garage with addl space for most of these relocated services?	Passed Senate (Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB126	Estab official protocol for requesting/obtaining a change of venue in specified civil actions.	J. Howell
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems to be a simple, effective way of accomplishing a change of venue.	Passed Senate (Steve)
Education	SB128	Reqs each school district annually report sick leave balances, and TRS report contain actuarial valuation, total liabilities, and costs for Teacher's Retirement System.	J. Higdon
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Largely administrative requirements to check costs to the state. Side-note: Teachers are allowed to accrue 300 days of sick leave?! Should mandate that they be converted 3 or 4 to 1 for vacation days gradually down to a more reasonable number.	Passed Senate (Steve / Lance)

Health	SB13	Elim Certificate of Need req for counties with 2 neighboring competing states which lack them. (*Should apply to all counties, or at least all border counties.)	G. Williams
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems like an initial step to eliminating anti-competitive (state imposed monopoly) certificate of need requirements for health care facilities.	(Lance)
Health	SB135	Req Cab for Health and Family Services set up panel to study and provide info on perinatal mental health. (*Some similarity to HB282.)	S. Funke Frommeyer
Support	Low (Can wait)	Fine, why aren't they already providing this information?	Passed Senate (Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB14	Creates yet another licensing board, this one for professional music therapists.	G. Neal
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Why can't this just be licensed and regulated the same as other psycho-therapists?	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB15	Def numerous consumer rights, and requirements for large companies that collect and sell consumer data (including legal penalties).	W. Westerfield
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	This bill is expansive, and needs much more study. The topic is highly important, addresses a major need, and clearly gets the law close to where it needs to be, however.	(Dolly / Lance)
Education	SB150	At present, SB150 (Wise) focuses just on pronouns, health care opt outs, and transparency (incl. curricula).	M. Wise
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Patient Bills of rights. Doesn't do a whole lot. Allows teachers to use whatever pronouns they want. Schools have to inform parents and get permission for medical treatments. Schools have to allow parents access to curricula and get prior consent from parents before any human sexuality content is addressed in class.	Passed Senate (Lance)
Education	SB156	Estab state reading research center to replace Collaborative Center for Literacy Development (prob. the most important priority in K-12 ed). (*Change is needed, but why will this iteration be better, more data reqs?)	S. West

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	No strong position on this. Now that it is all digital, why go back to paper? I guess some people don't have a comp or would rather the SOS do the digital conversion.	(Lance)
Elections	SB18	Allows paper filing of campaign finance reports. (*Mostly unnecessary, all digital has been OK, but another option.)	J. Schickel
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Allows school districts to enter into public-private partnerships. Fine but the more entangled the school becomes with businesses, the more pull those businesses have over school decisions (eg Microsoft or Google offering tablets, then data mining our kids). This is often a double-edged sword	(Lance)
Education	SB169	Allows local board of education to enter into public-private partnerships. (*Would like some oversight mechanism and a time limit on contracts.)	M. Wise
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not a high priority, but fine.	Passed Senat (Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB163	Allows for some custom license plates and signage related to Country Music Highway.	P. Wheeler
Support	High (Pass this session)	All of the suggested improvements to staff safety protocols seem reasonable and likely necessary to protect staff and other kids in the facilities.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB162	Estab reqs for reasonable enhanced safety protocols in Juvenile Justice facilities incl: local police backup, providing staff with pepper spray and tasers, emergency resp team and trainings.	D. Carroll
Support	Low (Can wait)	Positive change. Gives locatities the ability to choose non-electronic voting systems in the future without violating federal regulations.	(Lance)
Elections	SB16	Adds provisions necessary to allow for future non-electronic (in addition to electronic) voting systems (eg notifying voters not to vote for more persons than they are allowed on a paper ballot).	A. Southwort
Support	High (Pass this session)	The state's reading proficiency scores for K-12 are terrible. There has been substantial criticism of the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development for not emphasizing "science of reading" learning models. This aims to reset that reading development research center with more data and reporting requirements. We need scrutiny over why THIS will work when the earlier center apparently hasn't.	(Lance)

Elections	SB19	Moves the filing deadline from first Monday to the Last Tuesday in January.	J. Schickel
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Innocuous change that makes the timeline for filing in redistricting years more reasonable, and less overlap with the GA session in every year.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB20	Mirror to HB 155	R. Mills
Support	High (Pass this session)	Good bill. Did need to be expanded to include any device on a gov't network, and now does.	Passed Senat (Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB21	Estab \$50 fines for violating a traffic law captured on a monitoring device, and allows law enforcement to use them.	R. Thomas
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Will expand the use of articial surveillance devices for law enforcement purposes. Will thus allow for tracking of all vehicular traffic that the cameras encounter. Nope.	(Lance)
Elections	SB23	Reqs risk-limiting audit with exact matching hand counties of at least 5% of ballots after each election in order to certify it.	A. Southwor
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Uncertain of how often there would be count rematches between 2 different people through human error. Most unrealistic part: Require the machine manufacturers to pay for full audits when needed, would likely require new contracts with companies.	(Lance)
Education	SB24	Open up KEES scholarships for private and homeschool students with strong test scores.	J. Schickel
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Expands the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship program to students who didn't graduate from a public school in Kentucky, and sets parameters for that.	Passed Sena (Lance)
Education	SB25	Clean up language so achieving three hours of DUAL (college) credit counts as a postsecondary readiness indicator.	M. Wilson
Support	Low (Can wait)	Innocuous. Completing a college course or equivalent is obviously an indicator that a student is ready for college.	Passed Sena (Lance)
Elections	SB250	Reqs all components, software & firmware of voting machines be made in US or by DoD approved companies.	A. Southwor

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Simple bill, good idea. I genuinely worry if there are any vendors that actually have all US components (a sad statement on the dependency of the US on foreign outsourced components).	(Lance)
Business Regs	SB257	Reqs business with physical loc. and gov't accept cash payment for face-to-face transactions.	A. Southworth
Support	High (Pass this session)	Preservation of the cash economy is essential to avoid weaponization of the financial system and tracking of all economic transactions, esp. with coming digital currencies. Ensures that people can continue functioning in the economy even without a bank account.	(Lance)
Criminal Code	SB268	Allows for assessment of child support to person convicted of causing the death of a parent of a minor child through DUI. (*Very creative. Perhaps should include 1st and 2nd degree murder.)	D. Yates
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Interesting and creative idea. Why limit this to DUIs which actually are far down the list of offenses to which this should be applied (not being an intentional killing of another, just wanton dangerous behavior)? I could get behind 1st and 2nd degree murder even more than DUI, and I can live with this for DUI offense.	(Lance)
Business Regs	SB28	Allows small farm wineries to sell up to 30K gallons of wine to retailers.	M. Wilson
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good proposal to give these small businesses an additional source of revenue (bulk buyer).	Passed Senate (Lance)
Criminal Code	SB282	Makes hit & RUN driving criminally injurious conduct, which allows for insurance compensation.	D. Harper Ang
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good change to the law generally. Closes loophole of not being able to get insurance compensation if the other driver runs.	(Lance)
Health	SB29	Estab eligibility criteria for Medicaid managed care orgs and limit # contracted by Dep of Medicaid Services to <=3. (*Hopefully not anti-competitive, but due to enhanced ability to scrutinize.)	S. Meredith
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Think it's a good thing to limit the number of organizations they contract with, too many and it MAY be difficult to properly scrutinize. However, Not a high priority though. I'm always concerned that when there is a limit on number of participants that this is ripe for corruption / backroom deals when picking which ones get to participate.	Passed Senate (Steve / Lance

Education	SB3	Set up state fund and contract with insurers to cover liability insurance for teachers. (*Great pro-teacher & recruitment bill; needs annual notif. req that state now covers this.)	R. Mills
Support	High (Pass this session)	Estab a state fund to cover the liability insurance (\$1M for one offense, \$3M aggregate) of teachers. Teachers following school policy shouldn't be subject to frivolous lawsuits without protection. Need an economic impact assessment, how much does this actually cost the state? It can/should be justified in lieu of big salary raises though (reduction in expenses is just as good as a bump in pay, as inflation demonstrates).	Passed Senate (Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB30	Reqs biz to present automatic renewal or continuous service offers clearly to consumers before purchase. Reqs biz to obtain consumer's consent before changing terms, easy cancellation, and prior notice of change of service. (*Why so many exemptions?)	R. Girdler
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Good recommendations. But I think there are too many organizations exempted: political subdivisions of the state, insurers, banks and roadside assistance providers. I see why you may want to exempt them from some requirements but not all.	Passed Senate (Steve)
Firearms & Military	SB31	Mirror Bill to Gun Bill Bill, HB138, allowing concealed carry in various gov't buildings.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Solid bill, good exception list. One omission, should make sure no high school student, assuming concealed carry drop down to 18, is allowed to carry at school.	(Lance)
Business Regs	SB32	Raises the minimum wage for businesses selling \$500K+ per annum gradually until it is \$15 in 2027.	R. Thomas
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Like all minimum wage hikes, puts a strain on businesses, and is an unnecessary gov't regulation. Bad economics.	(John O)
Taxes & Spending	SB33	Creates a KY Cybersecurity Center and dedicated trust and revolving fund from the GA to be housed within and run by the University of Louisville.	M. Nemes

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Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Summary states: "Amend KRS 315.0351 to add that pharmacist in charge of an out-of-state pharmacy is required to be licensed in the Commonwealth." This seems to be the opposite of what the bill actually does, it states that ONLY the pharmacist in charge is required to be licensed/registered, not any contracted pharmacists. Wouldn't this make the licensing requirement less for contracted pharmacists operating under an out of state pharmacy less than that for an in state pharmacy in accordance with KRS 315.030?	(Lance)
Health	SB38	Collect medical claims data in one central database, managed in Frankfort	R. Alvarado
Oppose	Medium (Committee review+)	Aren't insurance companies already collecting all of this information and managing outcomes of their insureds individually? Why are we creating more bureaucracy? Will not be able to get self-funded group information – 69% of Kentuckians are in self funded groups. There is already a supreme court ruling against this requirement (it would mean having a separate agreeement with each group voluntarily providing the claims data). Probono services offered by physicians, hospitals, and at least 28 clinics in KY will not be captured so the data would never be a good picture of needs/outcomes.	(Laura/ Peggy See also HB 16)
Govt Regulations	SB4	Reqs public utility that wants to retire a coal-fired, nat. gas-fired, or steam power plant to estab that the power grid will be sufficiently reliable and resilient during peak demand. (*Too much coal in this state to settle for brown-outs/black-outs as electric cars get added.)	R. Mills
Support	High (Pass this session)	These coal plant retirements are meant to promote a woke (Bloomberg funded) environmental agenda, not improve reliability and performance of the power grid. WIth China and India driving carbon emission growth, it's an ill-advised and self-sacrificial agenda, and not in the state's near or long-term agenda. We need an all of the above energy production model. When Fusion and advance fission generator tech is ready, come revisit this.	(Lance)
Criminal Code	SB40	Reqs that a Office of the Kentucky State Medical Examiner run genetic tests on any person under 40 that dies of unexplained causes. (*Needs opt-in, or opt-out provision.)	P. Wheeler
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Needs to be opt-in by the family members, or at the very least with an opt-out option for the family. Genetic tests provide information NOT ONLY about the person tested, but about everyone that they are closely related to (none of whom can consent to that disclosure). Some people simply may not want to know about their genetic predispositions. Without stronger protocols in this state restricting the use of genetic information, this opens up significant privacy concerns.	Passed Senate (John O)

Firearms & Military	SB41	Give sheriffs and deputy sheriffs statewide authority with protocols to perform law enforcement activities in counties outside of their appointment.	M. Nemes
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 70 to give sheriffs and deputy sheriffs statewide authority, provide for protocols when sheriffs and deputy sheriffs perform law enforcement activities in counties outside of their county of appointment. Amends KRS 431.007 to set circumstances in which special deputies may assist in law enforcement outside of their county of appointment. Sets requirements non-origin deputies for contacting law enforcement of the county in which the event takes place.Good idea, presumably this only comes into play in emergencies/surges or when tracking suspect or investigation across county lines. We really need those restrictions, to keep the sheriff a county level constitutional office rather than "state police".	(John O)
Taxes & Spending	SB42	Reqs Finance Cabinet to contract with an outside entity to monitor Public Employee Health and Pharmacy benefit claims to reduce fraud and waste.	S. Meredith
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Requires the secretary of the Finance Cabinet to contract with an independent entity to monitor all Public Employee Health Insurance health care service benefit claim. Allows the contract to include pharmacy benefits claims monitoring if used in lieu of the contract to monitor pharmacy benefit claims. Excludes health care benefits for Medicare eligible retirees from the purview of the monitoring entity.	(John O)
Health	SB43	Allows a resident of a facility to designate an essential person, who could be a family member, who can visit even during a communicable disease outbreak.	S. Meredith
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Amends KRS 216.505 to include communicable disease outbreaks and resident communicable disease status to exemptions for essential personal care visitors. Full endorsement. One of the cruelest aspects of the COVID lockdowns was the denial of family to elderly in facilities.	(John O)
Govt Regulations	SB44	Allows limited and NQ2 licensed businesses to provide wine corkage (BYOB, with fee for drinking on premises). (*Fine, but must assure no NQ2 licenses issued for corkage in dry counties.)	R. Webb

Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 243 to authorize wine corkage in conjunction with a meal by a limited restaurant or NQ2 retail drink licensee. Establishes conditions to remove a bottle of opened wine from the premises. Amends KRS 242.260 to exempt corkage from dry and moist territory violations. Amends KRS 243.020, 243.034, and 243.084 to conform. Bill is fine, but there MAY still be a loophole wherein a business could get an NQ2 license in a dry county and allow corkage to circumvent county laws.	(John O / Lance)
Criminal Code	SB45	Elim. death penalty and commutes all such sentences to life without possibility of parole.	S. Meredith
Oppose	Low (Can wait)	The death penaty is very rarely put into effect. It serves primarily as a negotiating tools for prosecutors in capital cases.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB46	Reorg Office of the State Veterinarian, renaming divisions primarily.	J. Howell
Support	Low (Can wait)	Seems entirely procedural, renaming divisions, etc.	Passed Senate (Lance)
Health	SB47	Legalizes medicinal marijuana. (*At very least needs to have limits of mode of delivery.)	S. West
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Do you lose your voting rights or second amendment rights if you get caught breaking this law? Worries are increased car wrecks, other products like gummies that might get kids involved, marijuana causes cancer at same rate as tobacco. Amendment: Must restrict the type of delivery option.	(Peggy)
Govt Regulations	SB48	Reorg Office of Health & Family Services, moving child support enf to office of AG. Creates Disability Determination Services program.	S. Meredith
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	The changes seem mostly reasonable. I suppose it makes sense to give Inspector General a more prominent place in the Department. A Disability Determination Services program seems reasonable. Child Suport Enforcement does seem like a function of the AG / justice division.	Passed Senate (Lance)
Education	SB49	Extends the provisional certification period for teachers from 2 to 4 years.	M. Deneen
Support	Low (Can wait)	Simple bill, lessens the time pressure on people trying to transition into the teaching profession.	Passed Senate (Lance)

Education	SB5	Reqs school boards to establish processes for complaints about "harmful to minors" material: Principal, then school board, then keep the 1 child away from it. (*Bbark, but no bite: No legal appeal ("progressive" school board?), HTM def. isn't up to SCOTUS scrutiny (2 legs), leaves vulgarity unaddressed, public libraries?,)	J. Howell
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	The spirit of the bill is right, if somewhat limited, but the implementation isn't even close to where it needs to be. At the very least, this needs to substitute in a better definition of harmful to minors and give some recourse beyond the local school board.	Passed Senate (Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB52	Reqs doc storage fees (eg by county clerk) be held in a separate fund for their stated purpose (doc storage), not other country uses.	M. Nemes
Support	Low (Can wait)	Fine, not a high priority. Keeps county from using these fees as a slush fund. Should consider this for multiple types of fees.	Passed Senate (Lance)
Education	SB54	Similar bill as HB85, but without the trade schools.	J. Carpenter
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Fine, but HB85 is better by including trade schools.	Passed Senate (Lance)
Business Regs	SB56	Unnecessary reg. that defines retail pet shop, breeder, etc. and prohibits sale of retail dogs, cats & rabbits.	D. Harper Ange
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Unneeded biz regualtion. Only good part is the idea of retail pet shops partnering with animal shelters to adopt shelter pets.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB60	Allows for motorcycle licensure by completing rider training course rather than having to take standard test.	M. Deneen
Support	Low (Can wait)	Reasonable alternate method of licensure. Low priority.	Passed Senate (Lance)
Elections	SB61	Institutes disastrous Ranked Choice Voting for State Legislature and State-wide executive races. (*Pick a reason: radical change, too complicated, lack of counting transparency, unnecessary)	S. Meredith

Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Awful idea. Look no further than Alaska where there is now an elected Democrat house member occupying a seat when 60 percent of voters had a first preference of a Republican. It makes even less sense in a closed primary state. (*Pick a reason: radical change to election format, too complicated, lacks counting transparency when republicans are already extremely skeptical of the counting, unnecessary (how does this lead to more definitive and incontrovertible outcomes?),)	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB62	Elim reqs that the govt disclose personal info, in particular nonprofit's list of donors. (*Need close look at all contexts to which this applies.)	W. Westerfield
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Create new sections of KRS Chapter 61 to prohibit a public agency from releasing personal information in possession of the agency, or require a contractor or grantee with the public agency to provide a list of nonprofit organizations to which it provides financial support.	Passed Senate (Daniel)
Education	SB63	Mirror bill to HB205. Unnecessary.	W. Westerfield
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Amend KRS 344.010 to provide definitions of "protective hairstyle" and "race" that include traits historically associated with race; amend KRS 158.148 to provide that school disciplinary codes shall prohibit discrimination on the basis of race.	(Daniel)
Business Regs	SB64	Alters security reqs for funds transfers; regs use of electronic docs as authoritative. (*Bill is very difficult to process, needs much scrutiny.)	W. Westerfield
Support	Low (Can wait)	The Uniform Commercial Code is dense and hard to process, to the point that it is actually a problem. The part that seemed most noteworthy was altering the ability to use electronic documents as authoritative.	(Daniel / Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB65	Removes a particular deficient regulation. (*Nothing wrong with this, but just do this for EVERY deficient regulation: HB40.)	S. West
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	AN ACT relating to deficient administrative regulations and declaring an emergency. 803 KAR 1:006, Employer-Employee Relationship, 907 KAR 1:026, Dental Services'; 907 KAR 1:038, Hearing Program; 907 KAR 1:632, Vision Program. This has passed the Senate. They have changed the KAR's. Nothing jumps out at me, but may need some with medical knowledge to check on the 907 KAR's.	Passed Senate (Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB66	Reqs Public Universities to make publicly funded research data accessible to state agencies and a few other eligible entities requesting it.	S. Meredith

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	If anything, this bill doesn't go far enough. Taxpayers pay for the universities, why shouldn't the data be available to anyone in the state who needs it (*as long as privacy of subjects of the research is protected). More access to data and transparency is almost always a good thing. This bill mostly just gives the state access to its own data after it is given to a university for archiving or research.*Must make sure that personally identifiable information (eg medical data) is not made available to people who don't have clearance to have it.	(Lance)
Health	SB67	Mirror to HB129. Fine.	S. Funke Frommeyer
Support	Low (Can wait)	Mirrors HB129. If it reduces medical costs, increases availability, and doesn't significantly affect patient health, why not?	(Lance)
Health	SB68	Reqs cost-sharing proceeds and benefits be passed in part to consumers through reduced premiums.	S. Meredith
Support	Low (Can wait)	Seems like a way to assure that the rebates that drug inurance plans are able to get actually come back to consumers through reduced premiums in their plan, not simply taken as profit.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB69	Mirror to HB332.	J. Adams
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Seems like a requirement that would not be utilized very often. Unnecessary overregulation.	(Daniel)
Govt			
Regulations	SB7	Bar public employers from automatically deducting dues from payroll for any labor organization that engages in political activities. (*Important, no free payroll services to facilitating political speech a person may not agree with.)	R. Mills

Education	SB70	Re-ups the ability of schools to institute performance-based professional development pilot projects. (*Fine, but perhaps time to specify what belongs in these projects, and how to evaluate.)	D. Givens
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	 Amend KRS 156.560 to implement the performance-based professional development pilot project from the 2023-2024 school year through the 2025-2026 school year; Require the Kentucky Department of Education to report on the project by August 1, 2027. There are no specifics about what constitutes a pilot program, and what data will be required to demonstrate that it has a positive impact on students. Seems much too vague. With detailed specifications, it would be worthy of full support. 	Passed Senate (John O)
Govt Regulations	SB71	Adds other related adults (fine) and hospital administrators(?) to the hierarchy who can authorize an organ donation, and research/training to the list of reasons. (*Should be tied only to what donor and family would want, not hosp. admin.)	B. Storm
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	 -Add other related adults and hospital administrators to the hierarchy of those who can authorize an anatomical gift; Add research for the advancement of donation and transplantation science as an acceptable use; Add donation for therapy, education, and research for advancement of donation and transplantation science to the statewide electronic registry. * No issue with these changes except the biggest change, allowing the hospital administrators to authorize an organ donation. The person before death, a blood relative, spouse, or close caregiver who understood the person's wishes should make these decisions not just a reserve for the hospital to just harvest organs. 	Passed Senate (John O / Lance
Business Regs	SB72	Allows rebuilt and salvage cars to use the "speed title" process, with some limitations. (*OK, as long as other safeguards keep unsafe cars off the road here.)	B. Storm
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	To restrict the Vehicle Department's ability to make exemptions from the speed title process for rebuilt and salvage vehicles. Analysis: No reason I know to oppose, other than wasting the legislature's time. There must be a small group to whom this is important. No reason NOT to speed up rebuit/salvage titles, as long as the cars are actually safe.	Passed Senate (John O)
Govt Regulations	SB73	Regs wagering for fantasy leagues and organized sports (gambling) leagues. (*Horse is out of the barn with internet and neighboring state proliferation.)	D. Yates

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	 HB106 mirrors this. Provides application process for individuals/entities to provide wagering for fantasy sports leagues, under the approval of the Public Protection Council, with a filing fee of \$5000. 6% of adjusted gross revenue (bets minus winnings), or \$5000, whichever is greater, is due each year. Wagering on organized sports events (eg MLB, NCAA) will be licensed by the Public Protection Cabinet, and be conducted under the supervision of the KY Horse Racing Commission, with an license fee of \$500,000. Annual renewal is \$50,000. Taxes of 9.75% of on adjusted gross revenues for on-track sites, 14.25% for off-track of phone-type betting. Many, like me, consider it a moral hazard and do not want to promote it. I clearly do not want to encourage it by profiting financially by its practice. That being said, perhaps this is a horse out of the barn, and the state government might as well belly up to the trough. If the latter is the case, and this brings fantasy and sports betting into conformity with horse racing, then I suppose there is no reason to oppose it. Lance: Those are definitely the fault likes, divisive issue for Republicans. I tend to think given the relative ease of online sports betting that we may as well regulate it, get our state's share of taxes, and use it to finance programs. \$500K ?Why not work with Twin Spires/Churchill, and promote it to be THE sports gaming site, for a share of all internet gaming rev? 	(John O / Daniel)
Criminal Code	SB74	Reqs violent offenders to serve at least 50% of their sentence before being considered for parole. Requires such inmates to participate in counseling.	A. Southworth
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Requires counselors to have advanced degrees in psychology or counseling. Professional experience seems much more valuable than graduate degrees. Recommend support as long as educational requirements of section 2(6) are deleted. Experience requirements seem appropriate.	(John O / Daniel)
Govt Regulations	SB76	Extends current military specialty license plates to motorcycles.	D. Yates
Support	Low (Can wait)	Other than this being a frivelous topic for the legislature to deal with, I see no reason to oppose.	(John O / Daniel)
Govt Regulations	SB77	Def a danger zone of 10' in all directions from a school bus. Recommends school districts to buy buses with safety features or cameras; Encourages municiplalities to buy buses with enhanced safety features. (*Locals make these decisions.)	D. Yates
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	School districts and municipalities know how to look after their own interests. They do not need to be encouraged to purchase safer buses. This is frivelous.	(John O / Daniel)

Criminal Code	SB78	CONST AMEND. Estab. right to medical marijuana. Directs that if referendum passed, one permitting recr marijuana will be offered at the next election. (*Admitting that medical marijuana is trojan horse for recreational?)	D. Yates
Only If Amended	Oppose (bad bill)	No way should this be a referendum. Changing the statutes for medical mearijuana is at least debatable, with with appropriate oversight. Section 5, directing the vote on recreational marijuana, should be stricken. If this is not stricken, we should oppose.	(John O / Danie
Govt Regulations	SB79	Renames Crime Victim Address Protection Program as Safe at Home Program. Estab. guidance on program execution.	J. Raque Adam
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Name change is fine, some of the loosening of restrictions here need to be reexamined. Seems sensible.	(John O / Danie
Criminal Code	SB80	Prohibit a registered sex offender from loitering within 1,000 feet of a school, playground, or day care. Include healthcare providers working in an emergency room to exemptions for third degree assault. (*May need more precise definition of loitering.)	D. Carroll
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	KRS 17.545 already prohibits registered offenders from residing within 1,000 feet, this bill adds that they cannot loiter within 1,000 feet. It is not bad legislation except that there needs to be a definition for loitering added to KRS 17.500 to cover. There are businesses located within 1,000 feet of prohibited areas so defining what loitering looks like is important. No issues with adding healthcare provider (and they have listed where to find definition of "healthcare provider") to list of protected workers.	Passed Senat (Laura)
Education	SB81	Reqs certified private and parochial schools operate with standard minimum instructional year instead of "not less than the public school district". (*Standardizing it removes ambiguity, BUT MUST NOT impose an hours req.)	A. Mays Bledso
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Reqs private and parochial schools to operate on a school calendar with a minimum school term and student instructional year as defined in KRS 158.070 instead of for a term not less than the public school district in which the child resides. Short summary sums it up. Short bill requiring private and parochial schools to have minimum school term and instructional days set by state, not according to local school district. Support this.	Passed Senate (Laura)

Govt Regulations	SB82	Adds a category of people who can be issued a temporary elevator mechanic license when there aren't enough licensed mechanics (eg military trained).	R. Girdler
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	TBH, I don't know anything about elevator mechanics but adding the category of military occupational specialty experience sounds legitimate to me. I love giving benefits to those who have learned a skill by serving. Love opening up certification process, Can we be totally certain there is no safety risk here?	(Laura)
Govt Regulations	SB83	Sets cap for Dep. of Alcoholic Beverage Control's server training in alcohol regs (STAR) education program at \$10 per person per certification period. (*IN and TN allow 3rd party training so their costs vary; believe KY's is currently \$40.)	R. Girdler
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Amend KRS 243.025 to set cap for Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's server training in alcohol regulations (STAR) education program at \$10 per person per certification period. Seems fine to me. IN and TN allow 3rd party training with approved vendors making the cost vary. I only see that KY offers ONE training program in KY offered BY Kentucky and it is \$40. Dropping cost to \$10 seems ok, but would considering adding 3rd parties be cheaper and more efficient?	(Laura)
Govt Regulations	SB84	Allows urban gov'ts to regulate guns and ammo to reduce gun violence. (*Shall not be infringed. Stop criminals, not gun owners.)	R. Thomas
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to allow urban-county governments and consolidated local governments to regulate firearms and ammunition to reduce gun violence except when state or federal law preemepts local governance; amend KRS 65.870 to conform. No. I will oppose anything that allows the government to regulate firearms and ammunition. The legislation wants to allow urban counties with high gun violence to be able to regulate firearms sales and ammunition while acknowledging that many Kentuckians are responsible gun owners. This is not the way to stop gun violence.	(Laura)
Govt Regulations	SB85	Proposes people with disabilities have an attorney to represent their wishes rather than a Guardian ad Litem in guardianship proceedings. (*GAL likely better suited to the task for people with diminished capacity.)	R. Thomas

Education	SB9	Def. "hazing," (ie (abusive) organizational initiation rituals) "student," and "organization". Differentiates Class D & Class A misdemeanor varieties.	R. Mills
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Authorize urban-county governments to re-employ police officers who have retired from the urban-county government Police and Fire Fund. Can be no greater than 25 officers or 10 percent of the current police force (odd limit?). This is a good way for local police departments to shore up their police force with trained, qualified candidates. Also saves money for the department. Would like to see it expanded to cover any police department in the state.	Passed Senat (Steve)
Firearms & Military	SB89	Authorize urban-county governments to re-employ police officers who have retired (up to 25 officers or 10% of current force). Officers cannot continue to accrue addl retirement and health benefits, but can draw pension.	D. Douglas
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Amend various sections of KRS 387.500 to 387.770 to change the term "ward" to "protected person"; allow the respondent the right to retain private counsel; set out the respondent's right to an attorney who does not act as a guardian ad litem; increase maximum allowable hourly rate for court-appointed attorneys; create new sections of KRS 387.500 to 387.770 to allow the court to address the needs of marital parties after the appointment of a guardian or conservator; allow the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for the respondent in certain circumstances. This bill proposes that individuals with disabilities have an attorney to represent their wishes rather than a Guardian ad Litem which is an attorney that represents the client's best interests (not the client himself or herself) in the guardianship proceedings. The GAL acts as an inveigator to get to the truth of whether a guardian is needed. The role of an attorney in representation is to protect and advance the client' rights, claims, and objectives. A person needing a conservator or guardian may not be in a position to express their true needs, only their desires. Once a guardian is appointed, SB85 would also require court supervision of the guardians actions when the disabled person is married or there is another interested party. The court should consider a spouse's interest when selecting a guardian so they do not then have to supervise the guardians actions. Bad bill.	(Laura)

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	There is a differentiation made between Hazing in the first degree (intentionally or wantonly participates and the result is serious physical injury or death) and Hazing in the second degree (recklessly participates in hazing without a stipulated outcome). Second degree allows a defense if the act was part of reasonable and customary (a) athletic competitions, (b) law enforcement training; or (c) military training. It can be a reasonable and customary event that still leads to the serous injury or death of a person. Shouldn't the defense apply to first degree as well? The burden would be on the plaintiff to prove it was not reasonable and customary. Think about athletes who collapse.	Passed Senate (Laura)
Health	SB90	Reqs chem dep treatment centers provide transportation services so persons can leave.	J. Higdon
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Simple enough, surprised this is an issue that needs addressing. Perhaps should have reasonable cost reimbursement provision (eg from patient) at least for persons who can pay. Mostly want to limit unfunded mandates.	(Lance)
Health	SB91	Removes prohibitions on abortions (chemical or otherwise) in public schools. Adds Rape and incest as justifications/exemptions for abortion.	D. Harper Angel
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Complete abortion ban or the near complete ban (life of the mother) that is current law is straight forward: regardless of how a baby is conceived, it is human life worthy of protection.	(Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB92	Regs use of assistance animals in public accom to assure person actually has a documented need for one.	J. Higdon
Support	Low (Can wait)	Amend KRS 258.119 to allow the animal care assistance fund to receive fines; amend KRS 258.500 to define "person" as a person with a disability who has an ongoing therapeutic relationship with a health care provider and stipulate who can be a health care provider under the definition, establish requirements for an assistance dog to be granted public accommodation.	(Daniel / Lance)
Govt Regulations	SB93	Allows Lewis County BOE to sell a donated piece of land. (*Need more info about the gift & use of proceeds.)	R. Webb
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Apparently a piece of land was donated for use only as a school, and they now want to sell it. Seems like a compromise would be a restriction of alt. use of land/proceeds that meet the family's wishes.	(Daniel / Lance)
Health	SB94	Removes prescribing authority from most APRNs unless partnered with doctor.	J. Adams

Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Unnecessary regulation, APRNs are extensively trained. This would reduce the ability to find medical care for a wide range of issues in many rural and remote parts of the state.	Passed Senate (Lance)
Health	SB95	Expands the number of people on the Board of Pharmacy to 10 (from 6) with specific reqs.	J. Adams
Oppose	Low (Can wait)	No inherent issue with this, but should wait until after the Governor's race. No reason to give him the chance to appoint 4 more people. Next session? Fine, if there is caucus support. In general though, Repubicans need to start WEAKENING the power, and scaling back the size, of these unelected administrative positions.	(Lance)
Business Regs	SB96	Allows local gov't to issue permits for racing events with reqs. (*Needs safety regs.)	B. Smith
Support w/ amendment	Low (Can wait)	Create a new section of KRS Chapter 189 to allow a local government to issue permits for racing events; and set forth the requirements for permits and operation of a racing event.	(Daniel / Lance
suggestions		Should be a possible money maker for local gov't and also possibly eliminate illegal and dengerous street racing. Should include safety protocols and regs.	
Criminal Code	SB97	Adds lasers to list of deadly weapons. (*Needs to specify a min power.)	P. Wheeler
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Amend KRS 500.080 to define" laser," and to modify the definition of "dangerous instrument." Some lasers can be dangerous, but I am not sure if it should apply to all lasers. Needs a minimum power in definition.	(Lance)
Firearms & Military	SB98	Firearm Anti-commandeering. Bans state or local law enforcement from assisting the Federal government in enforcing any new firearms restrictions. Sets big penalties on agency. (* Prefer from a set date in past like 01-01-2020. Would love addition of HB159's AG enforcement mechanism.)	L. Tichenor
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Firearm Anti-commandeering. Builds on the right of the state to not let its resources be taken over for enforcement of federal statutes. Fines are at the agency level but are still quite steep. Love for it to be retroactive to an earlier date (this would not be ex post facto) and take away enforcement of the 2022 passed omnibus gun control legislation. Could be nicely supplemented with the enforcement mechanism at the subdivision level by the AG that is provided in HB159.	(Lance)
Business Regs	SB99	Reqs any entity running a "relief fund" for disasters report information about who is donating and on what it is spent.	W. Westerfiel

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Solid bill. We need transparency about where all this money is coming from and going.	Passed Senate (Lance)
Other	xHB337	What dept is it supposed to be except Revenue?	S. Rudy
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB340	Amend to conform to gender neutral language and specify county clerk.	D. Lewis
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Changes quite a few things in this bill, but I don't think any of them alter the plain meaning of the text. Possibly SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB347	Makes technical change	A. Bowling
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	xHB355	Amend to include gender neutral language	W. Thomas
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Suspected shell bill	(Steve)
Firearms & Military	xHB356	Amend to include gender neutral language.	S. Bratcher
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Suspected shell bill	(Steve)
Other	xHB359	Include gender neutral language	W. Thomas
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB360	Make technical corrections	J. Petrie

Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB361	Make technical corrections	J. Petrie
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB362	Make technical corrections	J. Petrie
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB368	Add gender neutral language.	S. Miles
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB374	Insert gender neutral references	R. Heath
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB375	Insert gender neutral references	R. Heath
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB379	Add gender neutral language.	K. Moser
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB381	Include gender neutral language.	R. Webber
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB382	include gender neutral language.	R. Webber
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB397	Include gender neutral language	P. Flannery

Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB402	Include gender neutral language	S. Miles
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB409	Include gender neutral language	P. Stevenson
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Suspected shell bill	(Steve)
Other	xHB427	Make technical and grammatical corrections.	P. Pratt
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB428	Make technical corrections	P. Pratt
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB430	Include gender neutral language	M. Meredith
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB431	Include gender neutral language	M. Meredith
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB432	Make technical corrections.	M. Meredith
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB434	Add gender neutral language.	K. King
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB453	Conform to gender neutral language.	J. Blanton

Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB454	Conform to gender neutral language.	J. Blanton
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB458	Insert gender neutral language.	J. Tipton
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB459	Insert gender neutral language	J. Tipton
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xHB460	Make technical correction.	A. Bowling
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Steve)
Other	xSB174	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB175	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB176	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB177	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB178	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer

Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB179	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB180	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB181	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB182	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB183	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB184	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB185	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	SHELL BILL. These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB186	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB187	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer

Taxes & Spending	zzBR333	Allows for Special Deputies to County Sheriffs to be paid for up to 180 hours in a calendar year.	M. Dossett
Support	High (Pass this session)	The bill would statuatorily restrict the only designations for biological sex on a KY issued birth certificate to be male or female. It also states that their should specifically NOT be options to select "non-binary or any symbol representing a nonbinary designation, including but not limited to, X." I think that the changes suggested are more than necessary and that implementing them would make it easier to make further changes in other statutes regarding student privacy (same sex restroom usage in schools), among other things, if there were a concrete and clear cut piece of legislation to tie those requirements to. However, I would suggest the removal of the additional language pertaining to what CANNOT be included as designations, and instead, would strengthen the language making it clear that ONLY male and female are to be included as possible designations and that any and all others are not allowed.	(John / Laura)
Govt Regulations	zzBR103	Codify that the only available selections on a KY issued birth certificate would be male or female.	B. Wesley
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB189	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)
Other	xSB188	Shell Bill. Changes "he" to "he or she".	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	These bills are sometimes used to slip in changes to the law through late amendments or subs with little scrutiny. Bad for govt transparent.	(Lance)

Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	 Special Deputies (if they are legitimately necessary) should be able to be compensated for their time up to a certain amount. However Concerns: (1) Concerned that this will become a handout scheme for the buddies of the county sheriff, hiring them on needlessly to get think a couple thousand dollars per year paycheck each. That's potentially another drain on county budgets. Amendments: I'm not sure how to keep that from happening. Perhaps limit it to hours spent in service of emergencies (as specified in section 2). Laura's thoughts: I don't like that all decisions on what constitutes an emergency rests with one person. I also don't like that the ONE person gets to pick who the special deputies will be. Maybe a committee that includes individuals outside the Sheriff's office? Fiscal court is already setting the compensation rate. Maybe they can weigh in on when and who? I think section (3)(d) needs to include regardless of gender in addition to the other listed items. Section (2) should probably include the "aftermath" of an emergency. 	(Lance / Laura)
Govt Regulations	zzBR356	Allows entities other than County clerks to sell and distribute hunting and fishing licenses and removes guardian written premission req. for Hunting licenses for under 16.	B. Wesley
Support	Low (Can wait)	 Pretty innocuous. Not sure WHY we need to rename Hunting and Fishing licenses to Sportsman & Junior licenses to Youth. Concerns: (1) Is there a risk if a parent doesn't know that a child has gotten a Hunting license? I don't see one. This just takes away an unnecessarry burden. (2) If the County Clerks are no longer going to be the only entities selling such license (section 2.2), need to make sure that centralized records are still maintained and on a timely basis. Again, not sure why we need to open this up beyond clerks, but OK. Laura: I would say NO to removing parental approval. Why would we want to give a license to hunt to a minor without parental approval? A parent is in the best position to know if they are properly educated in handling firearms and to make decisions for minor children. My concern with the County Clerks passing the responsibility to other entities is maintaining accountability and accurate reporting. 	(Lance / Laura)

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