



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

KAED supports pro-growth policies and fiscally responsible measures designed to accelerate Kentucky's economic momentum. KAED endorsed the following bills in GA 2018:

House Bill 2 - Workers' Compensation

Improves Kentucky's workers' compensation system to provide better care for injured workers and more affordable costs for business.

Status: 3/30/18 - Signed by Governor

House Bill 3 - Essential Skills

Builds essential skills curriculum in Kentucky's K-12 education system.

Status: 4/13/18 – Signed by Governor

House Bill 6 - Rural Jobs Act

Encourages investment in rural enterprise by providing immediate access to \$100 million in private capital.

Status: 4/13/18 - Floor Amendments 9 and 10 filed, 11 filed to Committee Substitute

House Bill 114 - TVA Counties Economic Development

Distributes up to 6 million dollars of TVA payment to Kentucky back to 39 counties for economic development initiatives.

Status: 4/10/2018 – Signed by Governor

House Bill 227 - Net Metering

Amends Kentucky's outdated net metering laws.

Status: 4/14/2018 – Recommitted to Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee

House Bill 252 - Unemployment Insurance Reform

Modernizes UI System to enhance Kentucky's workforce and global competitiveness.

Status: 4/10/2018 - Signed by Governor

House Bill 305 - Cabinet for Economic Development Reorganization

Reorganizes CED to better reflect Cabinet operation.

Status: 3/29/2018 - Signed by Governor

House Bill 312 - Angel Investor Tax Credit

Modifies existing Angel Tax Investor Credit programs to attract more high-tech business to Kentucky.

Status: 2/8/2018 - Assigned to House Appropriations & Revenue

House Bill 540 - New Earn and Learn Tax Credit

New tax credit for employees who pay the educational expense of employees in high skill, high demand industry areas.

Status: 3/1/2018 - Assigned to House Appropriations & Revenue Committee

House Bill 541 - New Individual Tax Credit

New tax credit for employees who either stay in Kentucky or relocate to Kentucky to fill a high skill, high demand industry job.

Status: 3/1/2018 - Assigned to House Appropriations & Revenue Committee

House Bill 557 - Amendments to Incentives

Clean up of various incentive programs available through the Cabinet for Economic Development.

Status: 4/26/2018 – Signed by Governor

House Bill 609 - Transportation Funding

Creates multi-modal transportation fund and modernizes motor fuel tax.

Status: 4/13/2018 – Floor Amendment filed

Senate Bill 9 - TVA Counties Economic Development

Distributes up to 6 million dollars of TVA payment to Kentucky back to 39 counties for economic development initiatives.

Status: 1/3/2018 - Assigned to Senate Appropriations & Revenue Committee

OPPOSE

KAED opposes legislation that is unfavorable or burdensome to the Commonwealth's economic development. As of 3/30/18 KAED has opposed the following bills:

House Bill 29 - Tax Reform

Creates competitive disadvantage by creating new personal property taxes and subjects businesses that generate income outside of Kentucky to additional tax.

Status: 1/2/2018 - Assigned to House Appropriations & Revenue Committee

House Bill 432 - Economic Development Oversight

Creates unnecessary red tape and harms Kentucky's economic development by destroying the imperative confidentiality requirements of corporate and individual investors.

Status: 2/23/2018 - Assigned to House Economic Development & Workforce Development Committee

House Bill 160 - Call Centers

Unnecessarily adds burdensome regulatory and compliance business regulations.

Status: 1/10/2018 - Assigned to House Economic Development & Workforce Investment Committee

NEUTRAL

House Bill 372 - Religious Freedom

KAED opposed original language upon introduction, as similar legislation has proven harmful to commerce and business development in surrounding states. As a result of HCS1, passed on 3/14/18 in the House Judiciary Committee, KAED has reassigned the Association position from oppose to neutral and will continue to monitor HB372.

Status: 3/22/2018 - Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee