



2010 Kansas Session Final Legislative Report

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To: Overland Park Chamber of Commerce Members
From: Rick Worrel, Chairman
Government Affairs Committee

The 2010 Kansas Legislative Session will be remembered for many things: a staggering deficit that continued to widen each month; first-time adjournment of the main part of the session without passage of a budget; proposals for massive cuts to state-funded programs including K-12, higher education, transportation and social services; discord among legislators, advocacy groups, and citizens as to how the state should best solve its financial crisis; and ultimately legislative passage of both a sales and a cigarette/tobacco tax increase.

As Governor Parkinson and the Legislature grappled with these difficult budget decisions, the Overland Park Chamber joined a coalition of 15 other local chambers of commerce to convey to Kansas leadership our concern about the devastating effect further cuts in our state's core programs would have on the quality of life and economic development in our communities. Our coalition letter stated in part, "We urge the Kansas Legislature and Governor to make cuts the state can withstand, but also make the difficult decisions necessary to maintain our state's quality of life for its citizens and for the future growth of Kansas. If revenues must be enhanced for basic government services, our chambers can support rational state revenue enhancements."

How did the Overland Park Chamber come to this decision? We listened to our members and followed the insightful feedback given to us from our Government Affairs Committee, of which I am honored to chair this year. The overwhelming majority of these members expressed their unwavering support for those issues which they felt enhanced the quality of life in our city. Their core credence continues to be that great educational opportunities = a trained, skilled workforce = growing businesses = happy families.

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This fundamental belief was in fact validated this month when Overland Park, for the third time in a row, was honored with a Top Ten ranking in Money Magazine's "Best Places to Live in America" list. The quality of our schools was cited as the top reason people choose to live in Overland Park.

Although the state's budget situation dominated most conversations in the statehouse this year (just like it did last year and probably will again next year), several other pro-business items did get passed. One tremendous victory was the passage of a 10-year, \$8.2 billion, comprehensive transportation plan. We are extremely proud of those legislators who recognized that this legislation was critical to growing jobs and boosting the Kansas economy. Also, two economic development bills passed, the Historic/Angel Investor Tax Credits bill and the enhanced Promoting Employment Across Kansas Act.

Just as important were our efforts to fend off several budget and tax amendments which would have been extremely detrimental to our business community, including an income tax increase, an elimination of many sales tax exemptions, and a reduction in various tax credits. We also tracked several votes tied to our delegation's support (or lack thereof) to one of our chamber's top priorities: reforming the school finance formula to maximize available resources and expanding local control.

So, on behalf of the members of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Johnson County Delegation for their hard work and dedication this legislative session. We know they are often required to make difficult decisions and experience personal sacrifice to fulfill the responsibilities of their elected office.

In addition, I would like to thank the members of the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee and others who contributed their time and energy this session to helping fulfill the business interests of Johnson County. The Chamber tracked more than 100 bills affecting the business community this year, and the committee met throughout the session to discuss and take action on key legislative initiatives.

To help all Chamber members stay informed, this report contains a summary of selected issues from the Chamber's legislative agenda and a record of how Johnson County legislators voted on those issues. If you would like additional information regarding the status of bills or would like to read "Explanations of Votes" submitted by legislators, please visit the Kansas Legislature's Web site at www.kslegislature.org.

If you would like additional information regarding the OP Chamber's voting record, or if you are interested in participating in our Government Affairs Committee, please contact Jennifer Bruning, the Chamber's full-time lobbyist, at the Chamber office at (913) 766-7602 or jbruning@opchamber.org.



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SENATE

			63%	78%	56%	100%	56%	100%	100%
	Senate Issues Bill Number & Descriptions	OP Chamber Position	Brownlee	Colyer	Pilcher Cook	Huntington	Lynn	Owens	Vratil
5/8/2010 40-0	HB 2554 - Vote #348 = PEAK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
05/07/10 23-15 1 P	S Sub for S Sub for HB 2650 - Vote #380 - TWORKS - Transportation Plan	Y	P	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
05/06/10 23-17	S Sub for HB 2360 - Vote #369 = Revenue Enhance- ment (Tax)	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
05/10/10 21-17 2 NV	H Sub for SB 572 - Vote #387 = FY2011 Budget	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
3/30/2010 40-0	SB 430 - Vote #322 = His- toric and Angel Tax Credits	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
03/11/10 33-7	SB 359 - Vote #182 = School Districts; Relating to Special Education	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
03/04/10 39-0 1 NV	HB 2676 - Vote #156 = Employment Security Law	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
02/16/10 31-9	SB 354 - Vote #65 = School Finance	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
05/05/10 16-22 2 P	HB 2595 - Vote #337 = KPERS/LOB Amendment	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Only votes in opposition to the Overland Park Chamber's position reduce the % rating.

HOUSE

			100%	100%	40%	100%	44%	100%	40%	40%	78%	40%	100%
	House Issues Bill Number & Descriptions	OP Chamber Position	Benlon	Bollier	Brown	Colloton	Donohoe	Furtado	Kiegerl	Kinzer	Kleeb	Merrick	Neighbor
05/07/10 109-12 4 NV	HB 2554 - Vote #330 on PEAK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
05/11/10 86-38 1 NV	S Sub for S Sub for HB 2650 - Vote #402 on TWORKS	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
05/10/10 64-61	S Sub for HB 2360 - Vote #395 on Revenue Enhancement	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
05/08/10 71-52 2 NV	H Sub for SB 572 - Vote #383 on FY2011 Budget	Y	Y	NV	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
03/30/10 111-8 6 NV	SB 430 - Vote #286 on Historic and Angel Tax Credits	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
03/10/10 122-0 3 NV	HB 2676 - Vote #126 on Employment Security Law	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
05/10/10 41-76 8 NV	SB 74 - Vote #391 on School Finance (LOB/KPERS)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
05/07/10 42-75 8 NV	H Sub for SB 572 - Vote #352 on FY2011 Budget (Brunk TABOR Amendment)	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	N
02/19/10 94-28 3 NV	HB 2478 - Vote #86 on Unilateral Annexation	N	N	N	Y	N	NV	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N
05/03/10 55-67 3 NV	HB 2549 - Vote #309 on School Finance (.25% Sales Tax for Education Amendment)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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			44%	100%	80%	44%	40%	100%	100%	70%	90%	90%	40%
	House Issues Bill Number & Descriptions	OP Chamber Position	Olson	Quigley	Rardin	Schwab	Siegfreid	Slattery	Spalding	Talia	Wolf	Worley	Yoder
05/07/10 109-12 4 NV	HB 2554 - Vote #330 on PEAK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
05/11/10 86-38 1 NV	S Sub for S Sub for HB 2650 - Vote #402 on TWORKS	Y	N	Y	Y	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
05/10/10 64-61	S Sub for HB 2360 - Vote #395 on Revenue Enhancement	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
05/08/10 71-52 2 NV	H Sub for SB 572 - Vote #383 on FY2011 Budget	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
03/30/10 111-8 6 NV	SB 430 - Vote #286 on Historic and Angel Tax Credits	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV
03/10/10 122-0 3 NV	HB 2676 - Vote #126 on Employ- ment Security Law	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y
05/10/10 41-76 8 NV	SB 74 - Vote #391 on School Fi- nance (LOB/KPERS)	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
05/07/10 42-75 8 NV	H Sub for SB 572 - Vote #352 on FY2011 Budget (Brunk TABOR Amendment)	N	NV	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
02/19/10 94-28 3 NV	HB 2478 - Vote #86 on Unilateral Annexation	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
05/03/10 55-67 3 NV	HB 2549 - Vote #309 on School Finance (.25% Sales Tax for Educa- tion Amendment)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Voting Record Bill Explanations

SENATE

Bill Number	Description
<p>Final Action on Adoption of Conference Committee Report for House Bill 2554 – Vote #348 (PEAK)</p>	<p>This bill, introduced as HB 2538, expands the Promoting Employment Across Kansas (PEAK) Program, that was enacted in 2009, in a number of ways. The program authorizes a diversion of employee withholding taxes under certain circumstances to qualified companies or third parties performing services on behalf of such companies. The bill clarifies that the Secretary of the Department of Commerce has discretion in administering provisions of the PEAK Act. New substantive definitions are added, and some existing terms are redefined. Under the 2009 law, companies had to relocate all of their facilities and employment to Kansas in order to qualify to retain a portion of the company's payroll withholding taxes. The bill relaxes the requirement so that a company is eligible if it relocated or expanded a portion of its business operations into the state. An existing Kansas business that relocates or expands within the state also is eligible; however, that business may not be able to claim a tax benefit until after January 1, 2012. The previous requirement that employees must be compensated at a rate equivalent to at least 100 percent of the county average wage is amended such that the qualifying compensation be at least 100 percent of the county "median" wage. A new route to qualification also is provided relative to employee compensation equal to at least 100 percent of the North American Industry Classification System code industry average wage. The aggregate amount of benefits for companies already in the state that relocate or expand is capped at \$4.8 million per fiscal year starting in FY 2012. As a means to offset the PEAK benefits that may be paid to companies already in the state, in-state companies in the six metropolitan counties listed above are exempted from eligibility for the Business and Job Development Tax Credit (KSA 74-32,153 and 79-32,160a). Companies qualifying for PEAK under the original 2009 law were prohibited from also participating in the IMPACT Program, a separate withholding tax diversion program. The bill relaxes that restriction such that companies could qualify for both programs but not relative to the same employees.</p>
<p>Final Action on Senate Sub for Senate Sub for House Bill 2650 – Vote #380 (TWORKS)</p>	<p>This bill establishes a new, 10-year comprehensive transportation program, to be known as the Transportation Works for Kansas (T-Works) Program. KDOT estimates that the program is worth approximately \$8.2 billion, including \$5.5 billion in revenues from sources in law not amended during 2010, such as motor fuel taxes. The bill increases registration fee revenues into the State Highway Fund, and the program will also utilize an increase in the state sales and compensating use taxes to be used specifically for transportation. The bill specifies that, between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2020, \$8 million is to be spent in each county for transportation projects. It also specifies that motor fuel taxes will remain at current rates and that the distribution of motor fuel taxes will stay at the current ratio of 66.37 percent into the State Highway Fund and 34.63 percent into the Special City and County Highway Fund.</p> <p>The bill expands KDOT's bonding authority to allow the Secretary to issue bonds to a limit of 18 percent debt service payments out of projected State Highway Fund revenues for any year. Funding for the Transportation Works for Kansas program will come, generally, from existing fuel taxes, sales taxes, and registration fees, with additional registration funding provided by the increases in this bill and with additional sales tax revenues in future years as provided in Senate Sub. for HB 2360.</p>
<p>On Motion to Concur with House Amendments on House Sub for Senate Bill 572 – Vote #387 (FY2011 Budget)</p>	<p>This bill contains appropriations for FY 2010 supplemental appropriations; FY 2011 operating expenditures; and multi-year capital improvements for state agencies. The approved amount for FY 2010 decreases amounts approved by the 2009 Legislature by \$196.0 million from the State General Fund and increases amounts approved from all funding sources by \$1.36 billion. Approved FY 2010 State General Fund expenditures total \$5.417 billion, \$111,819 below the amount recommended by the Governor. Expenditures from all funding sources total \$14.414 billion, \$5.6 million above the amount recommended by the Governor. The approved current year budget reflects State General Fund allotments made by the Governor in July and November of 2009 for FY 2010. These allotments, through a series of recommended revenue adjustments and expenditure reductions, were intended to increase the FY 2010 State General ending balance by \$391.6 million. Approximately \$95.0 million of the recommended adjustments required legislative authorization, and were subsequently approved by the 2010 Legislature. For FY 2011, the approved amount is \$5.621 billion from the State General Fund and \$13.685 billion from all funding sources. The FY 2011 amount is \$210.7 million, or 3.6 percent, below the amount recommended by the Governor from the State General Fund and \$41.3 million, or 0.3 percent, below the amount recommended by the Governor from all funding sources. The approved number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions totals 41,523.1, which is a decrease of 63.5 FTE positions below the revised FY 2010 number of 41,586.6 FTE positions.</p> <p>Major items reflected in the currently approved FY 2011 budget include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State General Fund expenditures for the Department of Education increase by \$133.4 million, or 4.7 percent. Of the increase, \$85.9 million was recommended to replace federal stimulus funding utilized in FY 2010. Funding for the local option budget increased \$42.6 million, or 0.1 percent, from \$296.6 million to \$339.2 million. Special education is funded at 86.2 percent of excess costs in FY 2011, as compared to 88.7 percent in FY 2010. (Base State Aid Per Pupil, after both Governor's allotments, in FY 2010 is \$4,012 per pupil, which is a reduction of \$268 per pupil, or 6.3 percent below the approved FY 2010 amount of \$4,280, by the 2009 Legislature. In FY 2011, the Base State Aid Per Pupil also will be \$4,012.)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State General Fund expenditures increased by a total of \$42.5 million for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (\$23.8 million), the Health Policy Authority (\$13.1 million), and the Department on Aging (\$5.6 million), largely reflecting increases in consensus caseloads. • The approved budget for FY 2011 also reflects State General Fund reductions of \$131.0 million below the Governor's recommendations, offset by increased federal Medicaid funds, based on the proposed extension of the enhanced federal match rate for the Medicaid program from December 31, 2010 to June 30, 2011, and a State General Fund reduction of \$27.0 million, offset by special revenue funds, to reflect adjustments related to the implementation of the Health Care Cost Containment and Recovery Services (Medicaid recoveries) Pilot Project for FY 2011. • State General Fund expenditures for the Board of Regents and the Regents institutions increased by \$5.8 million, or 0.8 percent, and included \$5.6 million for debt service payments.
Final Action on Senate Sub for House Bill 2360 – Vote #369 (Revenue Enhancement)	This bill increases the state sales and compensating use tax rate from 5.3 percent to 6.3 percent, effective July 1, 2010. The rate subsequently is reduced to 5.7 percent on July 1, 2013. Disposition of revenue provisions generally are adjusted to provide the State Highway Fund (SHF) with an estimated \$20.427 million of the additional revenue in FY 2011; \$21 million in each of FY 2012-2013; and all of the additional revenue above 5.3 percent once the rate returns to the 5.7 percent level. The balance of the additional receipts are to be deposited in the State General Fund (SGF), except for a small portion attributable to utility purchases within an intermodal facility district. The bill also expands the food sales tax rebate program, expands the state earned income tax credit (EITC) program, and amends the Kansas Taxpayer Transparency Act.
Final Action on Conference Committee Report for Senate Bill 430 – Vote #322 (Historic & Angel Tax Credits)	This bill makes several changes to 2009 legislation designed to provide a 10-percent "haircut" for selected income tax credits. It repeals a specific \$3.75 million cap for FY 2011 that had been imposed on historic preservation income tax credits, and it clarifies that the portion of angel investor tax credits that had been subject to the haircut provisions in tax years 2009 and 2010 could be carried forward to future tax years. The bill also makes a number of changes to various sales tax administration statutes designed to keep Kansas in conformity with the multi-state Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (SSUTA); amends a number of different tax statutes relative to the definition of the term "willfully"; imposes a small fee under certain circumstances for taxpayers' entering into installment payment plans; moves administration of local option intangibles taxes from the state to the local level; and authorizes the Department of Revenue to require electronic filing of withholding forms and sales or use tax returns.
Final Action on Senate Bill 359 – Vote #182	The original bill amended the special education catastrophic state aid law by increasing the student eligibility amount from \$25,000 to twice the amount of state aid paid per special teacher in the preceding school year. In addition, any federal special education aid or state special education aid would become a deduction in computing the entitlement under catastrophic aid. The bill would become effective upon publication in the Kansas Register and would apply in school year 2009-2010.
Final Action on House Bill 2676 – Vote #156	This amends the Employment Security Law regarding contribution rates, penalties, and interest. The bill provides that for calendar year 2010 and 2011 the charge for contributing employers in rate groups 1 through 32 will be that of the 2010 original tax rate computation table. Contributing employers in rate groups 33 through 51 are capped at a 5.4 percent contribution rate. In addition, employers have 90 days past the due date to file their contribution without being charged interest for the first three quarters of each of the two years.
Final Action on Senate Bill 354 – Vote #65	This bill would define "taxable tangible property" as real property, personal property, state-assessed property, and motor vehicles in the school finance law regarding the tax levies for ancillary facilities weighting, cost of living, and declining enrollment. Under current law, motor vehicle taxes are not factored into these levies.
On Agreeing to Amendment by Karin Brownlee, R-23rd to House Bill 2595 – Vote #337	Brownlee's proposed amendment was the KPERS/Local Option Budget bill. This bill would have allowed school districts to count KPERS (Kansas Public Employees Retirement System) payments as part of a school district's general fund, thereby increasing the amount that could be levied under Local Option Budgets (LOB). LOB's are tied to a percentage of a district's general operating budget, so if a district's operating budget increases then its LOB can increase as well.

HOUSE

Final Action on Adoption of Conference Committee Report for House Bill 2554 – Vote #330 (PEAK)	See Senate explanation.
On Motion to Concur in Senate Amendments to Senate Sub for Senate Sub for House Bill 2650 – Vote #402 (TWORKS)	See Senate explanation.
Final Action on House Sub for Senate Bill 572 – Vote #383 (FY2011 Budget)	See Senate explanation.
On Motion to Concur in Senate Amendments on Senate Sub for House Bill 2360 – Vote #395 (Revenue Enhancement)	See Senate explanation.
Final Action on Conference Committee Report for Senate Bill 430 – Vote #286 (Historic & Angel Tax Credits)	See Senate explanation.
Final Action on House Bill 2676 – Vote #126.	See Senate explanation.
Final Action on Senate Bill 74 – Vote #391	This bill would have allowed school districts to count KPERS (Kansas Public Employees Retirement System) payments as part of a school district's general fund, thereby increasing the amount that could be levied under Local Option Budgets (LOB). LOB's are tied to a percentage of a district's general operating budget, so if a district's operating budget increases then its LOB can increase as well.
On Agreeing to the Amendment by Steven Brunk, R-85th to House Sub for Senate Bill 572 – Vote #352	This is a Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) resolution which calls for a constitutional amendment to cap state spending at a combination of the rates of inflation and population growth. The measure would also require two-thirds votes in both houses of the Legislature to exceed the spending limit or raise taxes.
Final Action on House Bill 2478 – Vote #86	This bill would create a new law that affects the statute dealing with unilateral annexation. The bill would prohibit a city from annexing land pursuant to certain circumstances listed in KSA 12-520 (see below for the specific circumstances) unless the board of county commissioners adopts a resolution stating the proposed annexation would not have an adverse effect on the county. The resolution would have to be adopted within 30 days following the conclusion of the hearing on the proposed annexation; otherwise, the annexation would be deemed to have been approved by the board of county commissioners. The circumstances for which the resolution would be required by the bill are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The land to be annexed is platted, and some part of the land adjoins the city. • The land lies within or mainly within the city and has a common perimeter with the city boundary line of more than 50 percent. • The land is 21 acres or less and, if annexed, would make the city boundary line straight or harmonious and some part thereof adjoins the city. • The tract is 21 acres or less and is so situated that two-thirds of any boundary line adjoins the city.
On Agreeing to Amendment by Lance Kinzer, R-14th to House Bill 2549 – Vote #309	This amendment would have allowed the board of county commissioners of any county to submit the question of imposing a retailers' sales tax at the rate of .25% and pledging the revenue received there from for the purpose of donations to meet the education needs of all unified school districts within any such county, to the electors at an election called and held thereon.

Lifetime Voting Records

SENATE	Year Elected	2010	Lifetime
Karin Brownlee	1996	63%	79%
Jeff Colyer	2009*	78%	80%**
Mary Pilcher Cook	2008*	56%	64%***
Terrie Huntington	2010*	100%	94%†
Julia Lynn	2006	56%	81%
Tim Owens	2009*	100%	97%‡
John Vratil	1999	100%	96%

* Year elected to the Senate after serving in the House.

** Lifetime record includes sessions served in the House (2006-2008).

*** Lifetime record includes sessions served in the House (2004-2006).

† Lifetime record includes sessions served in the House (2003-2009).

‡ Lifetime record includes sessions served in the House (2002-2008).

HOUSE	Yr. Elected	2010	Lifetime
Lisa Benlon	2008	100%	95%*
Barbara Bollier	2010	100%	100%
Anthony Brown	2004	40%	60%
Pat Colloton	2004	100%	99%
Owen Donohoe	2006	44%	67%
Dolores Furtado	2008	100%	100%
Mike Kiegerl	2004	40%	67%
Lance Kinzer	2004	40%	59%
Marvin KleeB	2008	78%	89%
Ray Merrick	2000	40%	73%
Cindy Neighbor	2006	100%	91%**
Rob Olson	2004	44%	76%
Jill Quigley	2007	100%	94%
Gene Rardin	2006	80%	84%
Scott Schwab	2008	44%	67%***
Arlen Siegfleid	2002	40%	77%
Mike Slattery	2008	100%	100%
Sheryl Spalding	2006	100%	98%
Milack Talia	2008	70%	80%
Kay Wolf	2005	90%	95%
Ron Worley	2006	90%	95%
Kevin Yoder	2002	40%	92%

* Lifetime record includes previous sessions served in the House (1990-2002).

** Lifetime record includes previous sessions served in the House (2003-2004).

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