

# Journal of the House

EIGHTEENTH DAY

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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TOPEKA, KS, Thursday, February 5, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Hawkins in the chair.

The roll was called with 123 members present.

Rep. Poskin was excused on verified illness.

Rep. Winn was excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Excused later: Rep. Ohaebosim.

Prayer by guest chaplain Rev. Jay Jellison:

Father of Mercy and Grace,

We come humbly before your throne this very day with hearts ready and willing to receive from you. For your word declares that we are to trust in you completely and to not lean on our own understanding. But to acknowledge you in all of our ways, giving you the opportunity to make straight our paths.

We acknowledge You as Lord of creation and Sustainer of life itself. Our hearts long to enjoy the very words you whisper, imparting wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, strength and the fear of the Lord.

As we receive these powerful gifts may our lives reveal your ordination over every step we take. May we enjoy and employ the whisper of your Spirit behind us saying, "this is the way, walk in it."

We are desperate for your leading moment by moment as we seek to follow your Spirit. We trust you to help us see and hear from your perspective, just as your Son Jesus did in his earthly ministry.

May your Word and Spirit influence all that we have come together to accomplish. And may your fingerprint be on everything good. So that in the decades to come everyone will know and see the goodness of our God. May you be glorified above all, in Jesus name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. King.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

**HB 2710**, AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; enacting the affirming parental rights act; requiring the state department of education and school districts to provide a link to an affirming parental rights webpage that describes parental rights established pursuant to federal and state laws; establishing the standard form of such affirming parental rights document; requiring the attorney general to provide a description of parental rights that shall be referenced on such webpage; requiring the state department of education to receive and investigate reported violations of parental rights; establishing remedies for parents who are aggrieved by such violations or by decisions of school districts regarding complaints of such violations, by Committee on Education.

**HB 2711**, AN ACT concerning cities of the third class; relating to procedures required for the dissolution of a city; amending K.S.A. 15-111 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Elections.

**HB 2712**, AN ACT concerning sales and compensating use tax; relating to city and countywide retailers' sales tax; increasing the authority for a countywide retailers' sales tax and providing for the dedicated apportionment of special purpose tax revenues up to 2%; limiting special purpose taxes to 10 years; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 12-187, 12-189 and 12-192 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2713**, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to motor vehicles; imposing tax on used motor vehicles following the 12th month in which a used motor vehicle was purchased or acquired; amending K.S.A. 79-5102 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2714**, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to gallonage tax; providing for a decreased gallonage tax on beer and cereal malt beverage that are manufactured and packaged in the United States; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 41-501 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2715**, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to motor vehicles; imposing tax on new motor vehicles following the 12th month in which a new motor vehicle was purchased or acquired; amending K.S.A. 79-5102 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2716**, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to license plates; permitting a person with a disability to be issued one special license plate for each vehicle owned, registered and operated by such person; amending K.S.A. 8-1,125 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

**REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills, resolution and concurrent resolutions were referred to committees as indicated:

Agriculture and Natural Resources: **HB 2682, HB 2693.**

Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: **HB 2689, HB 2700, HB 2708, HB 2709.**

Corrections and Juvenile Justice: **HB 2681, HB 2704, HB 2705.**

Education: **HB 2680.**

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2678, HB 2679, HB 2685, HB 2686, HB 2687, HB**

**2692, HB 2706, HCR 5028, HCR 5029, HR 6028.**

Health and Human Services: **HB 2683, HB 2694, HB 2695, HB 2702.**

Insurance: **HB 2677, HB 2684, HB 2703.**

Judiciary: **HB 2688, HB 2690, HB 2691, HB 2696, HB 2697, HB 2707.**

Local Government: **HB 2698, HB 2699, HB 2701.**

### **FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

**HB 2515**, AN ACT concerning money transmission; enacting the virtual currency kiosk consumer protection act; providing definitions; establishing requirements for virtual currency kiosk operators relating to certain disclosures, transaction receipts, fraud detection and prevention, live customer service, kiosk location reporting, money transmission licensure and refunds; imposing certain limits on virtual currency kiosk transaction amounts and charges; authorizing the attorney general and any law enforcement agency to investigate reports of fraudulent money transmission and report to the state bank commissioner; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-555, 9-556, 9-558, 9-572 and 9-589 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 118; Nays 5; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Alcalá, Amyx, Anderson, Awerkamp, Ballard, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Boatman, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Paige, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Carr, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Curtis, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Featherston, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Haskins, Hawkins, Helgerson, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Hoye, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, Martinez, McDonald, McNorton, Melton, Minnix, Moser, Mosley, Neelly, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Pickert, Pishny, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Roeser, Roth, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sanders, Sappington, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schmoë, Schreiber, Seiwert, Simmons, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Stogsdill, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Vaughn, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, Weigel, White, Wikle, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf, Woodard, Xu.

Nays: Fairchild, Meyer, Poetter, Rhiley, Schwertfeger.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Poskin, Winn.

The bill passed, as amended.

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS**

On motion of Rep. Croft pursuant to House Rule 2311, that **SB 254** and **HCR 1615** be advanced to that order of business, Final Action on Bills and Concurrent Resolutions subject to amendment and debate. The motion prevailed.

### **FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

On motion of Rep. Lewis, **SB 254** be amended As Amended by Senate Committee, on page 2, in line 15, by striking "subparagraphs" and inserting "subparagraph"; also in line 15, by striking "and (C)"; in line 17, by striking the period; in line 18, by striking all before "reduced" and inserting "or any"; in line 19, after "residents" by inserting "as described in K.S.A. 76-731a, and amendments thereto"; also in line 19, by striking

"No"; by striking all in lines 20 through 23

Also, on motion of Rep. Carmichael to amend **SB 254**, the motion did not prevail.

Also, roll call was demanded on motion of Rep. Turk for the previous question pursuant to House Rule 2304, Rep. Osman made a priority motion to lay **SB 254** on the table, the motion did not prevail. The vote reverted back to the call for the previous question and the motion prevailed.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 88; Nays 34; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Anderson, Averkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Bohi, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, Carpenter, B., Carpenter, W., Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long, McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter Parshall, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Schmoie, Schreiber, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf.

Nays: Alcala, Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Brownlee Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Helgerson, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Sawyer Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wickle, Woodard, Xu.

Present but not voting: none.

Absent or not voting: Ohaebosim, Poskin, Winn.

**SB 254**, AN ACT concerning immigration; relating to state and local public benefits and eligibility thereof; prohibiting aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States from receiving any state or local public benefit in accordance with applicable federal law; requiring individuals 18 years of age and older who apply for any state or local public benefit to provide proof of being lawfully present; prohibiting the state or any county or local agency from providing any public benefit to any alien without first verifying that the alien is lawfully present by use of the existing systematic alien verification for entitlements program; requiring state and local agencies administering public benefits to cooperate with the United States department of homeland security in achieving verification of an alien's lawful presence; relating to release prior to criminal trial; requiring any person charged with a crime who is not a citizen or national of the United States to undergo verification of such person's immigration status; creating a rebuttable presumption that a person determined to be an alien who is unlawfully present is at risk of flight; amending K.S.A. 22-2802 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 86; Nays 36; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 3.

Yeas: Anderson, Averkamp, Barrett, Bergkamp, Bergquist, Blex, Bloom, Borjon, Brantley, Brunk, Bryce, Buehler, Butler, Caiharr, B. Carpenter, W. Carpenter, Chauncey, Collins, Corbet, Croft, Delperdang, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Essex, Estes, Fairchild, Francis, Gardner, Goddard, Goetz, Hawkins, Helwig, Hoffman, Hoheisel, Howe, Howell, Howerton, Huebert, Humphries, James, T. Johnson, Kessler, King, Lewis, Long,

McNorton, Minnix, Moser, Neelly, Pickert, Pishny, Poetter, Proctor, Rahjes, Reavis, Resman, Rhiley, Roeser, Roth, Sanders, Sappington, Schmoe, Schwertfeger, Seiwert, Smith, A., Smith, C., Steele, Stiens, Sutton, Sweely, Tarwater, Turk, Turner, VanHouden, Waggoner, Ward, Wasinger, Waymaster, White, Wilborn, Willcott, Williams, K., Williams, L., Wilson, Wolf.

Nays: Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Bohi, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Helgeson, Hoye, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Neighbor, Oropeza, Osman, Ousley, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Schreiber, Simmons, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Weigel, Wikle, Woodard, Xu.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Ohaebosim, Poskin, Winn.

The bill passed, as amended.

#### EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote yes on **SB 254**. I am not a fan of the amendment that went on this bill to give in-state tuition to illegal aliens. But I like everything else in this bill. And there is seldom a bill that passes this chamber that does everything I want it to do, so I vote yes on this bill. – PAT PROCTOR

MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO on **SB 254**. Haiti's Temporary Protected status designation was slated to terminate yesterday, February 3, 2026, but a judge in the U.S. District Court for D.C. issued an order staying Secretary Noem's TPS termination. As documentation hangs in the balance for people who are currently living in the U.S. and contributing to our communities, we risk leaving human beings stranded without no resources. Antagonistic rhetoric and legislation about immigrants must stop. The Department of Homeland Security and ICE have gone too far, and I condemn their cruelty. I vote NO. – JOELLA HOYE

MR. SPEAKER: There are a multitude of reasons to vote against this bill that have been discussed today. But here is one more: on page 4 and 5 of this bill it states in part: "For the purposes of determining the grant of or issuance of an appearance bond, it shall be a rebuttal presumption that a person who has been determined to be an alien unlawfully present in the United States is at risk of flight. "The Supreme Court is clear under the fourth, fifth, and fourteenth amendment that there is not only equal protection for all under the law, but the law is equally applied to everyone. If you pass this bill as-is, you will tie this bill up in courts. And you will lose because what we're passing is unconstitutional. I vote No on **SB 254**. – DAN OSMAN

MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO on **SB 254** all the minority party has is their voice. But today here in the state of Kansas we do not even have that. – MELISSA OROPEZA, SUZANNE WIKLE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote No on **SB 254**. I rise in opposition of this bill and the extraordinary efforts to stifle fair debate and silence the voices of representatives from the minority party, which in turn silences the voices of OUR constituents. We were sent here to participate fully as advocates for those we represent. It is insulting and disrespectful. Do Better. – NIKKI McDONALD

MR. SPEAKER: I vote no on **SB 254** because we are focusing our taxpayers' dollars on concerns of a very small group of students who need our support, about 425 students per year, representing 0.02 percent of total Kansas college enrollment and 0.06 percent of community colleges. Kansas sent us here to deal with improving their lives and not focusing on issues that they don't want us to focus on. We should do better. – KIRK HASKINS

MR. SPEAKER: I vote no on **SB 254**. Undocumented folks already cannot access benefits under federal law. All this bill does is perpetuate anti-immigrant sentiment at a time when the federal government is targeting and attacking immigrants in America. What happened to protecting the most vulnerable among us? Further this bill includes provisions that will line the pockets of bail bondsmen. Provisions many admitted they didn't even realize were included. And the process was atrocious. The Senate's hearing was last year, there was no hearing in the House, you shut out the the public, called the question, and silenced our voices. – LINDSAY VAUGHN, TOM SAWYER, RUI XU

MR. SPEAKER: I vote no on **SB 254**. There was no hearing in the House of Representatives on this bill after it passed the Senate in 2025. According to the Supplementary note, there was proponent testimony by the Attorney General, and FOUR proponents submitted testimony. There were dozens of representatives of nationally and locally recognized organizations who provided testimony in opposition, including the KNEA, Kansas Action for Children, The Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth and many others. The will of the people was denied. – SYDNEY CARLIN

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Child Welfare and Foster Care** recommends **HB 2557** be passed.

Committee on **Commerce, Labor and Economic Development** recommends **HB 2466** be passed.

Committee on **Health and Human Services** recommends **HB 2478** be passed.

Committee on **Water** recommends **HB 2477** be passed.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Your Committee on **Calendar and Printing** recommends on requests for resolutions and certificates that requests by

**Request No. 1**, Representative KC Ohaebosim, in grateful memory of Josephine "Jo" Pace Brown, for dedication and commitment to public service to both state and nation will forever be in our hearts;

**Request No. 2**, Representative KC Ohaebosim, in grateful memory of Mrs. Affiong Okon Akpan, may her gentle soul rest in peace;

**Request No. 3**, Representative Barb Wasinger, congratulations to Walter Leroy "Lee" Maxwell celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 11, 2026;

**Request No. 4**, Representative Shawn Chauncey, congratulating Courtney Auld for 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Place World Collegiate DECA in Entertainment Marketing;

**Request No. 5**, Representative Shawn Chauncey, congratulating Oriana Botz for 2024 DECA World Champion Collegiate, 2025 DECA 2<sup>nd</sup> World Collegiate in Marketing Communications;

**Request No. 6,** Representative Shawn Chauncey, congratulating Shelby Davidson for 2025 DECA World Champion Collegiate in Event Planning;

**Request No. 7,** Representative Shawn Chauncey, congratulating Delanie McMullen for 2025 DECA World Champion Collegiate in Event Planning;

**Request No. 8,** Representative Shawn Chauncey, congratulating Clay Gagnon for 2025 DECA World Champion Collegiate in Sports Marketing;

**Request No. 9,** Representative Shawn Chauncey, congratulating Paige Chauncey for 2025 DECA World Champion Collegiate in Sports Marketing;

**Request No. 10,** Representative Lynn Melton, honoring Chuck Colbert for serving 24 years in U.S. Army-reitred M.P. and Aileen Colbert for serving 24.5 years in U.S. Army-retired M.P.;

**Request No. 11,** Representative Dawn Wolf, honoring Salina Regional Health Center celebrating 30 years of care in North Central Kansas;

**Request No. 12,** Representative Jesse Borjon, Washburn Rural High School Boys Cross Country Track, 6A Champions;

**Request No.13,** Representative Jesse Borjon, Washburn Rural High School Boys Soccer Team, 6A Champions;

**Request No. 14,** Representative Kyle McNorton, Silver Lake High School Volleyball , State Champion 3A ;

**Request No. 15,** Representative Doug Blex, congratulating Van and Jeannette Coble for the 50th Wedding Anniversary;

**Request No. 16,** Representative Brett Fairchild, congratulating Sterling High School Football , 2A Championship;

**Request No. 17,** Representatives Brooklynne Mosley and Tobias Schlingensiepen, congratulating Maria the Mexican, for Excellence in Artistic Music Achievement;

**Request No. 18,** Representatives Brett Fairchild and Sherri Brantley, congratulating Ellinwood HS Girls Volleyball , 1A Volleyball State Championship;

**Request No. 19,** Representatives Barbara Ballard, Sydney Carlin, John Carmichael, and Stephanie Sawyer Clayton, In Memory of Travis James Vathauer for his selfless service to the Kansas House of Representatives;

**Request No. 20,** Representative Leo Delperdang, In Memory of Veronica “Sis” Bohrer, lifelong activist for motorcycle rights, laws, and legislation;

**Request No. 21,** Representative Kirk Haskins, congratulating Florence Crittenton Services of Topeka, 125 years of empowering women, families, and the Topeka community;

be approved and the Chief Clerk of the House be directed to order the printing of said certificates and order drafting of said resolutions. On motion of Representative Croft the committee report was adopted.

Upon unanimous consent, the House referred back to the regular business, Introduction of Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

## **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills and concurrent resolution were introduced and read by title:

**HB 2717,** AN ACT concerning education; relating to compulsory attendance; decreasing the minimum age requirement from age seven to six for compulsory school attendance of students; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 72-3120 and repealing the existing

section, by Committee on K-12 Education Budget.

**HB 2718**, AN ACT concerning adult care homes; relating to resident rights; creating a right for a resident to use such resident's pharmacy of choice without being charged a fee or financial penalty by the adult care home, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

**HB 2719**, AN ACT concerning administrative rules and regulations; relating to the rules and regulations filing act; providing exceptions for technical amendments; creating a process for certain rules and regulations to receive priority status in the adoption process; removing references to the revival of rules and regulations; clarifying that the department of the budget is not required to approve proposed rules and regulations that are otherwise mandated by federal law; adding references to department of corrections rules and regulations that are not subject to the act; amending K.S.A. 75-3504, 77-419 and 77-437 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 77-415, 77-416, 77-420, 77-421 and 77-441 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 77-418, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

**HB 2720**, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; enacting the Kansas surrogate medical decisions act to establish a hierarchy for identifying a surrogate who would make healthcare decisions; providing associated definitions and provider guidelines, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2721**, AN ACT concerning the open records act; relating to permissible exceptions to disclosure; modifying an exception to the open records act for software programs for electronic data processing and documentation thereof; eliminating a requirement that a public agency maintain a register accessible to the public that describes information such agency maintains on computer facilities and the form that such information can be made available using existing computer programs; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 45-221 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2722**, AN ACT concerning the Kansas uniform trust code; relating to spendthrift and discretionary trusts; providing that certain resultant trusts are not subject to claims of the settlor's creditors; amending K.S.A. 58a-505 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2723**, AN ACT concerning courts; requiring the supreme court to develop or procure a court date reminder program for the purpose of sending advance notifications to individuals with scheduled court dates for a criminal case or an infraction; requiring all courts to send certain notifications using such program, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2724**, AN ACT concerning courts; relating to docket fees; authorizing judges to waive the docket fee in expungement cases by reviewing and granting a poverty affidavit; removing the restriction on service of process pending such determination of poverty; amending K.S.A. 12-4516, 21-6614 and 60-2001 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2725**, AN ACT concerning public officers and employees; relating to drug screening; requiring the director of the division of personnel services of the department of administration to add judges of the district court to the state drug screening program; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-4362 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2726**, AN ACT concerning courts; relating to nonpartisan selection of judges of the district court and retention in office thereof; decreasing the number of votes required

from a majority to 40% to not retain a judge in office; amending K.S.A. 20-2908 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2727**, AN ACT concerning abortion; relating to the woman's-right-to-know act; providing for the plaintiff to elect to limit recovery in claims brought for violations of such act; making the laws providing for medical malpractice screening panels inapplicable when such election is made; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 65-6708 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**HB 2728**, AN ACT concerning energy; relating to the siting and permitting of certain energy facilities; requiring the state corporation commission to establish uniform siting and permitting standards for such energy facilities; establishing requirements and timelines for local government actions relating to such energy facilities; requiring such energy facilities to establish a decommissioning plan and maintain financial assurance; prohibiting the imposition of requirements that impose an undue burden on the construction of an energy facility; establishing requirements for judicial review of agency actions and actions of local governments; prohibiting the commission from engaging in ex parte communications with energy facility applicants or opponents and requiring disclosure thereof; authorizing the commission to adopt rules and regulations, by Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

**HB 2729**, AN ACT concerning abortion; relating to the woman's-right-to-know act; requiring the Kansas department of health and environment to provide certain forms and notices to physicians; amending K.S.A. 65-6709 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 65-6716 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**HB 2730**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to medical assistance; requiring managed care organizations to provide an explanation of benefits to KanCare and CHIP enrollees; amending K.S.A. 39-709h and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Health and Human Services.

**HB 2731**, AN ACT concerning public assistance; relating to food assistance; directing the secretary for children and families to contract with the office of the inspector general for the establishment of a fraud detection unit to detect, investigate and assist in prosecuting fraud in the food assistance program, by Committee on Welfare Reform.

**HB 2732**, AN ACT concerning veterans and military; relating to death certificates; directing the state registrar of vital statistics to provide death certificates to survivors of deceased veterans with a service-connected disability or presumptive illness that state the relationship between the cause of death and any service-connected disability or presumptive illness of such veterans, by Committee on Veterans and Military.

**HB 2733**, AN ACT concerning state elected officials and certain local government elected officials; requiring that such elected officials be and remain residents of the state and such official's respective district; amending K.S.A. 22a-102, 25-101a, 25-2020, 40-109, 71-1414 and 80-202 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-1903 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Elections.

**HB 2734**, AN ACT concerning children and minors; relating to the revised Kansas code for care of children; requiring expedited procedures for children who are under two years of age at the time that a petition is filed requesting such child be adjudicated to be a child in need of care; requiring permanency be achieved within 12 months of an out-of-home placement for such child; requiring the secretary for children and families and the judicial branch to submit a report to the legislature on implementing expedited

permanency processes; defining a permanent home for a child under two years of age; prohibiting certain continuances in such a child's proceeding unless good cause is shown; establishing a presumption that transfer of venue for a proceeding would be against such child's best interests; requiring concurrent adjudication and dispositional hearings for such child; requiring a permanency hearing for such child be held within three months of removal from such child's home; directing the court to request certain information from the secretary at permanency planning hearings for such child; amending K.S.A. 38-2204, 38-2246, 38-2251 and 38-2253 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 38-2264 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care.

**HB 2735**, AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to health insurance; enacting the patient's right to save act; establishing shared savings programs maintained by health insurers; providing for the duties and requirements of such shared savings programs, by Committee on Insurance.

**HB 2736**, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to hospital billing; requiring non-disproportionate share hospitals to screen patients for eligibility for such hospital's financial assistance programs or charity care policy, by Committee on Insurance.

**HB 2737**, AN ACT concerning economic development; relating to tax increment financing; providing for alternative financing of projects through taxpayer agreements; enacting the taxpayer agreement act; amending K.S.A. 12-1774 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

**HB 2738**, AN ACT concerning public assistance; relating to food assistance; directing the secretary for children and families to request or update a pending waiver application from the supplemental nutrition assistance program that would allow the state to prohibit the purchase of food commonly marketed, advertised or recognized as candy and soft drinks; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 39-709 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Welfare Reform.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5030**—

By Representatives Martinez, Alcalá, Boatman, Paige, Carmichael, Carr, Featherston, Haskins, Hoye, McDonald, Meyer, Mosley, Oropeza, Osman, Poskin, Ruiz, L., Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Simmons, Weigel, Wikle and Xu

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States to take immediate action to enact comprehensive immigration reform.

WHEREAS, Immigration and naturalization are matters of exclusive federal jurisdiction under the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Despite this exclusive federal authority, Congress' failure to enact comprehensive immigration reform has shifted consequences of federal inaction onto states and local communities, including family separation, workforce disruption, economic harm and local instability; and

WHEREAS, The United States has not enacted comprehensive immigration reform in more than three decades, despite substantial changes in workforce demands, global migration patterns, national security considerations and demographic realities; and

WHEREAS, Decades of congressional delay have resulted in outdated and insufficient lawful immigration pathways, extensive multi-year and, in some cases, multi-decade visa backlogs, limited family reunification options and ongoing uncertainty for individuals seeking to live and work lawfully in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Millions of households in the United States are mixed-status families, including families raising children who are United States citizens, who experience instability and disruption due to the absence of a modernized federal immigration framework; and

WHEREAS, Family separation resulting from deportation, visa delays and procedural barriers causes lasting emotional, financial and developmental harm to children, including increased anxiety and academic disruption, and weakens family unity and community stability; and

WHEREAS, The prolonged congressional stalemate has increasingly shifted immigration policymaking to the executive and judicial branches, producing inconsistent, temporary and frequently reversed measures rather than durable statutory solutions enacted through the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Kansas continues to experience the effects of federal inaction through labor shortages in agriculture, food processing, construction, healthcare, childcare, hospitality and service industries, placing strain on employers, schools, families and local governments; and

WHEREAS, Outdated federal immigration laws that fail to reflect current economic needs and labor market conditions have exacerbated workforce shortages and undermined economic stability at the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, The absence of modernized immigration reform increases vulnerability to labor exploitation, unsafe working conditions and wage theft, harming immigrant workers while also diminishing fair labor standards for all employees; and

WHEREAS, The lack of comprehensive federal reform has contributed to social polarization, misinformation and the political weaponization of immigration rather than promoting solutions grounded on data, economic interests, constitutional governance and long-term stability; and

WHEREAS, Communities, businesses, educators, faith organizations and families have consistently called for increased clarity, predictability and the expansion of lawful pathways that allow individuals to work, invest, pay taxes and contribute fully to the American economy; and

WHEREAS, Reports of civil immigration enforcement actions conducted by masked or unidentified agents, unmarked vehicles and unclear assertions of authority have created fear, confusion and a heightened risk to public safety across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Concealing officer identity during civil immigration enforcement actions reduces accountability, escalates fear, increases the risk of impersonation and heightens the likelihood of unnecessary confrontation or violence; and

WHEREAS, Arrests conducted without valid judicial warrants or clear legal authority erode constitutional due process protections and public trust in law enforcement institutions; and

WHEREAS, The use of excessive force during civil immigration enforcement actions, particularly when not required to protect life, causes avoidable harm and trauma, places bystanders, children and workers at risk and weakens community cooperation with law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Schools, places of worship, hospitals and other sensitive locations must remain safe spaces for education, worship, healthcare and essential services free from enforcement actions that deter attendance, learning and civic participation; and

WHEREAS, Transparent, uniform and publicly disclosed standards governing officer identification, arrest procedures and use-of-force protocols are essential to protecting civil liberties, ensuring officer safety and maintaining public confidence in federal law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Kansas employers seek to comply with federal law and require predictability, consistency and fairness in employment verification practices, without being compelled or encouraged to engage in discriminatory or improper inquiries regarding immigration status beyond what federal law requires; and

WHEREAS, Public confidence in federal law enforcement depends upon transparency, professional requirements and meaningful congressional oversight of recruitment, hiring, training and vetting practices within federal enforcement agencies: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein:* That the Legislature of the State of Kansas urges the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States to take immediate action to enact comprehensive immigration reform that ensures secure borders, lawful and workable pathways for employment, timely and efficient adjudications and due process protections that reduce reliance on aggressive and destabilizing enforcement practices; and

*Be it further resolved:* That such comprehensive immigration reform must establish clear, uniform and publicly disclosed federal standards governing civil immigration enforcement, including requirements that immigration enforcement agents shall explicitly identify themselves by name, badge number and agency affiliation during civil enforcement actions, that masks or face coverings intended to conceal identity shall be prohibited except when absolutely necessary to address verified, specific safety threats, that civil immigration arrests be conducted only pursuant to valid judicial warrants, with warrantless arrests permitted solely under exigent circumstances consistent with constitutional due process, that excessive or unnecessary force shall be prohibited, with officers required to prioritize de-escalation and use force only when objectively necessary to protect life or prevent serious bodily harm, that federal immigration agencies shall adopt, maintain and publicly disclose uniform standards governing officer identification, arrest procedures and use-of-force protocols, that civil immigration enforcement be prohibited at or near schools, places of worship, hospitals and other sensitive locations except in extraordinary circumstances involving serious public-safety threats and that employers be provided clear guidance on lawful employment verification requirements and shall not be compelled or encouraged to engage in discriminatory practices or improper inquiries regarding immigration status beyond what federal law requires; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Legislature of the State of Kansas respectfully urges Congress to exercise robust oversight authority to ensure transparency, accountability and independent review of immigration enforcement actions, and that recruitment, hiring, training and vetting practices within the Department of Homeland Security and its component immigration enforcement agencies align with constitutional standards, professionalism and public trust; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Legislature of the State of Kansas respectfully urges each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation to support and advance legislation consistent with the principles of this resolution; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation and Representative Martinez.

### INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On motion of Rep. Croft to withdraw **HB 2530** from Calendar, under that order of business, General Orders, pursuant to House Rule 2306, the motion prevailed and the Bill was re-referred to Committee on Education.

### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. VanHouden to replace Rep. Howerton on Committee on Taxation on February 5, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Sweely to replace Rep. Sutton on Committee on Appropriations on, February 6, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Long to replace Rep. Borjon on Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development on February 6, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. L. Williams to replace Rep. Buehler on Committee on Appropriations on, February 6, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Hoffman to replace Rep. Brunk on Committee on Elections on, February 12, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Meyer to replace Rep. Hoye on Select Committee on Government Oversight on, February 6, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Amyx to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on Education on February 5, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Haskins to replace Rep. Poskin on Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development on February 5, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Sawyer Clayton to replace Rep. Poskin on Select Committee on Government Oversight on February 6, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Curtis to replace Rep. Osman on Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development on February 6, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Ousley to replace Rep. Poskin on Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development on February 6, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. McDonald to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on Education on February 5, 2026.

### REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

**HB 2515** reported correctly engrossed February 4, 2026.

On motion of Rep. Croft the House adjourned pro forma until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 6, 2026.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*