

Legislative Turnaround Report

2013 Legislative turn-around update by President Teske (or, "The monkeys are loose in the zoo").
As of 3-11-13

The interpretation in this report is KFU's, many of these bills are very long and complicated. (Some of the explanations are Nicks, some are mine)

KFU opposed to:

SB 191 - corporate ag repeal bill. That pretty much sums it up. It was referred to Senate Natural Resources committee, and the hearing was held on March 7th and 8th. Has not been worked by the committee yet. (But it will pass into law this legislative session. KFU has fought the good fight for decades but this administration is going to kill off any interference to corporate ag entering Kansas. The really embarrassing thing about 191 is that it takes them 8 pages of writing to simply repeal the existing laws, my interpretation is much of this is prohibiting county interference. When this passes counties will have NO say in what, or who, enters their counties. This from an administration that thinks there is too much government interference?????)

SB 202 - AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to agricultural production firms; (Financial incentives to lure corporate agriculture) high performance incentive program qualification for certain firms; "SB 202 would add the following industries, listed by their North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code, to the list of eligible industries that can qualify for benefits under the HPIP Program: chicken egg production, sheep and goat farming, cattle feedlots, dairy cattle and milk production, and hog and pig farming. The bill would allow companies from these industries to qualify for HPIP benefits retroactively to tax year 2012 and for each future tax year." (SB191 does away with any legal restrictions on corporate ag entering Kansas, SB202 SUBSTANTIALLY bribes corporate ag into Kansas to the tune of 10 million taxpayer dollars per year! AND they are making it retroactive to the beginning of 2012. {does that mean that ag corporations already here in Kansas needs incentives to come in???} But Sec Rodman insists corp ag isn't going to hurt Kansas family farmers? Hell, we don't even get a level playing field.) (There was a hearing in Feb. Not worked yet)

SB 82 - RPS Bill: would delay certain percentage targets of the RPS requirement which would mean instead of an RPS of 20 percent by 2020, it would be an RPS of 20 percent by 2024. The bill would also give authority to the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) allowing the commission to delay a utility's RPS requirement if there was a "showing of good cause." (It was passed by committee but rejected by the full Senate!)

HB 2241 - RPS Bill: would completely get rid of the 20 percent target by 2020, and change the law to a 15 percent requirement by 2018. (Moving all around house committees. Looks like no one wants to take credit for this hot potato. Now it has been reworked to reduce the target to 17.5% and extend the proposed delay to 2030)

HB 2188 - non-profits who bring in over \$350 in public funds would have to publish receipts and expenditures online. Geared more toward municipalities and chambers of commerce, but unless the wording is changed, it would affect any non-profit that brings in over \$350. No update on it as of yet. Likely will die in committee. There was a hearing in Feb, not been worked yet. (Really, really stupid bill. Anyone who has dealt with public funds as grants knows that accountability and reporting is EXTREME already, this bill is trying to nit-pick to death those that don't think the same

as the powers that be here in Ks.)

HB 2366 - concerning the use of public funds to promote or implement sustainable development. (Nothings been worked on it yet. Again a really, really stupid bill trying to kill off those who don't think the same as the powers that be.)

HB 2090 - Establishing the Kansas equine education and promotion board. (Funded by up-front assessment fee {tax} on horse feed sold. KFU policy only supports voluntary check-offs at point of sale) Nothings been worked yet.

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