

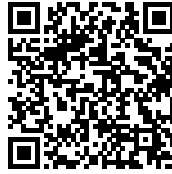


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This legislator voted constitutionally on **60%** of the votes shown below.

★ Pro-liberty ✗ Anti-liberty ? Did not Vote **Vote**

1. HCR5008 Con-Con (Passed 74 to 48 on 3/22/2023). Applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the U.S. Constitution, for a convention to propose a Balanced Budget Amendment. **Yes** ✗

2. HB2292 Kansas Apprenticeship Act (Passed 115 to 7 on 2/23/2023). Establishes the Kansas Apprenticeship Act. **--** ?

3. HB2313 Born-Alive Infants Protection Act (Veto Overridden 87 to 37 on 4/26/2023). Protects babies born from failed abortions and mandates that medical professionals take measures to preserve the baby's life, just as they would with any other birth. **Yes** ★

4. HB2100 ESG Ban (Passed 76 to 47 on 4/6/2023). Prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from showing favoritism or bias toward companies based on environmental, social, or governance (ESG) factors when awarding contracts. **Yes** ★

5. SB26 Minor Gender Reassignment Surgery (Passed 70 to 52 on 4/6/2023). Permits an individual who underwent gender reassignment procedures as a minor to initiate a civil lawsuit under the Act against the physician who conducted those procedures. **Yes** ★

6. SB83 Education Savings Accounts (Passed 65 to 58 on 4/6/2023). Provides for awards or grants for qualified students and establish the Kansas Education Enrichment Program Fund and provides Education Savings Accounts to parents across the state. **Yes** ✗



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Rep. Tom Kessler

KS Scorecard 2023

Lifetime Score: 83%

2023-2024 Regular Session Score

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

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Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

1. Con-Con

HCR5008 applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the U.S. Constitution, for a convention to propose a Balanced Budget Amendment.

The Kansas State House of Representatives passed HCR5008 on March 22, 2023 by a vote of 74 to 48. We have assigned pluses to the nays because a so-called “Convention of the States” would not be of “limited” purpose. The vague and contradictory text contained in this joint resolution dangerously permits what Article V of the U.S. Constitution describes as a “Convention for proposing Amendments” or second constitutional convention. Notably, Article V of the U.S. Constitution was designed to correct structural deficiencies in the federal government, not the behavior of its elected officials. HCR5008 should be opposed in favor of less risky, more precise, and immediate solutions that would restore power back to the states and to the people.

2. Kansas Apprenticeship Act

HB2292 establishes the Kansas Apprenticeship Act aimed at broadening apprenticeship opportunities with various entities including businesses, healthcare organizations, and nonprofits. It facilitates this expansion through tax credits and grants. Additionally, it promotes teaching apprenticeships in public schools by offering scholarships for professional teaching degrees.

The Kansas State House of Representatives passed HB2292 on February 23, 2023, by a vote of 115 to 7. We have assigned pluses to the nays because such government acts, including taxpayer-funded grants and tax credits, are a misuse of tax dollars and are unnecessary interference in the free market. We encourage parents to withdraw their children from public school and explore alternative methods of education.

3. Born-Alive Infants Protection Act

HB2313 enacts the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, which protects babies born from failed abortions and mandates that medical professionals take measures to preserve the baby's life, just as they would with any other birth.

The Kansas State House of Representatives voted to override the Governor's veto on April 26, 2023 by a vote of 87 to 37. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right in the Declaration of Independence and safeguarded by the U.S. Constitution, as guaranteed by the 4th, 5th, and 14th Amendments.

4. ESG Ban

HB2100 prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from showing favoritism or bias toward companies based on environmental, social, or governance (ESG) factors when awarding contracts. The bill bans fiduciaries from implementing ESG criteria or imposing such standards on individuals or businesses.

The Kansas State House of Representatives passed HB2100 on April 6, 2023 by a vote of 76 to 47. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the state government has a duty to protect individual liberties from the ‘woke’ environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) movement. As a political scam that seeks to proliferate worldwide and implement the United Nations’ Agenda 2030, ESG denies the property rights of American citizens by restricting their access to financial services, preventing both companies and individuals from entering into contracts voluntarily based on their own interests.

5. Minor Gender Reassignment Surgery

SB26 permits an individual who underwent gender reassignment procedures as a minor to initiate a civil lawsuit under the Act against the physician who conducted those procedures.

The Kansas State House of Representatives passed SB26 on April 6, 2023 by a vote of 70 to 52. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the Left has been promoting radical Marxist ideas like this for years. The indoctrination that leads people to believe that they can choose their pronouns and identify as a different gender is immoral. Scientifically and biblically, there are only two genders. Additionally, minors are not yet capable of giving informed consent and should not have the ability to choose a gender that contradicts their scientific classification, causing irreversible damage, so they should be able to initiate a civil lawsuit because the practice and belief is unnatural.

6. Education Savings Accounts

SB83 provides for awards or grants for qualified students and establish the Kansas Education Enrichment Program Fund and provides Education Savings Accounts to parents across the state.

The Kansas State House of Representatives passed SB83 on April 6, 2023 by a vote of 65 to 58. We have assigned pluses to the nays because while the idea of allowing money to follow a child to any school of their choice may initially sound appealing, it raises concerns. This policy essentially directs government funds toward supporting private schools, inevitably attaching certain conditions and implications to this financial support. Private schools should not accept government money.