

# The Moser Minute

Weekly update from your Kansas House District 106  
Representative Lisa M. Moser



## **Week Three: January 25-29, 2021**

On January 25th, the Governor signed SB14, extending the State of Disaster Emergency Declaration through March 31, 2021, allowing for the continuation of certain resources, support, and regulation critical to our state's recovery from Covid-19. I stood with my Republican colleagues and support the introduction of a bill that will hold schools, universities, not-for-profit organizations and businesses harmless from the financial impact of fraudulent unemployment claims filed by dishonest organizations and individuals. The introduction of this bill, along with mounting pressure from the Republican caucus, appears to have influenced the Governor's actions this week. Law-abiding schools and businesses should not be held liable for the administration's lack of foresight in anticipation and management of those unwilling to abide by the law.

Children and Seniors Committee held hearings for the following House bills:

- HB2062 providing certain exceptions to the confidentiality of state child death review board documents
- HB2004 creating the right to appeal an involuntary discharge or transfer from an adult residential care facility, AKA as "Charlie's Bill."
- HB2114 establishing the Kansas Senior Care Task Force

We also heard from six more organizations that deal with all facets of children and senior needs.



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Federal & State Affairs Committee had a busy week, as we held hearings for:

- HB2006 changing the Designation of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day
- HB2056 regulating the sale and distribution of kratom products. Kratom is a tropical evergreen in the coffee family native to Southeast Asia. It has been used in herbal medicine and has opioid properties and some stimulant-like effects. This bill was “worked” (discussed in committee and voted on) on Thursday and passed out of committee.

Additionally, the Committee heard testimony for three bills involving concealed carry.

- HB2058 allowing reciprocity to recognize out-of-state licenses to carry a concealed handgun
- HB2059 providing reciprocity for licenses to carry concealed handguns and creating two classes of concealed carry licenses
- HB2089 authorizing the Attorney General to issue an alternative license to carry a concealed handgun to qualified applicants during a declared state of disaster emergency.

Agriculture Committee finalized committee rules and approved them. On Wednesday we heard annual reports from the Kansas Soybean Commission, Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Corn Commission, Kansas Sunflower Commission, and the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission. It speaks volumes that these groups, though competitors in a strict sense of the word, work together for the good of all in agriculture, as together we feed the world. Committee hearings for legislative bills included:

- HB2103 establishing the Kansas Pesticide Waste Disposal Program and permitting up to \$50,000 to be transferred annually from the Kansas Agricultural Remediation fund to a new Kansas Pesticide Waste Disposal Fund
- HB2102 updating egg repackaging requirements for retailers.

These bills will positively impact agriculture. In addition, the Revisor of Statutes introduced Meat Analogs, AKA “Fake Meat” for later hearing by the Ag committee.

On the House floor, the following bills were passed unanimously:

- HB2022 consolidating two funds managed by the Kansas Corporation Commission for the plugging of abandoned oil and gas wells and clarified the Commission’s authority to have the responsible party pay for well plugging. This is a measure to increase efficiency and clean up hazardous abandoned wells. Currently there are approximately 5600 wells in Kansas that need to be plugged.
- HB 2026 requiring the creation of a certified drug treatment plan for people who are on diversion. When a county or district attorney decides to allow a diversion instead of further criminal prosecution, this bill will allow that attorney to refer the person on diversion to a treatment program to help address substance abuse. Often drug addiction leads to criminal behaviors. By allowing for treatment for those who commit low level offenses this bill can help get a person with an addiction timely treatment and avoid further criminal behavior, increasing public safety and saving tax dollars.



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On the House floor, the following bills were passed unanimously (continued):

- HB2008 allowing for the Attorney General to coordinate training among law enforcement agencies to highlight and address the high rates of missing and murdered among the Native American population. Members of Native American tribes, and specifically Native American women, are 10 times more likely to be the victim of murder than the average national rate.

The Senate passed the “Value Them Both” Amendment on Thursday. It will now go to a vote of all Kansans on the August 2, 2022 primary ballot. This is an enormous accomplishment for the 2021 Legislature. I am proud to have been a part of the passage of this legislation, protecting women and babies, fathers, and families. **Vote “Yes” for VTB on August 2, 2022.**

You can follow the session on the Legislature’s website: [www.kslegislature.org](http://www.kslegislature.org). Click on the audio/video tab in the upper right corner.

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Thanks to all for your support and interest in the legislative process.

Regards,  
**Lisa M. Moser**

