

The Moser Minute

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



Week Four: February 5, 2021

With limited legislative oversight of massive unemployment fraud, the Republican caucus introduced HB 2195, heard by the House Appropriations Committee this week. This bill would help non-profits, Kansas schools, businesses, and other organizations harmed by unemployment benefit payouts to fraudulent accounts. After system upgrades were put in place over the past weekend, this week we received report that 500,000 fraudulent claims were turned back.

If you are the victim of unemployment fraud and you receive a 1099-G for unemployment benefits you never received, please act now. Report fraud using one of the two following options:

- Go to <https://www.dol.ks.gov/fraud> and locate “Click Here to Report Fraudulent Activity.” Follow the instructions.
- Or call the KDOL Tax Call Center Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM CST or on Saturday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM CST. The call center can be reached at 785-575-1461 or by calling toll-free at 1-888-499-0063.

Children and Seniors Committee:

- Participated in virtual COVID-19 update from Dr. Lee Norman, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. He stated the biggest problem in Kansas is getting enough vaccine.
- Heard the yearly report from the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature.
- Unanimously passed HB 2062, an act that would establish the State Child Death Review Board.
- Participated in a conference call with Jamie Gideon, Kansas Director of Public Policy, Alzheimer’s Association, regarding the Alzheimer’s Disease and HB 2114, that would establish a Senior Care Task Force.



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Federal & State Affairs Committee:

Held hearings on five bills and passed HB 2137, which would expand the categories of alcoholic liquor licenses who can sell cereal malt beverage.

Agriculture Committee passed the following bills out of committee:

- 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.

On the House floor, the following bills were passed:

- HB 2077—Extending the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission, limiting the commission's scope of study and adding a public defender.
- HB 2071—Increasing the criminal penalties for stalking a minor.
- HB 2090—Expands and modifies a 1941 law that allows for a replacement when an elected official is called away to military service. The bill adds new branches of the armed forces that have been created since 1941 and harmonizes this law with our current elections law.
- HB 2029—Counting any crime with a domestic violence designation as a prior conviction under domestic battery. This protects victims and enhances penalties for repeat abusers.
- HB 2049—Prohibiting a public agency from charging a fee when documents are requested as part of an audit by the legislative division of post audit.
- HB 2082—Makes it easier for a victim of a sexually violent crime to file a claim with the Crime Victim's Compensation Board and allows children who may have witnessed a violent crime to be eligible for compensation as well.
- HB 2079—Streamlines state law concerning certain registrations by moving the responsibility from the Secretary of State to the Attorney General who is responsible for enforcing the registrations.

The Legislative hotline is 1-800-432-3942 open 8-5 weekdays. I can be reached at lisa.moser@ks.house.gov; my Capitol office phone number is 785.296.7637; and my home phone number 785.456.3876. *Please leave a message if I don't answer.*
Thanks to all for your support and interest in the legislative process.

Regards,
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