

Results for Business

Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

2006 General Assembly

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KENTUCKY CHAMBER POSITION	BILL NUMBER	PASSED	DID NOT PASS
Education Committee			
Require high school students to take the ACT test – funding provided for students to take the WorkKeys exam.	SB 130	✓	
Support adding instructional days to school year (two added)	HB 380	✓	
Support increased funding for pre-school	HB 380	✓	
Support increased funding for classroom technology	HB 380	✓	
Support fully funding all-day kindergarten making it available statewide	HB 5		x
Fiscal Policy Committee			
Support providing an exemption from the alternative minimum calculation to smallest of businesses	HB 380	✓	
Support providing broader tax and alternative minimum calculation relief to a larger number of businesses ¹	HB 295		x
Oppose freezing the top corporate income tax rate at 7 percent ²	HB 571		✓
Support removing prevailing wage requirements from school construction projects	HB 64		x
Economic Development Committee			
Support repeal of prevailing wage	HB 217		x
Support regulatory reform – better notification and cost benefit analysis of regulations	HB 374	✓	
Support employee choice (right to work)	HB 38		x
Support a constitutional ballot initiative on expanded gaming	HB 345, HB 600		x
Support a broad tort reform constitutional ballot initiative	HB 214		x

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Human Resource and Labor Committee			
Oppose allowing expungement of Class D Felony records	HB 93, SB 183		✓
Oppose subjective employment measures that increase litigation – “comparable worth”	HB 399		✓
Oppose legislation that increases workers’ compensation costs	HB 97, HB 420, HB 675, HB 676, SB 247		✓
Oppose public employee collective bargaining	HB 467		✓
Oppose increases in minimum wage above national standards	HB 378		✓
Health Care Committee			
Support medical malpractice tort reform	SB 1, HB 721		x
Support initiatives to establish public health, wellness and physical fitness programs	HB 646	✓	
Give consumers third party access to health care cost and quality data	HB 380	✓	
Oppose efforts to mandate employers provide health insurance at a certain cost	HB 98, HB 493		✓
Environment Committee			
Support the development of a plan to cultivate and utilize coal-to-liquid fuel technologies	HB 299	✓	
Protect brownfields developers with covenants not to sue from future liability	HB 408	✓	
Support the FutureGen project to produce electricity and hydrogen from coal	HB 665	✓	
Oppose local air pollution rules that are more stringent than state or federal standards	SB 39		x

¹ Both the House and Senate passed versions of broad small business tax relief, but could not compromise on a final version before the end of the session.

² The top corporate income tax rate is scheduled to decline from the current 7 percent to 6 percent in January 2007.

