2027 Kentucky General Assembly

BUSINESS ADVOCACY LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

NKY Chamber's 2027 Legislative Priorities

Strengthening Kentucky's Business Climate and Economy

The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce works to strengthen business and grow a vibrant regional economy because when businesses thrive, our communities do too. Our 2027 Legislative Agenda reflects that commitment, prioritizing workforce development, critical infrastructure including housing, economic development through business attraction and retention, managing rising healthcare costs, and other issues impacting Kentucky's business climate. Together, these priorities support a competitive business environment, a stronger Kentucky economy, and a better quality of life for our communities.

DRIVE WORKFORCE GROWTH

Northern Kentucky's economy remains strong, but workforce shortages and skills gaps threaten growth. Flat population growth, retirements, and limited migration constrain the labor pool, while childcare, transportation, housing, and other barriers limit participation. The Chamber supports retaining more regional college graduates, strengthening career pathways, expanding adult education and work-based learning, and advancing statewide talent attraction and retention efforts.

ADVANCE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

A growing economy demands modern infrastructure, from roads, bridges, broadband, and water systems to adequate, income-aligned housing. The NKY Chamber supports full funding for KY 536 and other key projects and applauds investment in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor of Commerce. Kentucky must modernize transportation funding to ensure sustainable investment as vehicle technology and fuel consumption evolve. Policies that encourage housing development, reduce construction barriers, and expand options for workers at multiple income levels are essential to attracting and retaining businesses and talent. Reliable energy, cybersecurity, and emerging technologies will help meet future needs.

STRENGTHEN KENTUCKY'S BUSINESS CLIMATE

A competitive business climate drives Kentucky's economic development success by attracting investment, retaining employers, supporting entrepreneurs, and creating jobs. The NKY Chamber supports modernizing incentives, expanding access to capital, and removing financial barriers to business growth and reinvestment. Encouraging business succession helps preserve locally owned companies and jobs. Reasonable legal liability and employment law reforms can reduce unnecessary litigation costs, improve predictability, and strengthen Kentucky's ability to compete for new and expanding businesses.

PROMOTE BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES AND ADDRESS COSTS

A healthy workforce supports productivity and competitiveness. Policies that improve access to care, address provider shortages, support mental health, and help control rising healthcare costs, to benefit employers, workers and families.

STRENGTHEN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

A dependable childcare system supports families and fuels economic growth. Kentucky should continue efforts to expand access, improve affordability, and support workforce participation, helping parents work and children thrive.

MAINTAIN A COMPETITIVE TAX CLIMATE

Continue modernizing Kentucky's tax code while avoiding new taxes on business-to-business services. Streamlined, simplified, pro-growth tax policies help Kentucky companies compete and attract investment.

