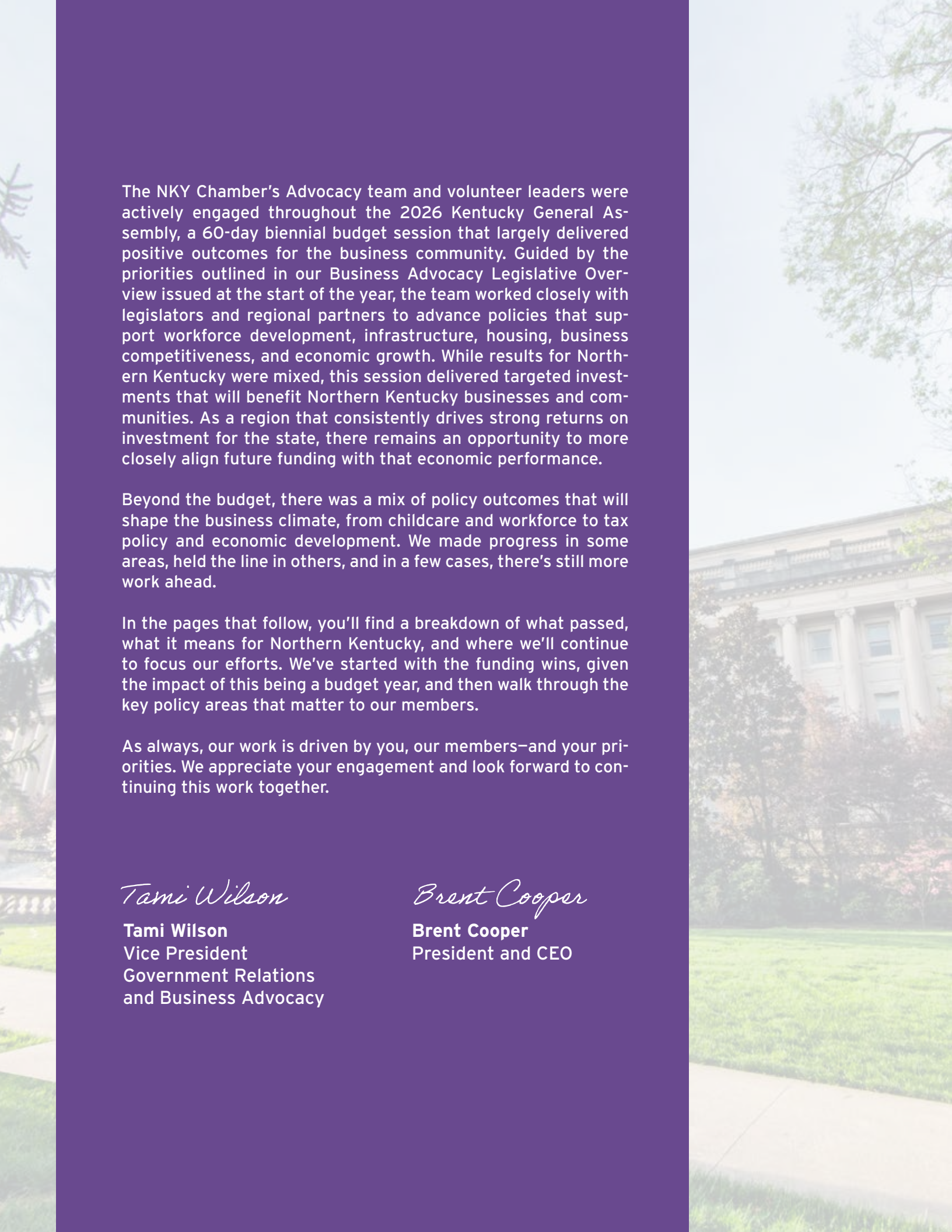


2026 Kentucky General Assembly

NKY Chamber Legislative Outcomes



Business
Advocacy



The NKY Chamber's Advocacy team and volunteer leaders were actively engaged throughout the 2026 Kentucky General Assembly, a 60-day biennial budget session that largely delivered positive outcomes for the business community. Guided by the priorities outlined in our Business Advocacy Legislative Overview issued at the start of the year, the team worked closely with legislators and regional partners to advance policies that support workforce development, infrastructure, housing, business competitiveness, and economic growth. While results for Northern Kentucky were mixed, this session delivered targeted investments that will benefit Northern Kentucky businesses and communities. As a region that consistently drives strong returns on investment for the state, there remains an opportunity to more closely align future funding with that economic performance.

Beyond the budget, there was a mix of policy outcomes that will shape the business climate, from childcare and workforce to tax policy and economic development. We made progress in some areas, held the line in others, and in a few cases, there's still more work ahead.

In the pages that follow, you'll find a breakdown of what passed, what it means for Northern Kentucky, and where we'll continue to focus our efforts. We've started with the funding wins, given the impact of this being a budget year, and then walk through the key policy areas that matter to our members.

As always, our work is driven by you, our members—and your priorities. We appreciate your engagement and look forward to continuing this work together.

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Regional Investment Snapshot

(Funding Wins)

Where the Investments Came From

BUDGET & ONE-TIME INVESTMENTS (2026-2028)

The 2026 session was a budget year, with investments shaped primarily through:

HOUSE BILL 500 - the Commonwealth's two-year operating budget

HOUSE BILL 900 - one-time investments supporting economic development and community priorities

Late-session changes through **Senate Bill 197** also played a key role in shaping final outcomes - particularly for Northern Kentucky University.

HOUSE BILL 900-ONE TIME INVESTMENTS

Northern Kentucky secured **\$58.8M* in direct investment** supporting economic growth, workforce development, and quality of life.

KEY INVESTMENTS INCLUDE:

- \$6M - CVG Air Service Development
- \$6M - Blue North Innovation Hub
- \$7M+ - LifeSciKY
- \$12M - Life Learning Center
- \$7.5M - ADD/Educate NKY / Innovation Schools
- \$2M - Kenton County for economic development
- 2.5M - Family Nurturing Center
- 3.5 M - Diocesan Children's Home
- \$1.75M - Easterseals Redwood
- \$1M - Erlanger, Eons Adventure Park
- \$1M - Kenton County, Ohio Valley Voices Cochlear Implant Program
- \$2M - St. Vincent de Paul
- \$2M - Newport, Purple People Bridge lighting
- \$37K - Ludlow Heritage Museum
- \$2.5M - Boone County Water Rescue

**Some funds are reauthorization funds from past budget years.*

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY:

\$5M statewide Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund

→ Positions NKY's Catalytic Fund to compete for housing and development projects

HOUSE BILL 500-EXECUTIVE BRANCH BUDGET

HB 500 funded core state operations and long-term investments across education, infrastructure, and public services.

HIGHER EDUCATION (NKU)

Early versions of the budget proposed reductions to NKU's base funding, raising concerns about the university's ability to support workforce and talent needs.

Final changes made through **Senate Bill 197** restored funding to current levels and included targeted investments:

- \$1.8M / \$3.6M - Votruba Young Scholars Academy
- \$1.3M annually - Kentucky Center for Mathematics
- \$1.3M annually - Insurance and operating support
- Continued support for key capital and program investments

PUBLIC SAFETY

\$2M+ for:

- Northern Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office
- Regional crime lab relocation and staffing

\$58.70M+*

invested in NKY in a
one-time funding bill
HOUSE BILL 900

**Some funds are reauthorization funds from past budget years.*



Regional Investment Snapshot

(Funding Wins)

HIGHWAY PLAN (HB 502)

- \$655M - Brent Spence Bridge
- \$56M - KY 536
- \$30M+ - Fourth Street Bridge

LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM (HJR 76)

- ~\$2.5M across Northern Kentucky
- Focused on safety, resurfacing, and connectivity

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY (HB 869)

HB 869 strengthened Kentucky's economic development tools and included a key provision supporting aviation and logistics growth.

ALTERNATIVE AVIATION FUEL INCENTIVE

- Establishes a tax credit and sales tax rebate
- Applies to fuel sold at Kentucky commercial airports
- Requires reinvestment into airport facilities and operations

WHY IT MATTERS

- Supports CVG as a global logistics hub
- Aligns with regional strengths in aviation and manufacturing
- Creates opportunity for future investment and job growth

BUSINESS LIABILITY REFORMS

COPPER THEFT (SB 291)

Strengthens penalties and recordkeeping requirements for metal recyclers to help combat copper and telecommunications infrastructure theft, a top priority for Kentucky's telecommunications industry.

LIABILITY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (SB 195)

Establishes a clearer liability standard for public road and bridge projects by presuming contractors are not liable for work completed according to government-approved plans once the project is accepted, while still allowing claims if contractors fail to follow plans or create defects that contribute to harm.

WHY IT MATTERS

These investments support business growth, workforce development, and infrastructure improvements that keep Northern Kentucky competitive. They also reinforce the region's role as a key economic driver for the Commonwealth and the country while highlighting the opportunity to better align future investment with that impact.



Pro Business Policy Wins

CHILDCARE

HB6 | CHILDCARE MICROCENTERS

A comprehensive act relating to childcare quality ratings and modernization. It establishes the "Kentucky Child-Care Microcenter Program," increases the membership of the Kentucky Child Care Advisory Council, and mandates a private third-party administrator for the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership Program.

HJR50 | CHILDCARE IMPACT STUDY

A joint resolution directing the Auditor of Public Accounts to study the statutes, regulations, and policies that impact the opening and operation of licensed childcare services in the Commonwealth.

CYBERSECURITY/AI/DATA

HB58 | PRIVACY PROTECTION

A comprehensive act restricting the use of automated license plate readers (ALPR). It establishes data retention limits, mandates public usage policies for law enforcement, and regulates how insurance and financial entities collect ALPR data.

HB692 | DATA PRIVACY

An act amending the Kentucky Consumer Data Protection Act to regulate "automatic content recognition data." It prohibits controllers from collecting this data from smart monitors without explicit consumer consent.

SB189 | REGULATION OF DIGITAL ASSET BUSINESS

A robust regulatory framework for virtual currency kiosks and hardware wallet providers. It establishes licensing requirements, transaction limits, and anti-fraud procedures while mandating live customer service.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HB 577 | INNOVATION HUBS

Renames the Kentucky Innovation and Commercialization Center to the Kentucky Entrepreneurship and Innovation Hub Program and expands the Kentucky Enterprise Fund to attract high-growth companies.

HB 869 | RURAL INVESTMENT INCENTIVES

Establishes the Rural Building and Job Creation Revolving Fund and creates refundable economic development tax credits specifically for projects located in "heritage counties."

SB 65 | DEFICIENT REGULATIONS

Nullifies specific administrative regulations (Medicaid pharmacy, tobacco/vapor licensing) that were found "deficient" by the General Assembly.

SB 197 | TIERED COUNTY INCENTIVE SYSTEM

Updates, expands and modernizes Kentucky's economic development incentives, workforce tools, and tax credit programs to help attract business investment, support job growth, and improve the state's competitiveness.



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Pro Business Policy Wins

EDUCATION

HB1 | FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDITS

Implements the federal education opportunity program in Kentucky, designating the Secretary of State to oversee scholarship tax credits and report to the U.S. Treasury.

HB5 | INMATE EDUCATION & JOB TRAINING

Establishes a partnership between the Department of Corrections and KCTCS to provide job training and facilities for inmate education to improve re-entry outcomes.

HB49 | ENGINEERING & LAND SURVEY SCHOLARSHIPS

Establishes a scholarship fund for professional engineering and land surveying students who agree to practice in Kentucky for at least one year per scholarship year.

HB257 | SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REFORM

Permits districts to implement local accountability systems, updates academic standards for writing, and adds student growth/engagement as state indicators.

HB307 | PROACTIVE ADMISSIONS

Creates the "My Kentucky Future Act" to establish a proactive admissions program where eligible high school students receive personalized letters regarding their qualifying public institutions.

HB379 | POSTSECONDARY GOVERNANCE

Modifies postsecondary governance, allows for closed-session presidential evaluations, and transfers administration of the Center for Mathematics to Northern Kentucky University.

HB490 | POSTSECONDARY FACULTY REMOVAL

Authorizes public postsecondary institutions to remove faculty members for bona fide financial reasons following a specific procedural overhaul.

HB619 | KCTCS GOVERNANCE REFORM

Increases KCTCS board membership to 17, requires the employment of a chief financial officer, and establishes new review processes for college expansions.

SB263 | SCHOOLS OF INNOVATION

Creates a "School of Innovation" pilot project and grants the Kentucky Board of Education authority to provide expedited waivers to districts for improving local practices.

ELECTIONS/VOTING

HB10 | EXECUTIVE BRANCH TRANSITION OVERSIGHT

Regulates transitions of state constitutional officers by requiring Attorney General approval for large litigation settlements and State Treasurer certification for noncompetitive contracts within 180 days of an inauguration. It also establishes Senate confirmation requirements for various department commissioners and board positions.

HB139 | ELECTION REFORMS

A broad elections reform measure that updates voter registration maintenance, voting equipment standards, ballot security procedures, candidate filing requirements, and election administration rules, while also increasing individual campaign contribution limits and tightening standards for voting systems and write-in candidacies.



Pro Business Policy Wins

EMPLOYER POLICIES & PRACTICES

HB185 | EMPLOYMENT

An act requiring hiring or licensing authorities to create a process for individuals with criminal convictions to determine eligibility for employment or licenses. It also clarifies tip pooling arrangements for “tipped employees.”

HB448 | BACKGROUND CHECKS

An act requiring criminal justice agencies to provide history records for federal or contractor fitness assessments and authorizing a \$25 reimbursement fee.

SB195 | PARTICIPANTS IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM

A broad act establishing liability protections for contractors, requiring pre-litigation notices for various claims, and updating the “Safe at Home” program for prosecutors and public defenders.

ENERGY

HB677 | CARBON SEQUESTRATION FRAMEWORK

Creates a comprehensive regulatory framework for carbon dioxide sequestration facilities, including Class VI permit requirements, financial responsibility standards, and the establishment of an administrative trust fund.

SB8 | PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REFORM

Overhauls the Public Service Commission by modifying membership qualifications, appointment processes, and intervention standards; it also establishes the commission as an independent department administratively attached to the Energy and Environment Cabinet.

SB57 | NUCLEAR SITE READINESS PILOT PROGRAM

Establishes the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program to provide grant funding for nuclear permitting costs and allows utilities to recover certain nuclear-related costs not covered by existing rates.

SB172 | FUEL SURCHARGE STABILITY ACT

Known as the Fuel Surcharge Stability Act, it allows the Public Service Commission to extend the recovery period for an electric utility’s fuel adjustment costs to reduce consumer rate volatility.

SCR66 | NUCLEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Urges the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville to participate in federal nuclear programs and expand their curricula to train a workforce for the next generation of nuclear energy facilities.



Pro Business Policy Wins

HEALTH

HB2 | MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY REFORM

Overhauls Medicaid eligibility by requiring community engagement, implementing new cost-sharing and copayment structures, and establishing stricter residency requirements for 1915(c) waiver programs. It also sets a timeline for procuring new managed care contracts and transitions dental services to an administrative services model.

HB3 | MEDICAID PHARMACY REIMBURSEMENT EQUALITY

Requires Medicaid and the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) to comply with specific pharmacy reimbursement requirements and authorizes the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to seek necessary federal approvals.

HB36 | PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE COMPACTS

Enacts the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact, the Dietitian Licensure Compact, and the Athletic Trainer Compact to allow for multi-state licensure privileges and establishes a commission to oversee these standards.

HB48 | PHYSICAL THERAPY REGULATIONS

Updates the regulation of physical therapy, including reporting requirements for misdemeanor convictions, sexual misconduct prohibitions, and the authorization for the Board of Physical Therapy to establish fee amounts and issue advisory opinions.

HB176 | PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Prohibits health insurers from requiring prior authorization for services from providers who have earned an exemption and requires the Department of Insurance to submit annual reports on prior authorization data.

HB178 | PSYCHIATRIC COLLABORATIVE CARE REIMBURSEMENT

Mandates that health benefit plans provide reimbursement for mental health treatments delivered through the "psychiatric collaborative care model."

HB184 | HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Limits the application of state cost-sharing requirements that would otherwise cause a health insurance plan to lose its federal "health savings account-qualified" status.

HB188 | HEALTHCARE WORKER PROTECTION

Expands third-degree assault to include causing physical injury to healthcare providers in correctional facilities and adds jailers to the list of employees eligible for peer support counseling programs.

HB266 | HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE FUND EXPANSION

Adds speech-language pathology and audiology licenses to the list of eligible credentials for the Kentucky Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund.

HB280 | NURSE LICENSURE & SCHOOL EMERGENCY CARE

Implements various health reforms, including new nurse licensure requirements and permitting schools to stock and administer undesignated glucagon for diabetic emergencies.



Pro Business Policy Wins

HB470 | PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST LICENSING

Regulates peer support professionals by establishing a work group to develop statewide licensing requirements and setting employment standards for alcohol and drug peer support specialists.

HB689 | RETROACTIVE HOSPITAL PHYSICIANS PAYMENTS

Directs the Department for Medicaid Services to implement a state-directed payment program for physician services at qualifying hospitals, retroactive to January 1, 2026.

SB90 | BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PILOT EXTENSION

Extends the behavioral health conditional dismissal program pilot project and its implementation council until 2031, while establishing state responsibility for emergency medical care for patients in state-operated mental health facilities.

SB97 | PROSTHETICS & ORTHOTICS COVERAGE

Requires health benefit plans to provide coverage for prostheses and orthoses and establishes network adequacy and reporting requirements for these services.

SB116 | PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCOPE MODERNIZATION

Modifies the scope of practice for physician assistants, allowing for “collaboration” rather than “supervision” and granting limited authority to prescribe certain Schedule II controlled substances.

SB137 | INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIAN PROVISIONAL LICENSING

Permits physicians licensed in other countries to obtain a provisional license to practice medicine in Kentucky, specifically targeting placement in medically underserved areas.

SJR23 | “FOOD IS MEDICINE” INITIATIVE

Formally declares Kentucky a “Food is Medicine” state and directs state agencies to advance initiatives that integrate nutrition into healthcare.

SJR116 | PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE RESEARCH STUDY

Directs several state universities to collaborate on a study for actionable solutions to physician shortages and expand healthcare opportunities in underserved areas.



Pro Business Policy Wins

HOUSING

HB333 | RELIGIOUS HOUSING SHELTERS

Permits religious developers to build affordable housing or homeless shelters on their property with ministerial review.

SB157 | MORTGAGE FEE EXEMPTION

Exempts certain mortgage loans from total net income limits if their points and fees remain below federal thresholds.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORMS

HB424 | SOCIAL WORK

An act exempting student interns from social work licensure and establishing standards for multistate licenses and telehealth. It also mandates national and state criminal background checks for initial applicants.

HB459 | LICENSED OCCUPATIONS

An act requiring healthcare licensing authorities to collect workforce data and authorizing the board to grant reciprocity to marriage and family therapists from other states.

HB527 | INSURANCE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

A comprehensive act updating various insurance codes, including inland marine insurance definitions, adjuster liability, and internal appeal processes for adverse benefit determinations.

SB98 | WELDING SAFETY

An act establishing requirements for structural steel welding projects, including the hire of certified welders, and protects current welding students and trainees by allowing them to continue working under supervision while completing certification requirements and phases in changes to avoid disrupting training programs.

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POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (CONT'D)

HB619 | KCTCS GOVERNANCE REFORM

Reorganizes the KCTCS board of regents, requires the employment of a system CFO and workforce liaison, and mandates General Assembly approval for major campus expansions or reductions.

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HB213 | POLICE REEMPLOYMENT INCENTIVES

Reduces the required service for reemploying retired police officers from 20 to 15 years and allows them to access employer health insurance.

HB333 | RELIGIOUS HOUSING SHELTERS

Allows affordable housing developed by religious institutions to be a permitted use in specific zones, requiring only ministerial review.

HB542 | EMINENT DOMAIN PROTECTIONS

Implements stricter requirements for eminent domain, including reports on feasible alternative locations and prohibitions on misleading negotiation tactics.

HB607 | CONSOLIDATED LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

Adjusts the governance of consolidated local governments, including redistricting controls, internal audit offices, and city incorporation thresholds.

HB622 | ROAD MAINTENANCE PILOT PROJECT

Establishes a pilot project for using chip seal and recycled asphalt on county roads and adjusts certain county official expense allowances.

SB59 | NEUTRALITY IN PUBLIC ELECTIONS

Prohibits the use of tax dollars or public resources to advocate for or against public questions on a ballot.

SB133 | SPECIAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES OVERSIGHT

Increases fiscal reporting thresholds for special purpose governmental entities and allows alternative audit schedules for high-performing entities.

SB192 | SMALL CITY ACCOUNTING REFORM

Updates accounting and audit requirements for smaller cities, allowing for “agreed-upon procedures” instead of full audits in certain cases for or against public questions on a ballot.



Pro Business Policy Wins

TAX REFORM

HB518 | LOCAL BUSINESS TAXES

An act requiring the Secretary of State to develop standard electronic forms for local occupational tax returns and requiring tax districts to accept them by 2029.

HB757 | REVENUE MEASURES

Expands eligible Kentucky Business Incentives (KBI) costs to include software, leasehold improvements, and technology expenses, making more business services and technology companies eligible. A broad act establishing a tax credit for the rehabilitation of certified historic structures.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

HB5 | PRISON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

An act establishing the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Prison Education Program to provide inmates with job training. It provides a certificate of employability upon completion, which serves as rebuttable evidence of fitness for occupational licensing.

HB6 | CHILDCARE MICROCENTERS

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HB36 | INTERSTATE LICENSURE COMPACTS

An act entering Kentucky into the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact, the Dietitian Licensure Compact, and the Athletic Trainer Compact to recognize licensure privileges across member states.

HB45 | LICENSURE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

An act amending CPA licensure requirements to include additional optional pathways and allowing practice privileges for out-of-state CPAs who do not maintain a physical office in Kentucky.

HB49 | PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING

An act establishing a scholarship fund for professional engineers and land surveyors. Recipients must agree to obtain licensure and practice in Kentucky for at least one year for each year of scholarship received.

HB213 | REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS

An act reducing the required service for retired police officers and sheriffs to be reemployed from 20 years to 15 years and allowing them to obtain health insurance through their employing agency.

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (CONT'D)

HB562 | ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

An act requiring the creation of alternate and modified high school diplomas and mandating the publication of a list of employers willing to hire individuals possessing them.

HB576 | WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

An act establishing the Kentucky Talent Recruitment Grant Program to assist with employee relocation and the retention of Kentucky students.

HB657 | PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BACKGROUND CHECKS

An act requiring national and state background checks for initial licensure or compact privileges for psychologists, occupational therapists, social workers, and counselors.

SB4 | EDUCATION

A broad act establishing a principal leadership development practicum and reorganizing the governance of large school districts, including the Jefferson County School District.

SB18 | HEALTH SERVICES

An act defining the scope of practice for podiatric assistants and residents, and requiring the distribution of Type 1 diabetes informational materials to parents.

SB137 | PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

An act allowing physicians licensed in other countries to obtain a provisional license to practice in Kentucky, specifically in medically underserved areas.

SB249 | WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

An emergency act granting the Governor authority to approve workforce training programs for federal Workforce Pell Grants to avoid duplicative payments.

WHY IT MATTERS

Together, these measures reflect Kentucky's continued focus on strengthening the Commonwealth's long-term economic competitiveness through workforce development, education, healthcare, infrastructure, business growth, and government modernization. The legislation addresses ongoing challenges facing employers and communities, including workforce shortages, access to childcare, housing availability, healthcare capacity, energy reliability, and talent attraction and retention. Many of the measures also modernize regulatory frameworks, improve operational flexibility, and create new opportunities for innovation and investment.

While not every priority advanced during the 2026 session, these outcomes will shape Kentucky's business climate, workforce pipeline, and economic growth trajectory for years to come.



Missed Opportunities

Legislation that could have benefited the business community.

HOUSING

SB9 | HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICTS

An omnibus housing bill covering infrastructure districts, vested development rights, third-party building inspections, and expungement of dismissed eviction records.

SB 225 | REGULATORY EFFICIENCY REVIEW

Would have strengthened the review process for state regulations by requiring greater analysis of the costs and impacts regulations may have on construction and development projects.

HB 618 | RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND PERMITTING

Would have streamlined residential construction by aligning certain homebuilding standards, establishing timelines for permit approvals and inspections, and allowing greater flexibility for the use of qualified building inspectors.

TAX REFORM

HB451 | LIMITED LIABILITY ENTITY TAX

An act to exempt businesses with gross receipts of less than \$100,000 from paying the limited liability entity tax starting in 2027.

EDUCATION

SB22 | DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

An act including teacher apprenticeship programs in the dual credit scholarship program and setting GPA requirements for participating students.

**Several other occupational license compacts and other recognitions of occupational licensure that would help with our workforce issues.*

Safeguarding the Business Climate

The NKY Chamber also opposed legislation viewed as harmful to Kentucky's business climate and economic competitiveness, including efforts to repeal Right-to-Work protections, restore prevailing wage mandates, expand negative employer mandates and employer law changes, and impose harmful technology regulations. The Chamber engages on these issues because policies that increase costs, reduce workplace flexibility, create legal uncertainty, or hinder innovation can negatively impact job growth, small businesses, infrastructure investment, talent attraction, and economic development opportunities.



NKY Chamber Advocacy

Advocacy in Action

The NKY Chamber's Business Advocacy team works year-round to keep members informed, engaged, and connected on key legislative and policy issues impacting the business community at the local, state, and federal levels. Through timely communications, interactive discussions, and signature advocacy events, members gain valuable insight into the policies and decisions shaping Northern Kentucky's business environment. Whether you want to stay informed or become more involved, the NKY Chamber provides multiple opportunities to engage with advocacy efforts and elected leaders.

- Advocacy eNewsletters
- Business Advocacy Agenda's and Policy Position Papers
- Weekly Session Update Calls
- Interim Update Calls (beginning each June)
- Events including Legislative Preview & Overview, Government Forums, Day in Frankfort, State of NKY, and more.
- Business Advocacy Resource Page : (nkychamber.com/advocacy)

Get Involved

BUSINESS ADVOCACY POLICY COMMITTEES

Help shape the future of Northern Kentucky's business community by joining one of the NKY Chamber's Business Advocacy Policy Committees. These committees bring together business leaders and industry experts to discuss key issues, develop policy positions, and advocate for a strong business climate at the local, state, and federal levels. Whether your interests are healthcare, technology innovation, workforce issues, infrastructure, or business competitiveness, there's a committee where you can make an impact.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Support pro-business leadership and advocacy through the NKY Chamber Political Action Committee (PAC). The PAC helps advance policies that strengthen the regional business community by supporting candidates and elected officials who champion business growth and economic development. Contributions from NKY Chamber members play an important role in ensuring the business community has a strong voice in the political process.



Thank You Sponsors

The NKY Chamber extends its sincere appreciation to our 2025-26 Advocacy Sponsors for your partnership, leadership, and investment in the future of Northern Kentucky.

Your support strengthens our ability to advocate for policies that promote strong businesses, economic growth, workforce development, regional competitiveness, and a better quality of life for our communities. Together, we are helping ensure Northern Kentucky remains a premier place to live, work, start a business, and grow opportunity.

From infrastructure and talent strategies to housing, childcare, healthcare, and economic development, your commitment helps amplify the voice of the business community at the local, state, and federal levels.

Thank you for standing with the NKY Chamber and supporting the work that helps move our region forward.

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