

2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

— Sunflower State Solutions —



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WELCOME

Americans for Prosperity-Kansas (AFP-KS) serves as the Sunflower State’s leading grassroots operation, existing to recruit, educate, and mobilize citizens in support of the policies and goals of a free society at the local, state, and federal level.

Removing government barriers so that Kansans can live more freely is the driving factor of our work. By keeping leaders accountable to the people we serve, AFP-KS believes better policies are on the horizon for Kansas.

In the coming year, AFP-KS will continue to build from its successes in 2024 and chart a new legislative agenda with big goals. In the Statehouse next year, AFP-KS will drive for changes in economic opportunities, removing regulations, judicial selection reform, worker freedom, and unleashing American energy.

AFP-KS will work alongside policy champions to pass critical legislation for the state and lean on its grassroots base to communicate progress throughout the state. AFP-KS is ready to take on 2025 with major policy victories!

Sincerely,
AFP-KS State Director Liz Patton and Team



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

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TAX REFORM

Income taxes are the most economically distortionary tax; discouraging work, job creation, and making it harder for Americans to live their version of the American Dream.

Americans for Prosperity-Kansas supports requiring a two-thirds majority of the legislature to pass a tax increase. Kansas families must think critically about budgets and spending, the government should do the same. Two-thirds majority vote for future tax increases encourages fiscal restraint and cutting wasteful spending rather than increasing the tax burden on Kansas families.

Americans for Prosperity believes replacing Kansas income taxes with a flatter, lower tax rate brings simplicity to the Kansas tax code and budget management.

This fragmented approach reduces legislative and staff awareness, increases inefficient spending, and makes holistic budget management difficult.

Families and small businesses manage all their income and expenses together, the Kansas government should too. The solution is a comprehensive budget that includes all spending and revenue in a single annual or biennial budget bill. This approach creates value for Kansans, maximizes transparency, allows committees to fully use their expertise and allow legislators to amend priorities across all areas.

Americans for Prosperity Kansas believes to avoid runaway spending, poor accountability and rising debt, our government must start budgeting like a family or small business, with everything in one place.



BUDGET REFORM

Performance Based-Budgeting

The Kansas state general fund has \$2.6 billion dollars in excess on top of a rainy-day fund of \$1.6 billion. Instead of government growth we need private sector growth. In the past our state hampered innovation and growth among existing businesses, but Americans for Prosperity believes government budget processes should focus on whether expenditures are providing a benefit to the public.

Enforcing performance-based budgeting creates a continuous improvement process on par with firms in the private sector. This creates not only an opportunity to find processing errors and save money but also an effective bipartisan collaboration.

Kansas Tax and Expenditure Limitation Act

Kansas' all-funds and state general funds (SGF) budgets have hit record highs, exceeding \$25 billion and \$10 billion, respectively. The FY 2024 SGF budget is 14.2% larger than in 2023, while the all-funds budget grew by 4.5%. This contrasts with the combined Kansas population and U.S. price level growth rate of 4.03% and the 5-year Gross State Product annualized growth of 5.3%.

This violates the principle that government should not grow faster than the private sector. When it does, it overspends its economic capacity, crowds out private investment, increases prices, creates budget instability, and harms family economic well-being.

Americans for Prosperity believes Kansas needs a Tax and Expenditure Limitation Act to cap budget growth to the combined population growth and inflation rate or the state's private sector growth. This would prioritize Kansas families and businesses, reduce policy instability during recessions, curb excessive spending during booms, and strengthen state sovereignty against federal overreach.

Comprehensive Budget Reform

The Kansas budget process leaves out key aspects of fiscal policy in its omnibus budget. For instance, the education budget, and components of tax policy are often excluded, despite the fact they are essential components of government budgeting.

RED TAPE AND REGULATIONS

Overregulation makes inflation worse; too much government makes everything more expensive for Kansans. AFP-KS also believes we need to make sure there is an appropriate balance of power so that unelected bureaucrats are held accountable for making rules with the force of law.

Regulatory Sandbox

Kansas's antiquated rules are like trying to fit square pegs into round holes, cramping entrepreneurship, and putting the brakes on growth. A regulatory sandbox could be a solution that gives businesses a longer leash to innovate, while ensuring consumer protection. With this "playground," Kansas can become a hub of innovation where business can flourish, and customers can rejoice.

Occupational Licensing

Finally, some occupational licenses make it harder for people to earn a living and achieve the American Dream. All these areas need to be addressed by our elected officials as we fight against unnecessary red tape, eliminate outdated or overreaching regulations, and right size the balance of power in the government so the voters have a greater voice.



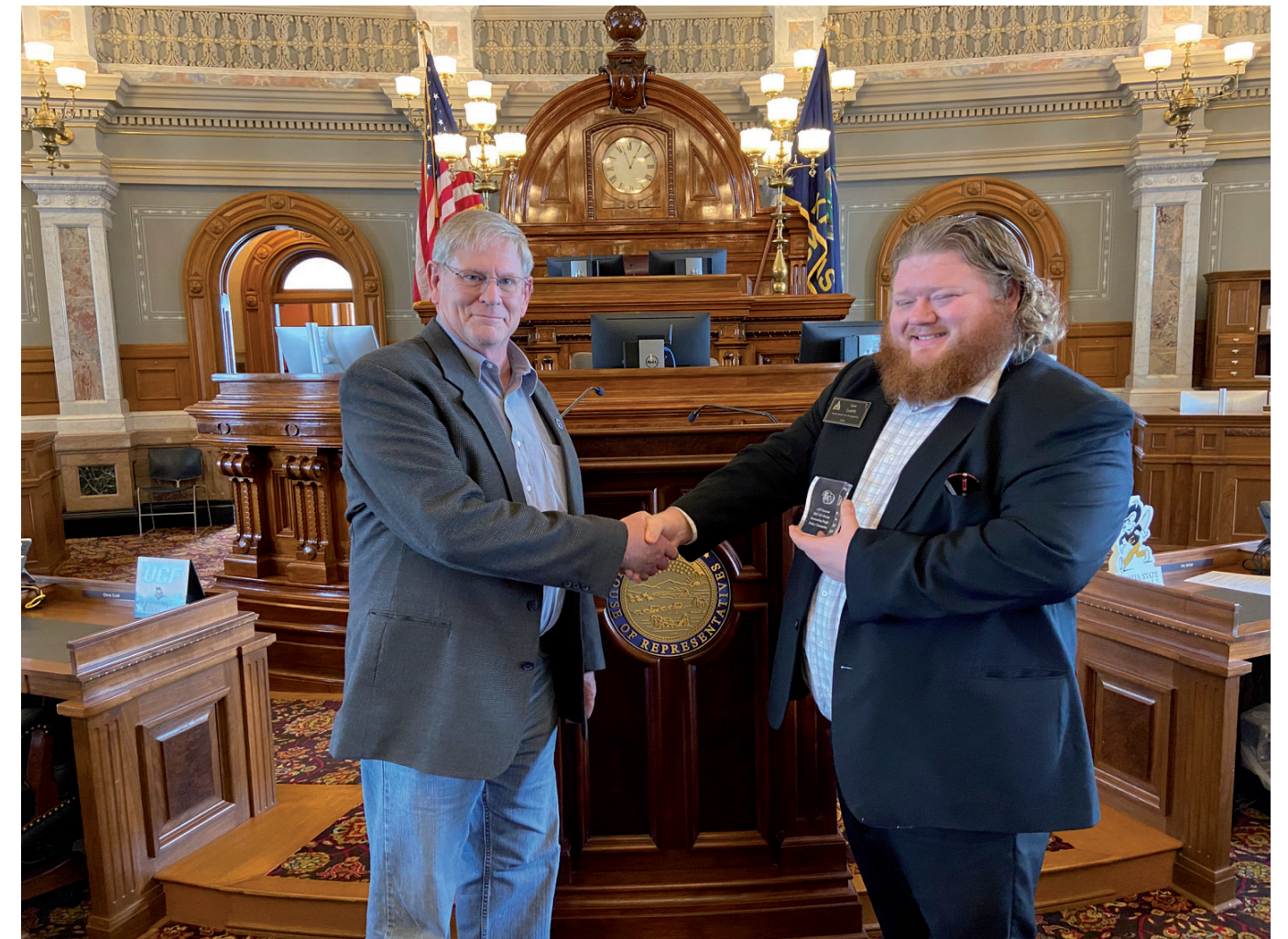
JUDICIAL SELECTION REFORM

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A "WE THE PEOPLE" JUDICIAL SELECTION PROCESS

A commission of trial attorneys select nominees for the office behind closed doors with no input from Kansans or their elected legislators. This has led to an unelected judicial body acting like a super legislature. Americans for Prosperity believes that if the Kansas Supreme Court wishes to act like a legislator, then the Kansas Supreme Court should be constrained like legislators. Therefore, AFP-KS calls for a "We the People" judicial selection process that either mirrors the Federal model, which is the Chief Executive nominates a judicial candidate and the Senate confirms, or a process that allows for direct elections of Kansas Justices. It is a process inherent in the U.S. Constitution and can ensure the Kansas Supreme Court never exceeds its place in the founding of Kansas.



WORKER FREEDOM

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FREEDOM FROM PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS

In Kansas, public workers automatically opt-in to public unions against their wishes. With their dues, these public unions make political statements and campaigns that sometimes are in opposition to the views of public workers. This process is a form of forced speech, and public workers should have freedom when it comes to joining a public union. Americans for Prosperity believes public workers should have freedom of choice, fairness, and be free from any coercion.



ENERGY

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Kansans pay more than the national average and at least 13% more than our neighbors in Missouri for our electricity. AFP-KS supports efforts to lower costs for ratepayers, including ending any cross-subsidization proposal that forces ratepayers to pay for items such as electric car charging stations. We support policies that decrease energy poverty in our state and holds regulators accountable for increasing prices.





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