

News from the Capitol



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2021 Legislative Update - Week #1

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[2021 Legislative Session Begins](#)

On Monday, January 11th the 2021 Session of the Kansas Legislature began by swearing in all 125-members. This is the beginning of my 10th term as your Representative from the 66th District. I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve.



[Coronavirus and the Legislature](#)

This year has brought numerous adjustments to the legislative session and the Capitol Building. They have been testing for all legislators and staff members in the building. Thus far the office I am in has been successful in mitigating potential infection through mask wearing, sanitizing schedules, and other precautions. Hopefully, the session will continue without incident.

The Capitol building is currently closed to visitors without business before the legislature. However, if you would like to follow along with any/all committee meetings or floor sessions, there have been significant upgrades to the Legislature's online presence. All committee meetings are now audio and video broadcasted on the Kansas Legislature's [YouTube Channel](#). They are broadcast live and stored for later review. A daily schedule of all committee meetings may be found [here](#).

Governor's State of the State Address

On Tuesday, Governor Kelly presented her State of the State Address. Due to difficulties in social distancing in the House Chamber, it was presented virtually for the first time. If you missed the presentation, you may view it [here](#).

She outlined her goals for economic recovery, fiscal responsibility, and continued action in the fight against the COVID pandemic.

Priorities for 2021

- ✓ STRONG EDUCATION
- ✓ BROKE CAPITAL INVESTMENT RECORDS
over \$2.5 billion in new investments
- ✓ BROADBAND EXPANSIONS
- ✓ RURAL PROSPERITY
- ✓ FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
- ✓ COVID RECOVERY
- ✓ PUBLIC SERVICE BEFORE POLITICS

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Governor's Budget Recommendations

Governor Kelly once again balances Kansas' checkbook

THE 2021 BUDGET:

- ✓ Fiscally responsible
- ✓ Constitutionally funds education
- ✓ Prioritizes economic development
- ✓ Invests in state's foundation
- ✓ Positive \$600 million ending balance

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On Wednesday, the Governor released her proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. She remains committed to fiscally responsible spending on education and healthcare, while avoiding corporate tax giveaways. She made proposals to update state

infrastructure and economic development, all while ending with a \$600 million ending balance to guard against unforeseen events. The Legislature will begin reviewing the Governor's budget through our various Budget and Appropriations Committees in the coming weeks.



[2021 Committee Assignments](#)

I am proud to announce I am keeping my same committee assignments from last session. I will be serving on the House [Appropriations](#), [Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget](#), and [Agriculture](#) Committees. If you would like to present testimony on bills before this or any other committee this session please contact my office and we will be happy to walk you through the process. You can present written or in-person testimony, or present via WebEx virtually to maintain social distance. We value your input on issues of concern!

[Keep In Touch](#)

It is a special honor to serve as your State Representative. I value and need your input on the various issues facing our community and the state government. Please contact me with your comments and questions.

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Please follow [my legislative activity](#) or the [entire session](#).

Thank you!

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