

Kansas US Senate 2026

THE ISSUES

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. Says neither state nor federal government “should be making that decision [on abortion] for women.” Voted against a constitutional amendment that would have allowed the Kansas Legislature to restrict or ban abortions. Calls for “legal and safe access to abortion.”	Ban. Is a member of the Pro-Life Caucus. Supported the overturning of Roe v. Wade. Sponsored a bill to prohibit the use of federal funds for abortion. In 2021 sponsored a bill to establish the “right to life” at conception. Would “continue to champion pro-life policies...in DC!”
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Likely yes. Would restore Biden-era “energy production tax credits” to “increase our energy independence.” “Supports all of the above energy production.” In 2020 said climate change “has to be addressed both personally and at a societal level;” “We’re going to have to have more efficient ways of producing energy.”	No. Supports “unleashing American energy dominance,” “Drill, Baby, Drill!” Voted to end Biden-era clean energy tax credits. Voted to end an EPA charge on oil or gas facilities that exceed greenhouse gas emission limits. Sponsored a bill to require Senate approval to enter “any international climate agreement.”
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Opposes the death penalty. Would “strengthen the Department of Justice’s Elder Justice Initiative” to “fight elder fraud and scams.” After George Floyd’s death in 2020, said “there’s a problem sometimes in the way that police arrest or the tactics that they use,” not “most of the time,” but “times where this is the case.”	Sponsored a bill to create new criminal penalties for “violent conduct against...law enforcement officers.” Introduced a bill to withhold federal funding from local governments that eliminate cash bail. In 2020 voted against banning racial profiling and no-knock warrants, requiring body cameras, and limiting qualified immunity .
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Mostly increase. Would ban “junk fees” and “algorithmic price-fixing at grocery stores.” Would create tax credits for first-time home buyers and increase funding for USDA’s export promotion programs. Supports Trump’s diesel export ban if it can “reduce the price of diesel for Kansas farmers.” Calls for “guardrails” for AI. Supports “fiscal responsibility.” Opposes “over-regulating.”	Cut. Supports increasing competition, cutting regulations, and getting “the federal government out of the way.” In 2021 voted against \$1 trillion in infrastructure investments. Voted to loosen regulation of the crypto industry. Introduced a bill to limit regulatory costs for small businesses: “It’s time to slash the red tape.”
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	No position found.	Yes. Sponsored a bill giving federal tax credits for donations to private school scholarships. Voted for a bill that included such tax credits .
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?	Unclear. Supports “accelerated permitting ” to increase domestic fertilizer production. Supports “year-round E15 ,” currently restricted under the Clean Air Act. “Drought and water issues threaten our rural economy.” Said in 2020, “we all have the responsibility to take care of our world.”	Mostly loosen. Sponsored a bill to exclude certain waterways from regulation under the Clean Water Act. Voted to remove emission regulations on hazardous air pollutants in the rubber tire industry. Voted against regulation of mercury pollution from coal and oil power plants. Sponsored a bill to expand grants for water conservation projects.

ISSUES	HAMILTON (D)	MARSHALL (R)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Tighten. Supports safety training and safe storage requirements for firearm permits. Supports stricter penalties for straw gun purchases. Supported a bill requiring background checks for private gun sales.	Loosen. Voted against expanding background checks and encouraging states to pass red flag laws. Sponsored a bill to allow concealed carry of guns across state lines. Supports “fully restoring and protecting our...Second Amendment rights.”
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Increase. Would “reverse the cuts to Medicaid” and “restore the ACA subsidies.” Would “expand Medicare drug price negotiation.” Says “Medicare for All” is not “realistic.” Calls for a universal “access to a basic level of healthcare.” Would “cut waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicare without touching anyone’s benefits.”	Mostly decrease. Voted for a bill that cut Medicaid. Voted against extending Affordable Care Act premium subsidies for 3 years. Introduced a bill to extend ACA subsidies for 1 year then convert them to health savings accounts. Sponsored a bill to expand telehealth coverage. Introduced a Medicare reform bill to ensure “reliable...care.”
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Supports “secure borders...while treating people who are here looking for a better life fairly and with decency.” Would reform the H-2A guest-worker program with “year-round visas” and “a path to legal status.” Says ICE “should focus on serious criminals.”	Voted to increase ICE funding by \$75 billion, then for \$70 billion more for DHS. Opposes sanctuary cities. Sponsored a bill to build 900 miles of border wall, limit asylum, and require E-Verify for new employees. In 2019 voted against a path to permanent residency for Dreamers . Supports continuing the H-2A guest worker program.
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	No. “I’ll fight to...end the war in Iran.” Says it’s a war that “nobody wanted [and] nobody was asking for.” Says the war is “is costing Americans \$100 a month in gas.”	Yes. “Certainly I’m standing with the President here.” “I hate war.... I would have preferred not to, but I think he made a very brave decision.... I think that the benefits outweigh the risk.” Voted five times against requiring Congressional authorization for military action in Iran.
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Easier. Supports “strengthening the right to organize.” Supports a bill that requires companies to begin collective bargaining 10 days after union certification. Would “fully fund...agencies that protect workers’ rights and safety.”	Harder. Sponsored a National Right-to-Work Act . In 2020 voted against expanding and protecting employees’ organizing and collective bargaining rights. Sponsored a bill to make union collective bargaining more difficult.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Likely expand. “I want gay and lesbian people to know that they are welcomed.” Supports same-sex marriage.	Limit. Voted against federal recognition of same sex marriages. Introduced a bill “to prohibit taxpayer-funded gender transition procedures.” Sponsored a bill to ban transgender students from women’s and girls’ school sports.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	Yes. Calls the current minimum wage “outdated.” “It’s time to raise the minimum wage so everyone who works hard can afford a decent life.”	No. Opposed a \$15 minimum wage in 2021 calling it a “job-killing...proposal.” Voted in 2019 against raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Likely raise. Supports raising the cap on Social Security taxes so that individuals making more than \$184,500 pay more.	Lower. Voted to extend Trump’s 2017 tax cuts, which included the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate and tax cuts for the very wealthy . Called the extension a “thrill.”
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Easier. “If you’re eligible to vote in Kansas, the state’s job is to make that easy, not to put obstacles in front of you.” Supports “vote by mail.” Would “support federal protections that keep the ballot within reach.”	Harder. Sponsored a bill to require proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote in a federal election. Voted to require voter ID. In 2021 voted against requiring certain states to get preapproval for changes in voting practices.

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