

Sen. David Givens' Legislative Update: Week 2



Senate report
State Sen. David Givens

As the General Assembly concluded the second week of the 2026 Legislative Session, the work at the Capitol moved into a more active phase. Committees meetings are now fully underway, giving legislation its first thorough review as lawmakers hear testimony, ask questions, and be-

gin shaping bills that will move through the process in the weeks ahead. Committee work is a critical part of the legislative process. It is where proposals are examined closely, perspectives are heard, and details are refined before bills advance to the Senate floor. This week marked that important transition from preparation to action. Several committees advanced legislation addressing issues important to communities across Kentucky, including public safety, education, transporta-

tion, health care, and good governance. Oversight committees also met to review state operations, contracts, and programs to ensure transparency, accountability, and responsible use of taxpayer dollars. That oversight role is one of the General Assembly's most important responsibilities, and it remains central to our work. The Senate also passed its first bill of the session this week. Senate Bill (SB) 7 addresses a longstanding and widely felt concern by improving access to driver's license renew-

al services in parts of the state without a regional licensing center. The bill has now moved to the House of Representatives for further consideration. As a budget session, much of our focus is also on the biennial state budget. The House of Representatives continues its work on the spending plan, and the Senate is closely monitoring those discussions as we prepare for our role in reviewing and shaping the final budget. Our goal remains a responsible, balanced approach that respects taxpayers while mak-

ing thoughtful investments in Kentucky's future. On Monday, January 19, the General Assembly will not be in session as we observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This national holiday honors Dr. King's leadership during the modern civil rights movement and serves as a reminder of the progress made and the work that remains. State and local offices will be closed in recognition of the day. As the session continues, the Senate will remain focused on steady, deliberate

work—listening carefully, weighing policy decisions thoughtfully, and advancing legislation that serves the long-term interests of the commonwealth. It is an honor to serve as Senate president pro tempore, and I remain committed to working with my colleagues to ensure the legislative process remains transparent, accountable, and focused on the people of Kentucky. If you have questions or ideas, feel free to contact my office at (502)-564-8100 or email me at David.Givens@kylegislature.gov.

National Farm Machinery Show is February 11-14

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Next month, Kentucky will welcome an international crowd for the 60th anniversary of the National Farm Machinery Show; the largest indoor farm show in the world. Over the last six decades, millions of attendees have explored the ever-growing acreage at the Kentucky Exposition Center, to experience the latest farming technology, new-to-market equipment, and groundbreaking ideas in climate-controlled comfort. We look forward to welcoming back longtime friends and meeting new ones February 11-14 as we celebrate this hallmark year together.

ment inside our exhibit halls, guests will notice the largest expansion and renovation in the Kentucky Exposition Center's history taking shape on the northwest side of the property. By this time next year, our National Farm Machinery Show attendees

will be among the first to experience the expanded show footprint in the new building. This strategic investment by the Kentucky General Assembly to grow the Kentucky Exposition Center into the nation's fifth largest facility of its kind

underscores our shared commitment to keep these shows thriving for generations to come. As we approach this unforgettable event, we extend our sincere thanks to the farmers who work tirelessly to feed our nation and a

good part of the world and provide the economic foundation for our economy. Our history and heritage with you and your families continue to shape us, and our mission remains unchanged from its earliest

days to be the place where the best in the field come together. We look forward to seeing you February 11-14, 2026. Sincerely, David S. Beck, President & CEO of Kentucky Venues

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