Recommendation Proposals Submitted to KLRD in advance of December 7-9, 2020 Meeting

Unemployment Compensation

- House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development and Senate Committee on Commerce should evaluate the reforms proposed by KS SHRM and the Kansas employer community concerning the Kansas Unemployment Insurance System.
- House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on Ways and Means should appropriate the dollars to modernize the IT system at the Kansas Department of Labor.

Taxation

- The state should ensure forgiven PPP loans are exempt from state income tax.
- The state should ensure forgiven PPP loans are exempt from state income tax, but not allow for loan expenses to be deducted.
- House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development and Senate Committee on Commerce should evaluate and make recommendations concerning the Aviation Job Tax Credits.
- House Committee on Taxation and Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation should evaluate the Kansas Economic Recovery loan program.
- House Committee on Taxation and Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation should evaluate the decoupling provisions presented to the Special Committee on Economic Recovery utilizing the most recent data from the Department of Revenue.
- House Committee on Taxation and Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation should recommend a Marketplace Facilitator bill at the beginning of the 2021 Legislative session.
- House Committee on Taxation and Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation should have hearings on a new Truth in Taxation property tax bill with bill hearings in both committees.
- All other tax bills examined by the Special Committee on Economic Recovery, such as those concerning appraisal standards and the State Board of Tax Appeals, should be considered through the normal legislative process in the 2021 session.
- Individual income tax withholding should be required on all unemployment compensation benefits.
- House Committee on Taxation and Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation should evaluate the Child Care Assistance Credit for businesses and make appropriate changes.

All Other

- The state should enact the economic recovery linked deposit loan program (from 2020 Senate Sub. for HB 2619).
- The state should continue monetary support for restaurants and small businesses until the state returns to normalcy.
- The Legislature should appoint an additional committee to deal with workforce redevelopment and labor issues as the state moves through these tumultuous times.

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