

Advance Social and Economic Justice for All

COVID Unemployment Compensation

Original Bill: [HB1083](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 1083, 1085, 1050, 1035, 1036, 873 & 1097 **Sponsor:** Rep. John Eggleston

Description: Modifies provisions relating to unemployment compensation benefit overpayments.

Position Statement: Support: Forgiving non-fraudulent receipt of federal unemployment benefits during the COVID pandemic is a means of economic justice and will help to allay the financial impact of the health crisis on people in need. 02/19/21

Last Action: 04/01/2021 S - Hearing Conducted

Original Bill: [SB481](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Lincoln Hough

Description: Creates new provisions relating to the recovery of overpaid unemployment benefits.

Position Statement: Support: Forgiving non-fraudulent receipt of federal unemployment benefits during the COVID pandemic is a means of economic justice and will help to allay the financial impact of the health crisis on people in need. 02/19/21

Last Action: 03/25/2021 S - Reported Do Pass - Senate-Government Accountability and Fiscal Oversight

Original Bill: [SB482](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Doug Beck (D)

Description: Creates new provisions relating to the recovery of unemployment benefits.

Position Statement: Support: Forgiving non-fraudulent receipt of federal unemployment benefits during the COVID pandemic is a means of economic justice and will help to allay the financial impact of the health crisis on people in need. 02/19/21

Last Action: 03/04/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Small Business and

Denouncing Racial Injustice

Original Bill: [HCR4](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HCRs 4 & 5 **Sponsor:** Rep. Raychel Proudi

Description: Formally denounces the infamous Dred Scott decision.

Position Statement: Support: This resolution is a means of acknowledging the injustice done to persons of African descent through this court decision and the inhospitable social and legal climate it fostered. 02/19/21

Last Action: 04/01/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions, and Ethics

Original Bill: [HCR5](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Dottie Bailey (R)

Description: Formally denounces the infamous Dred Scott decision.

Position Statement: Support: This resolution is a means of acknowledging the injustice done to persons of African descent through this court decision and the inhospitable social and legal climate it fostered. 02/19/21

Last Action: 02/23/2021 H - Superseded by HCR 4

Original Bill: [SCR3](#) **Amended Bill:** SCS SCR 3 **Sponsor:** Sen. Steven Roberts

Description: Condemns the Missouri Supreme Court's Dred Scott decision.

Position Statement: Support: This resolution is a means of acknowledging the injustice done to persons of African descent through this court decision and the inhospitable social and legal climate it fostered. 02/19/21

Last Action: 03/11/2021 H - Read Second Time

Food Stamps/Work Requirements

Original Bill: [HB217](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 217 **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (

Description: Modifies provisions relating to work requirements for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

Position Statement: Oppose: In the zeal to get people to work, sanctions should not be imposed that deny basic food allowances to children. There are better ways to encourage work. 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/30/2021 H - Reported Do Pass - House-Rules-Legislative Oversight

Original Bill: [SB138](#) **Amended Bill:** SCS SB 138 **Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Brattin (R)

Description: Modifies the law relating to work requirements for participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Position Statement: Oppose: In the zeal to get people to work, sanctions should not be imposed that deny basic food allowances to children. There are better ways to encourage work. 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/04/2021 S - Reported Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Seniors, Families, Children, and Military Affairs

Housing

Original Bill: [SB85](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Dan Hegeman

Description: Modifies provisions relating to low-income housing tax credits.

Position Statement: Support: Establishing a state low-income housing tax credit will help encourage developers to build housing for the poor and underserved communities. 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/23/2021 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Economic Development

Medicaid Work Requirements

Original Bill: [HJR64](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Missouri relating to health care.

Position Statement: Oppose: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, par. 166) 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/02/2021 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB224](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Bob Onder (R)

Description: Requires certain MO HealthNet participants to comply with work and community engagement requirements.

Position Statement: Oppose: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, par. 166) 01/22/21

Last Action: 03/24/2021 S - Voted Do Pass - Senate-Health and Pensions

Minimum Wage/Repeal

Original Bill: [HB726](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the state minimum wage rate.

Position Statement: Oppose: All workers deserve a just wage in order to support themselves and their families. A just wage is one way to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2434) 03/19/21

Last Action: 02/22/2021 H - Removed from House Hearing Agenda - Special Committee on Small Business - 02/24/21 - 4:30 pm - HR 1

Reduced Water and Sewer Rates for Low-income Earners

Original Bill: [HB1038](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jeff Knight (R)

Description: Allows the Public Service Commission to authorize a low income rate for water and sewer service.

Position Statement: Support: The Public Service Commission should have the authority to set a reduced rate for water and sewer utilities for low-income customers as a means of making these utilities more affordable for those customers. Part of the effort to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (Laborem Excercens, par. 9, 10, 17-19) 02/19/21

Last Action: 02/04/2021 H - Read Second Time

Show-Me Healthy Babies

Original Bill: [HB11](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 11 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.805 provides \$62 million for the Show-Me Healthy Babies program. This includes funding for prenatal care and related services for pregnant women and their unborn children.

Position Statement: Support in part: Support Section 11.805 that provides funds for Show-Me Healthy Babies program, which is designed to provide improved access to prenatal care for expectant mothers and their unborn children. 03/19/21

Last Action: 04/08/2021 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations
