

Sen. Whitney Westerfield's 2017 Legislative Survey

The General Assembly sees several hundred bills filed every year, and I need to hear from you about them. Please submit the legislative policy survey below regarding some of the higher profile issues on the horizon (or potentially on the horizon) for the 2017 session beginning in January!

Follow the directions for each question. YOUR VOICE MATTERS! As always, feel free to contact me online at whitneywesterfield.com.

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Example: December 15, 2012

2. **What County do you live in? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Christian County
- Logan County
- Todd County
- Other:

3. **Kentucky should expand access to broadband internet statewide by continuing to build out its wired and wireless data infrastructure. ***

Mark only one oval.

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4. **Kentucky should establish charter schools to close the achievement gap in districts where students are consistently underperforming. ***

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Strongly Agree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strongly Disagree

5. **Kentucky is the only state in the southeast which has not adopted "Right-to-Work" legislation. Currently in Kentucky, workers in some jobs must join a union and pay union dues even if they desire not to. Should Kentucky pass Right-to-Work legislation to protect the rights of employees in such jobs? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

6. **Would you support placing a percentage cap on the amount of state government debt? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

7. **Do you support marijuana legalization for any medicinal use? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

8. **Do you support marijuana for legalization for recreational use? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

9. **Would you support an act requiring ultrasound images of a woman's fetus be made available to the woman considering having an abortion if she wants to see them? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

10. **The Kentucky General Assembly must protect the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting the right to bear arms. ***

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11. **Kentucky should restore voting rights for felons convicted of low level, non-violent, non-sex offenses, who have served their sentences and who have fully paid restitution to victims (if applicable). ***

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12. **Kentucky is one of 18 states that does not provide Constitutional rights to crime victims. In 2017, the legislature should add Constitutional rights for crime victims equal to criminal defendants in the Kentucky Constitution. ***

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13. **In 2015 Kentucky passed House Bill 8, establishing a court process for victims of dating violence to seek a protective order from the local court. Should recipients of dating violence protective orders be allowed to terminate lease agreements with their landlords if their immediate safety in that residence is at risk? ***

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

14. **Kentucky has odd-year elections only for its seven Constitutional offices (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture, Auditor, Attorney General and Secretary of State) which costs the taxpayers millions of dollars and results in reliably low voter turnout. Should Kentucky move those elections to the even-year ballot to both save money and increase voter turnout? ***

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

15. **The cost for most publicly funded projects in Kentucky includes the use of “prevailing wage,” which mandates wages paid to workers who do the same work for a lower, market-driven wage on private-sector projects. Prevailing wage laws can increase the cost of a project by 10-14 percent over the cost of the same project in the private sector, thereby limiting how far we can stretch tax dollars on critical investments in infrastructure and public education. To make our limited funds for projects go further, should Kentucky eliminate the use of prevailing wage? ***

Mark only one oval.

Yes
 No

16. **Legislators' pensions should be considered public information. ***

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17. **Kentucky should continue to invest heavily in its various pension funds to work toward paying off the unfunded liability of the systems. ***

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18. **Kentucky's Juvenile Justice system was overhauled in 2014 with Senate Bill 200, a bill now used as a national model in a handful of other states undertaking similar reform work. Part of that work shone a light on the disproportionate treatment of minority children in the system. Kentucky should identify where that disproportionate minority contact is occurring within the system and take steps to eliminate it. ***

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19. **Kentucky law already requires convicted felons to submit a DNA sample, but collecting that cheek swab upon a felony arrest would help identify more criminal offenders and solve cold cases, a practice upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in Maryland v. King (2013). Kentucky should allow for the collection of felon arrestee DNA so long as it provides a way to expunge that DNA sample if an arrestee is acquitted or their case is dismissed. ***

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- Yes, DNA samples should be taken upon a felony arrest.
- Yes, DNA samples should be taken regardless of whether an expungement process exists.
- No, DNA samples should not be taken upon a felony arrest.

20. **Kentucky should adopt a law that restricts who can use male or female bathroom facilities on public property. ***

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21. **What other topics should be considered by the legislature when it reconvenes in January, 2017?**

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