**Legislation Discussed During the June Meeting**

**SB 163** – (Sen. Storm, Givens, Neal, Southworth, Yates)

*Delete the requirement that an eligible high school student and eligible postsecondary student not be a convicted felon for KEES eligibility purposes.*

Rep. Timoney was a passionate supporter. He also asked for a change in the allotment amount. Rep. Brown was in general support of the bill. It was also included as a recommendation from KY Chamber Task Force. Bill was vetoed by the Governor.

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/22rs/sb163.html>

**SB 238** - (Sen. Yates & Sen. Berg)

*Require cosmetic exams to be available in multiple languages.*

“That wouldn’t be rocket science to translate that exam into another language.” – Sen. Givens

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/22rs/sb238.html>

**SB 363 (C.R.O.W.N. Act)** – (Sen. Neal, Westefield, McGarvey)

*Defines "protective hairstyle" and "race"; and prohibits school codes from discriminating on the basis of race, including protective hairstyles.*

Received the most support of any bill mentioned in the June meeting.

Sen. Westerfield will carry the bill next session and has requested that the C.R.O.W.N. Act be a topic for one of our remaining meetings.

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/22rs/sb363.html>

**HB 126** – (Rep. R. Huff)

*Require the completion of the FAFSA form as a requirement for high school graduation.*

Sen. Givens would like to roll it into the high school accountability model and not as a condition of graduation. Sen. Berg said that it was the #1 ask of U of L. It was also included as a recommendation from KY Chamber Task Force.

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/22rs/hb126.html>

**Recommendations: KY Chamber Task Force on Racial Inequality**

***Economic Empowerment***

The following recommendations focus on strengthening the economic empowerment of all Kentuckians:

• Government agencies and postsecondary institutions should be directed, by regulation or statute, to regularly collect and publish data on the race of public contract holders.

• The state Cabinet for Economic Development should be directed by state law to produce an annual report on all of its economic development support programs and resources that includes demographic breakdowns by race, geography and size of businesses supported. Six months after completion of the initial review, the Cabinet should recommend administrative and/or legislative solutions to problems of disparate investment.

• The state Finance Cabinet should be directed to produce an annual report on the implementation of the small or small minority owned business set aside program and to recommend administrative and/or legislative solutions to improve effectiveness.