

2025 Legislative Recommendations

At our June meeting the Commission heard testimony concerning the challenges of small businesses and minority contractors. The presenters encouraged the Commission to support legislation to:

- Ensure that all state agencies follow procurement policies as it relates to minority businesses.
- Encourage state procurement policies that continue to support low-income businesses and entrepreneurs.

At our July and October meetings, the Commission heard from several educational institutions. The presenters mentioned the following legislative suggestions:

- Consider funding for colleges like Simmons, KCTCS, and KSU to provide prison education.
- Encourage policies to maximize the successes of K-12 gender specific education as evidenced by Carter G. Woodson and the West End School.
- Consider funding for a Nursing School building at KSU.

At our September meeting the Commission discussed integrating our immigrant community. We heard from education professionals and non-profit organizations. They recommended the following policy changes:

- Consider policy revisions that remove barriers to licensure in underserved professions in Kentucky.
- Invest in English Language Learner (ELL) programs in K-12.
- Support policy change to provide a longer period of time before ELL students' test scores are counted in the district performance data.