

2014 STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY EFFORTS



January 8

Chamber staff begins weekly visits to the Capitol that continue until session adjourns in May. During the session we weighed in on dozens of bills and issues—a snapshot of that effort is included here.

January 8

The Chamber's legislative agenda is distributed to every member of the state House and Senate.



January 21

The Chamber provides testimony to the House Workforce Development and Workplace Safety committee in support of Right to Work legislation, HB 1099.

January 22

Hundreds gather in Jefferson City as the Chamber and its Springfield Metro Partners advocate for southwest Missouri at the 29th annual Salute to Legislators reception.



January 31

The Chamber board discusses our 2014 legislative priorities with 13 members of the local legislative delegation.

FEBRUARY

JANUARY

March 28

Top business leaders and education experts discuss the need for rigorous standards to prepare students at all levels for the workforce.



March 26

The Chamber provides testimony in support of HB 1482, legislation relating to punitive and compensatory damages.

January 10

Scott Marrs, Governmental Services Group, Inc., predicts a tough year for legislation due to the coming election in a meeting with Chamber members hosted by the Governmental Relations Committee.



January 22

Community leaders, led by the Chamber, meet with the Speaker of the House, President Pro Tem of the Senate, other legislative leadership and the Governor's office during Springfield's Advocacy Day, prior to Salute to Legislators.



January 22

The Chamber testifies in support of funding for the National Career Readiness Certificate, an important workforce development initiative.

SPRINGFIELD METRO PARTNERSHIP

February 26

The Springfield Metro Partnership hosts the first legislative breakfast of 2014, providing Chamber members with the opportunity to interact with legislators and discuss legislative priorities.



February 4

The Chamber testifies in support of HJR 68, a proposal for a long-term solution to the state's transportation funding needs.

MARCH

March 18

In his remarks to the Chamber's Governmental Relations Committee, Sen. Mike Parson emphasizes the need for political candidates who are willing to compromise.



APRIL

April 4

Senator Mike Kehoe provides Chamber members with a "Transportation Outlook" at a meeting hosted by the Governmental Relations Committee.



April 23

The Chamber's Governmental Relations Committee hosted Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster.



May 12

The Chamber sends a legislative call to action encouraging members to support the transportation funding measure, HJR 68. The bill passed, which will place a funding solution for the state's transportation needs on the August ballot.

MAY

February 21
State Rep. Eric Burlison discusses the advantages of Right to Work legislation with Chamber members at a legislative update hosted by the Governmental Relations Committee.



May 22

Representative John Diehl, the House Majority floor leader, provides Chamber members with a recap of the 2014 legislative session at a Governmental Relations Committee meeting.



SPRINGFIELD METRO PARTNERSHIP

April 23

The Springfield Metro Partnership held the final legislative breakfast of the 2014 legislative session.



May 15

The Chamber provides testimony and a legislative call to action in support of HB 1495, which would create a new program to support entrepreneurship by providing funding for early stage start companies.