

- Week of March 10, 2023

Hello there, dear Jackson County residents, and thank you for reading my legislative column. I know many of you are gladly welcoming longer days and springing your clocks forward. I also welcomed some passionate, outstanding advocates and the opportunity to spring forward one of my proposals this week.

On March 6, I presented <u>Senate Bill 446</u> to members of the Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee. Identical to a bill passed out of this committee in 2022, SB 446 modifies who qualifies to receive restitution payments for serving time in prison for crimes they did not commit. In 2006, the Missouri Legislature passed a law which granted payments to people who have been proved innocent of their charged crimes due to new DNA evidence. This bill doesn't increase the amount of these payments, it just permits anyone whose actual innocence has been proven, regardless of how, to apply for restitution.

Ironically enough, the day after the hearing for SB 446, the Missouri Justice Coalition hosted a Day of Empathy at the Capitol. With its mission to end the prevalence of wrongful convictions and sending innocent people to prison, this determined group of advocates and community organizers used the event to raise awareness, share stories and advocate for justice for those serving time for crimes they did not commit. I was honored to introduce coalition members Shyretta Smith and Amy Wilkinson to my colleagues on the Senate floor.

## Celebrating Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated Day

March 8 was a hectic but wonderful day as my distinguished sorority sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. gathered at the Capitol for their annual advocacy day. Founded in 1908 at Howard University by St. Louis native Ethel Hedgemon Lyle and a few African American college-educated women, AKA has grown to more than 300,000 members representing chapters across the globe. I was proud to present a resolution to Midwestern Regional Director Anika A. Wilson Starling to honor those who are "Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood." Under the leadership of the International President Dannette Anthony Reed, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will address the disparaging issue of Black maternal mortality.



Senator Washington joins her sorority sisters, for "Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Capitol."

## **Showing Solidarity**

I was also happy to meet with members of Teamsters Local Union 541 from Kansas City and representatives from the Missouri Workers Center who were advocating at the Capitol this week. The Workers Center's tagline sums their advocacy efforts up perfectly: "United against racism – Good jobs for all!"



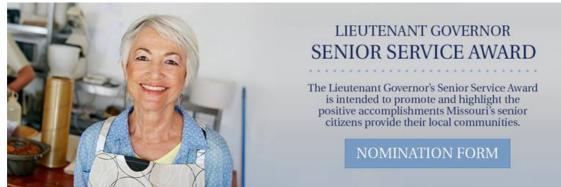
Senator Washington meets with members of the Teamsters 541.



Representatives from the Missouri Workers Center meet with Sen. Washington.

## **Senior Service Awards**

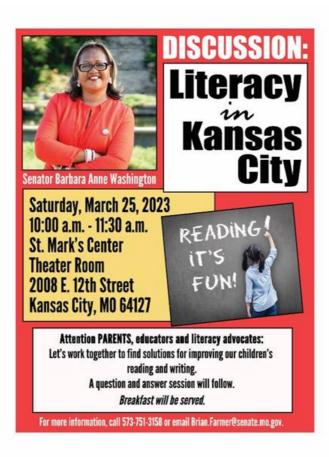
Each year, the lieutenant governor honors senior citizens who have gone above and beyond by volunteering in their communities. If you know a deserving resident from our community over the age of 60, please nominate them for a Senior Service Award before the March 20 deadline. Click on the image below for more information or call 573-751-1088.



Save the Dates!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend these upcoming community events. On March 25, I'll host a discussion on "Literacy in Kansas City," followed by serving as a panelist in a Voter Rights Forum. June 24 is my annual Public Health and Safety Fair. Please share the below images on your social media channels to help spread the word. I look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events.







Below is a list of the bills I have sponsored in 2023. If you have questions or need additional information or assistance, please reach out.

Bill Number	Description	Status
Senate Bill 423	Modifies provisions relating to certification of juveniles for trial as adults.	Referred to Judiciary
Senate Bill 424	Creates new provisions on discriminatory practices relating to hair.	Referred to Progress and Development
Senate Bill 425	Authorizes a tax credit for the purchase of certain homes.	Referred to Economic Development
Senate Bill 433	Authorizes a sales tax exemption for feminine hygiene products.	Referred to Economic Development
Senate Bill 434	Authorizes a tax credit for providing services to homeless persons.	Referred to Governmental Accountability
Senate Bill 435	Creates a Text-to-Donate program for homeless services in certain cities.	Referred to Governmental Accountability
Senate Bill 437	Authorizes a tax credit for providing housing to victims of domestic violence.	Referred to Governmental Accountability
Senate Bill 438	Creates a pilot program for incarcerated mothers to have access to their children.	Referred to Judiciary
Senate Bill 439	Creates the offense of unlawful possession of a handgun.	Referred to Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety
<u>Senate Bill 440</u>	Establishes the "Cronkite New Voices Act" to protect the freedom of press in school- sponsored media.	Referred to Progress and Development
Senate Bill 441	Creates provisions relating to firearms.	Referred to Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety
Senate Bill 442	Modifies provisions relating to concealed firearms.	Referred to Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety

## Senator Washington's Sponsored Legislation for 2023

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Senate Bill 443	Modifies provisions relating to medical	Referred to Health and
	marijuana program participants in family court	Welfare
	matters.	
Senate Bill 444	Creates provisions relating to reporting	Referred to Transportation,
	requirements of law enforcement agencies.	Infrastructure and Public
		Safety
Senate Bill 445	Modifies provisions relating to use of force by	Referred to Judiciary
	law enforcement officers.	
Senate Bill 446	Modifies provisions relating to restitution for	Hearing conducted on
	individuals who are actually innocent.	March 6.
Senate Bill 447	Modifies provisions relating to criminal records.	Referred to Judiciary
Senate Bill 531	Modifies provisions relating to expungement.	First Read
Senate Bill 561	Modifies provisions relating to earned discharge	First Read
	from probation.	
Senate Bill 562	Creates new provisions relating to state	First Read
	contracts for minority and women's business	
	enterprises.	
Senate Bill 563	Creates a DWI diversion program.	First Read
Senate Bill 579	Modifies the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality	First Read
	Review Board.	
Senate Bill 580	Modifies provisions relating to the Department	First Read
	of Higher Education and Workforce	
	Development.	
Senate Bill 581	Creates provisions relating to parole eligibility.	First Read
Senate Bill 582	Modifies provisions relating to terms of	First Read
	probation.	
Senate Bill 583	Authorizes a tax credit for the purchase of	First Read
	electric vehicles.	
Senate Bill 641	Modifies provisions relating to the certification	First Read
	of juveniles for trial as adults.	
Senate Bill 643	Modifies provisions relating to offenses against	First Read
	employees of election authorities.	
Senate Bill 675	Modifies provisions relating to legal	First Read
	representation for certain court proceedings	
	involving children.	
Senate Bill 676	Modifies provisions relating to the offense of	First Read
	filing false documents.	
Senate Bill 713	Enacts provisions relating to health insurance	First Read
	coverage of maternity services.	
Senate Bill 714	Establishes standards for demographic data	First Read
	collection by certain entities.	
Senate Bill 715	Creates a health advocate program in the	First Read
	Department of Health and Senior Services.	
Senate Bill 716	Enacts provisions relating to motor vehicle sales	First Read
	tax payment plans.	
Senate Bill 722	Modifies provisions relating to tax increment	First Read
	financing.	
Senate Bill 723	Relates to voter registration.	First Read
Senate Concurrent	Apologizes for the State of Missouri's role in	Referred to Rules, Joint
Resolution 14	slavery.	Rules, Resolutions and

		Ethics
Senate Joint	Places limits on increases of the assessment of	Referred to General Laws
Resolution 36	certain properties.	
Senate Joint	Exempts from taxation real and personal	Referred to General Laws
Resolution 40	property of citizens over the age of 65.	

It is an honor representing the great people of Jackson County's 9th Senatorial District. If you need assistance navigating state government or understanding the legislative process, please contact me by calling 573-751-3158 or emailing <u>Barbara.Washington@senate.mo.gov</u>. My team is here for you!