

2023 Kansas State End of Session Report

Community Associations Institute (CAI) spent the 2023 legislative session advocating on behalf of the approximately <u>154,000 Kansans in 62,000 homes in more than 2,000 community associations</u>. More than 882 bills were introduced, and CAI monitored 4 bills that would have directly affected community associations. Below is a brief overview:

HB 2268 - Prohibiting certain restrictions of residential solar energy devices. CAI actively advocated for this legislation which would prohibit community associations from regulating the installation and use of solar panels. CAI offered amendments to this legislation to align better with best practices to allow for reasonable rules and regulations within communities to support property values. CAI supports public policy that recognizes and respects the governance and contractual obligations of community association residents as the best mechanism to enact sustainable environmental policies. Status: Failed Sine Die

HB 2376 - Prohibiting the recording of any restrictive covenant that violates the Kansas act against discrimination and authorizing the removal of such covenants from existing documents, and prohibiting city or county laws prohibiting discrimination that are more restrictive than state law. CAI actively advocated on this legislation that would help associations to remove discriminatory restrictive covenants. The legislation, as written, would have allowed a 60-day window for associations to remove discriminatory restrictive covenant without a vote. CAI worked to attempt to amend the proposed legislation to extend this timeframe, however the bill died before it could be advanced. Status: Failed Sine Die

HB 2174 - Authorizing the Kansas human rights commission or any city or county to remove an unlawful restrictive covenant by recording a redacted plat or declaration. CAI actively advocated on this legislation, and its Senate companion, SB 77, that would allow Kansas Human Rights Commission or any city or county to remove an unlawful discriminatory covenant in associations. CAI attempted to amend the legislation to use uniform language from CAI's model language, however the bill died before it could advance.

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CAI relies on outside resources such as professional lobbying as a vital and integral part of the legislative process. The volunteers who advocate – including homeowner leaders, community managers, and business partners – greatly rely on contributions from management companies and business partners in addition to individuals to continue their important efforts in the legislature. CAI needs your financial support to bolster their advocacy activities in 2023 and beyond. We encourage donations from KS community associations, business partners, and individuals. Please visit www.caionline.org/lacdonate/ and donate to "Issues Advancement Fund" to support our continued efforts.

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We need YOUR voice! <u>Sign up today</u> to become a CAI Advocacy Ambassador and help shape legislation in your state!

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