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BATTLE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

HOUSE OF ORIGIN CUTOFF | 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILLS KILLED

Briefed but Didn't Run: **36 BILLS**
Died on Floor Calendar: **66 BILLS**
Died in Rules Committee: **102 BILLS**
Died in Committees: **348 BILLS**

FEWEST BILLS PASSED SINCE AT LEAST

2011

AMENDMENT ACTIVITY

Total Amendments Proposed: **593**
Average # in Short Session: **465**

BILLS WITH MOST AMENDMENTS

1. Releasing Dangerous Youth Offenders — **HB 2389 – 63 Amendments**
2. STEP Housing — **HB 2266 – 31 Amendments**
3. Construction Worker Wages — **HB 2191 – 28 Amendments**

SOCIAL MEDIA WINS

- More than **22 million total views** across all HRC social media accounts through House of Origin Cutoff.
- **7.2 million views**, **371k interactions** and **3,629 net new followers** between Committee Cutoff and House of Origin Cutoff.
- Debate on LEOFF 1 pension restatement (HB 2034) viewed over **1 million** times on HRC social media platforms and **aired on national channels** including **Newsmax.**

FLOOR FIGHTS

HOUSE REPUBLICANS KILL NUMEROUS DEMOCRAT PRIORITIES

- Bills that make everyday life more expensive:
  - **HB 1254** – increasing the cost of housing
  - **HB 1420** – increasing the cost of clothing
  - **HB 2233** & **HB 2271** – increasing the cost of groceries
  - **HB 2275** – increasing the cost of electricity
  - **HB 2421** – increasing the cost of tires
- Bills that make communities less safe:
  - **HB 1125** – lowering criminal sentences
  - **HB 1178** – reducing penalties for drug and gang crimes
  - **HB 2389** – releasing dangerous juvenile offenders
  - **HB 2403** – softening sex offender registration requirements
  - **HB 2489** – allowing encampments on all public property

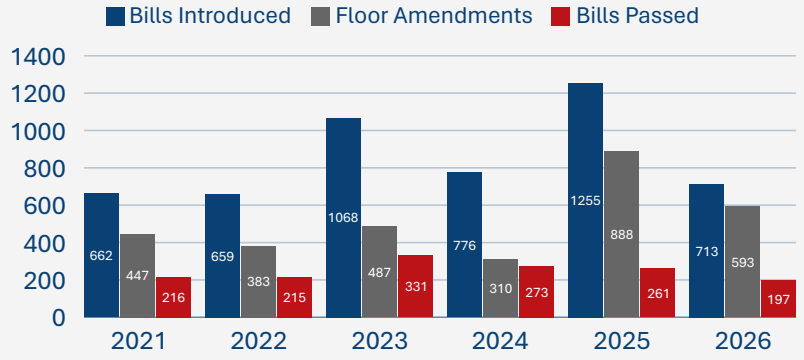
HOUSE REPUBLICANS FORCE VOTE ON CHILD PROTECTION BILLS

- DCYF fails to remove children from homes where fentanyl and other dangerous drugs are present.
- After Democrats blocked three bills requiring DCYF to remove children from dangerous homes, House Republicans moved to bring them to the floor.
- House Democrats overwhelmingly opposed Republican motions, and the bills died at the February 17 cutoff.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS KILL ANOTHER "5:00 CUTOFF BILL"

- At 5:00 cutoff, the Speaker brought HB 2389 to the floor, which would have released dangerous juvenile early offenders.
- Republicans – joined by moderate Democrats – filed more than 60 amendments and prepared for extended debate.
- Lacking the votes to pass the bill amid strong opposition, the Speaker had to pull the bill down from the floor.

HOUSE BILL STATUS AS OF HOUSE OF ORIGIN CUTOFF



54 REPUBLICAN BILLS PASSED OUT OF HOUSE