



2023 MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The HBA's 2023 Missouri Legislative Agenda includes long-standing policy issues that are important to HBA members and key to a strong housing industry. The HBA Government Affairs Committee will continue to monitor legislation and recommend policy positions as necessary.

TOP PRIORITIES

Housing Attainability: The HBA supports initiatives which encourage a diverse housing stock in the free-market system as well as action that would promote and encourage new development through regulatory review, elimination of burdensome fee structures and statutory barriers that would hurt affordability and Missourians' ability to acquire and retain homeownership.

Building & Development Permits: The HBA supports actions that promote consistency in the interpretation of development guidelines and standards as well as those that assist in improving the efficiency of the plan review and inspection processes in local municipalities. Administrative inconsistencies and delays on the part of local governments further burden the consumer.

Workforce Development: The HBA supports efforts to promote and enhance workforce education and training programs, and to identify funding opportunities to help the residential building industry recruit, train and retain its workers. Lawmakers should also pursue and support policies that complement ongoing vocational training efforts and help fill labor gaps.

IMPORTANT PRIORITIES

Infrastructure & Transportation: The HBA supports adequate funding and a regulatory framework that enhances the state's critical infrastructure system that will meet the state's workforce needs as well as community and economic development.

Building Codes: The HBA has historically supported Home Rule authority that allowed municipalities to maintain control over their local building codes. Governing bodies should borrow from the model national codes as a baseline and allow for local amendments in consultation with industry expertise that reflects the needs of the local economy.

Taxes: The HBA supports state tax policy that promotes economic growth and homeownership. Additionally, the HBA supports the current sales tax exemption on labor services such as framing, siding, roofing, digging, excavating, as well as professional and design services.

Contractor Licensing: The HBA supports action that allows local governing bodies to maintain authority over contractor licensure and education.

Workers Compensation Reform: The HBA supports the requirement that all on-site employees in the construction industry are covered by workers' compensation insurance.