

STATE REP TOM KIRBY

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HB 688: THE GEORGIA FAIR TAXATION ACT OF 2014

Modeled after the FairTax bill in Congress, the Georgia Fair Taxation Act will eliminate income tax in Georgia. The bill will move Georgia to consumption based tax that is revenue neutral to our current taxes. This bill will be a catalyst for economic development in Georgia. It is time to transform our tax code and end the punitive income tax that only hurts the successful.

HB 320: INERT LANDFILLS

This bill stops recently imposed new regulations on our inert landfills in Georgia. Regulations passed by EPD earlier this year would have effectively put the inert landfills



out of business, costing jobs and higher cost to dispose inert material for all Georgians. HB 320 that Representative Kirby co-sponsored, grandfathered the current inert landfills that are in compliance to stay with the current

Permit by Rule for their operation. Saving businesses, saving jobs and saving citizens money.

SB 62:

This bill created as a joint committee of the General Assembly The Federal and State Funded Health Care Financing Programs Overview Committee to inquire into and review the actions of the Board and the Department of Community Health to evaluate the success with which the board and the department are accomplishing the statutory duties and functions as provided in this article. DCH is the 2nd largest budgeted department in the state, this committee will be holding them accountable for every dime they spend. Representative Kirby sponsored this bill in the house.

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Friends & Neighbors,

Thank you for the privilege to represent your interests in the Georgia General Assembly. It is a tremendous responsibility that I take seriously. It was a very good session and I am confident that we made improvements that will help all the people of Georgia. I have highlighted a few of the bills we passed for your review in this newsletter.

I am happy to help residents cut through the red tape, solve problems and answer questions about government agencies. If you have a question about a government agency, program, or decision making process, I am here to assist you. Although I cannot circumvent agency rules, force a decision in your favor, or change a decision that is already final, I can contact the agency on your behalf and ensure that your case is being handled properly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at your convenience. It is a pleasure to serve the constituents of Georgia's House District 114.

Regards,

REPRESENTATIVE TOM KIRBY

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2013 STATE REPRESENTATIVE **TOM KIRBY** ON THE ISSUES...

HB 106: BUDGET

The Fiscal Year 2014 budget totals \$19.8 billion in state funds, and will direct spending for all state agencies, departments, and programs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

Spending in Fiscal Year 2014 is still \$1.7 billion less than it was in was in the 2009 budget with over 1,000,000 additional citizens to serve, State per Capita spending in 2014 mirrors 1991 levels.

EDUCATION:

- Adds \$146.5 million to fully fund QBE growth
- Increases Pre-Kindergarten funding to fund 10 additional days, restoring 180 calendar
- Provides 3% increase to Hope Scholarships and Grants

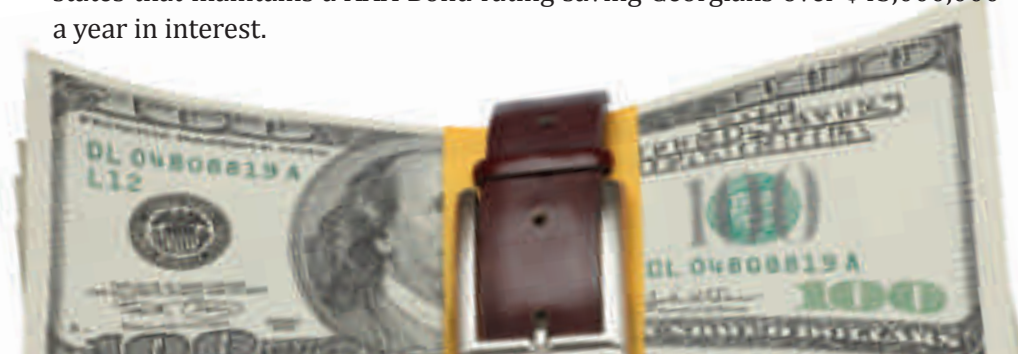
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Provides money to tear down 400 toll booth
- Restored funds for Forestry Commission for purpose of fire detection

BONDS:

- \$850 million total state bonds
- \$646 million for K-12 education, equipment and school buses
- \$398.6 million for college and university construction
- \$2.5 million for equipment for our new Lanier Tech campus in Barrow Co.
- \$3.995 million for new library projects
- \$75 million for public safety agencies

While politicians in D.C. add to our deficit, in Georgia, we are leading by only spending what we take in. In fact, since 2008, we have consistently cut government waste to maintain a balanced budget. Georgia is one of only 8 states that maintains a AAA Bond rating saving Georgians over \$45,000,000 a year in interest.



HB 142: ETHICS

Gifts from registered lobbyists are capped at \$75. Lobbyist registration would only be required of those who are compensated for their work, or generate reimbursed expenses of \$250 or more.

HB 188: MILITARY CERTIFICATIONS

Allows newly discharged veterans who have received specialized skilled trades training to be issued an initial license if the training received is determined by the agency to be sufficient for a license issuance. This initial license would only apply to the first application and the licensee would still be subject to future requirements.

SB 101/HB 512: GUN BILL

All of the gun legislation ended up on one bill, SB 101, which contained HB 512 and other pro-2nd amendment legislation. This bill in its final form would have allowed conceal carry on college campuses, allowed churches to permit weapons on their grounds by restoring their private property rights, and allowed school districts to arm school administrators. This bill would have allowed our veterans to obtain a concealed carry permit after being Honorably Discharged. This bill would have also initiated more reciprocal agreements that would allow Georgia citizens to carry in more states. The bill was assigned to a conference committee where the members from both chambers worked to agree on the final language. The House members of the committee signed their approval some 3 hours before we adjourned sine die. The senators did not sign until 10:55 PM ensuring there would not be time to pass the bill in this session. Rep. Kirby strongly supported this bill.



HB 242: COURTS

Provides community-based alternatives to locking up juvenile offenders and require fewer to be incarcerated.



Rep. Kirby's bio...

Representative Tom Kirby of Loganville, first moved to Walton County in 1989. He earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Agriculture Economics from the University of Kentucky.

In March 2012, Kirby was elected to the Georgia State House after he won a special election to fill the unexpired term of Len Walker. Today District 114 includes parts of Barrow, Gwinnett, Rockdale and Walton counties.

As a member of the Georgia House of Representatives, Representative Kirby is Secretary of the Industry and Labor Committee, Secretary of the Human Relations and Aging committee and a member of both the Agriculture & Consumer Affairs, and the Small Business Development Committee.

Tom has been an active leader in the local community. He is a graduate of the Leadership Walton Program and served as the President of the Leadership Alumni Association. He served on the Board of Directors for Walton County Chamber of Commerce holding the Vice Chairman for Economic Development position. He also served as the Chairman of the Board for the Walton Career Academy.

He and his wife Rosemary have three children, Courtney, Leslie, and Peyton. Tom and his family are active members of The Church at the Grove in Walnut Grove where Rosemary previously served as the Children's Ministry Director.

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