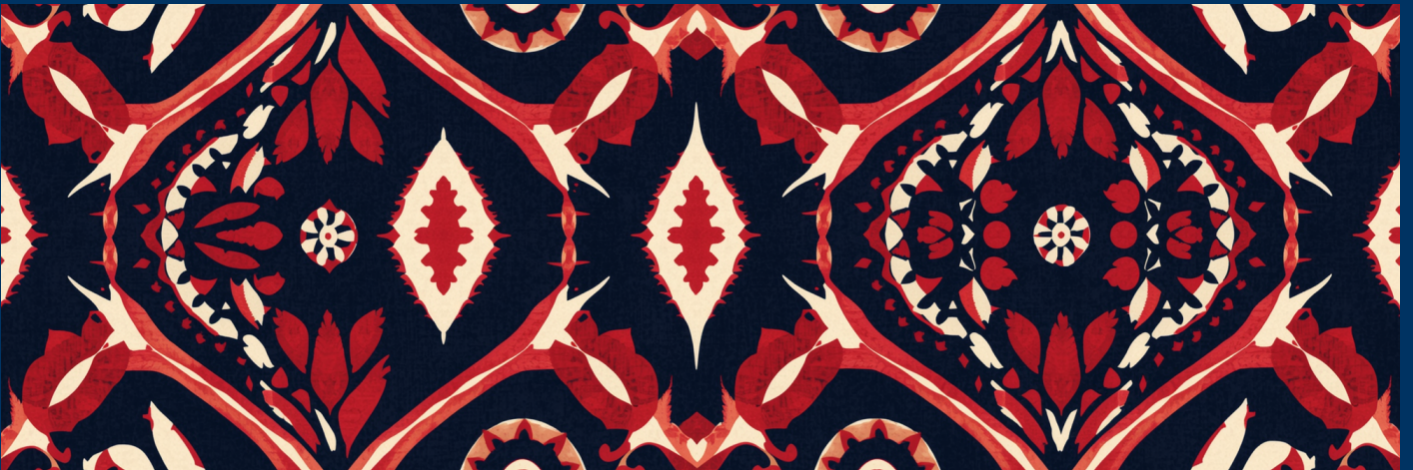


LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN



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LEGAL INSIGHTS

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1. LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026, was passed.
- The Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026, was passed.
- The Civil Aviation Regulations (comprehensive framework) were gazetted.
- The FY 2026/27 National Budget Estimates, along with revenue, expenditure, and development projections, were tabled.
- The Local Content Bill was debated in the National Assembly.
- The Artificial Intelligence Bill and the Competition (Amendment) Bill introduced.



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2. SECTORAL LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATES

2.1. FINANCIAL, FISCAL & FINTECH UPDATES

a) Parliament passed the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026, reducing VAT on petroleum products from 16% to 8% for an initial 90-day period to cushion consumers against rising fuel costs.

b) The National Assembly passed the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026, introducing exemptions on Capital Gains Tax for qualifying internal corporate restructurings where there is no change in beneficial ownership.

c) The National Executive Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2026/27 and the Medium-Term, alongside revenue, expenditure and development projections were tabled.

d) The supplementary expenditure estimates for the Financial Year 2025/26 were passed by the National Assembly.

e) The National Assembly raised concerns on delayed VAT refunds, particularly on claims arising from the reduction of VAT on petroleum products from 16 per cent to eight per cent.

f) The Senate sought clarification on the impact of the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), enforcement of the Electronic Tax Invoice Management System (ETIMS) and tax recovery policies on contractors and business operators across the country.

g) Sovereign Wealth Fund Bill, 2026, was published in the Kenya Gazette.

2.2. AGRICULTURE SECTOR

a) The Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2026 and Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2026 were tabled before Parliament.

b) The National Assembly debated findings from an inquiry into tea pricing in Kenya amid concerns regarding farmer payments, market access and production costs.

c) Both Houses approved the mediated version of the Food and Feed Safety Control Coordination Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2023).

d) The Crops (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2023) was passed by the National Assembly.

e) A Motion was introduced seeking subsidised electricity tariffs for export-oriented agricultural producers and processors.

f) The Senate requested information regarding seed certification, importation and processing facilities regulated by KEPHIS.

12 BILLS

Bills Passed or
Progressed

20+

Regulations Gazetted

2.3. Transport Logistics & Aviation

a) Multiple Civil Aviation Regulations covering licensing, safety, air navigation, environmental protection, carbon offsetting and unmanned aircraft systems, among others, were gazetted.

b) The Traffic (School Transport) Rules, 2026 and Traffic (Drink-Driving) Rules, 2026 were published in the Gazette.

c) The Senate sought updates on Kenya's preparedness to host AFCON 2027, including stadium compliance and infrastructure readiness.

8 SECTORS

Key Sectors Impacted

2.4. ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE & ICT



- a) The National Energy Policy 2025 was tabled.
- b) Sessional Paper No. 4 of 2026 on the National Petroleum Policy was tabled.
- c) Parliament sought updates on Kenya's petroleum reserves and supply resilience amid global geopolitical tensions.
- d) The Senate raised concerns regarding persistent power outages in Nairobi.
- e) The Energy and Petroleum Authority published the draft Energy Coal & Coal Bed Methane regulations and prepared a regulatory impact statement for the proposed regulations. The overall objective of the draft regulation is to establish a comprehensive legal framework for the use of coal and coalbed methane and its derivatives for energy production.

2.5. Technology & Digital economy

- a) The Senate introduced the Artificial Intelligence Bill, 2026 and debated a Motion on the promotion of Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies in Kenya.
- b) The Senate sought a statement on monetization and revenue-sharing practices on the digital platform X.
- c) The Report of the Standing Committee in Information, Communication and Technology on its consideration of the Electronic Equipment Disposal, Recycling and Reusable Bill (Senate Bills No. 5 of 2025) was tabled.
- d) The National Assembly approved Senate amendments to the Technopolis Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2024), passing the mediated version of the Bill.

2.6. CONSUMER GOODS & PUBLIC HEALTH

a)The Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill was introduced in the National Assembly alongside Senate deliberations on the management and control of the Tobacco Control Fund.

b)The Report of the Departmental Committee on Health on its consideration of the Harm Reduction Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 37 of 2025) was tabled.

c)The Senate raised concerns regarding the SHA system outages, fraudulent claims, delayed settlements and healthcare access.

d)The Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 41 of 2025) progressed through the National Assembly.

e)The National Assembly sought investigations regarding the alleged circulation of harmful, adulterated alcoholic drinks in the country.

f)The National Assembly issued a notice of motion seeking adoption of the Public Petitions Committee Report on Public Petition No. 14 of 2025 proposing amendments to the Consumer Protection Act to provide for the in duplum rule.

2.7. Environment, Extractives & Water

a) The Climate Change (Non-Market Approaches) Regulations, 2026, were tabled.

b) The National Assembly passed the Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 38 of 2025).

c) The Senate raised concerns regarding construction activities within Karura Forest Reserve.

d) The Senate sought investigations into the environmental degradation, illegal developments on wetlands, riparian land and environmentally sensitive ecosystems.

2.8. Trade Industry and Cooperatives

a) The Competition (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2026) was introduced in the National Assembly – The Bill seeks to strengthen the mandate of the Competition Authority of Kenya to address anti-competitive and unfair markets conduct in digital markets arising from abuse of superior bargaining power.

b) The Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2026) progressed through the National Assembly. The Bill expands the scope of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to include oil and gas sectors, allowing oil developers and operators to undertake enterprise activities in both upstream and midstream petroleum sectors.

c) The National Assembly rejected several Senate amendments to the Cooperatives Bill (National Assembly Bill, No. 7 of 2024), triggering mediation.

d) The Local Content Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 45 of 2025) progressed through the National Assembly.

e) Parliament considered a Motion on the Copyright (Consolidated Music and Audio-Visual Works) Tariffs, 2026.

f) Parliament initiated consideration of a report into the illegal release of condemned sugar.

2.9. Employment & Labour

a) The Labour Migration and Management (No. 2) Bill (Senate Bill No. 42 of 2024) was introduced in the National Assembly following its passage by the Senate.

b) The Social Protection (General) Regulations, 2026, were tabled.

c) The Senate raised concerns regarding labour standards, workplace safety and compliance in private industrial facilities.

2.10. Public Sector

- a) The Public Participation Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 44 of 2025) progressed through the National Assembly.
- b) The Senate considered the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bill No.2 of 2026).
- c) Both Houses progressed the mediated version of the National Disaster Risk Management Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 24 of 2023).
- d) The Certified Governance Secretaries Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2026) was introduced in the National Assembly.
- e) Multiple county governance amendment bills were introduced in Parliament.



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