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Legislative Report No. 2 2021 Kentucky General Assembly

Today marks the fourth legislative day of the 2021 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. In the first four days of the session, there have been a total of 106 senate and 248 house bills and resolutions filed.

Yesterday, the General Assembly amended the 2021 legislative calendar. They are now scheduled to meet tomorrow and Monday-Wednesday of next week before returning for Part II of the session on February 2. The General Assembly will use the additional four days in Part I of this session to begin the budget process. All indications are that both the House and Senate will pass a continuation budget and then hold budget conference committee meetings later in January to craft a final budget document.

Last night, Governor Beshear presented his State of the Commonwealth and State Budget address for fiscal year 2022.

Below is a list of items contained in the proposed budget pertaining to our funding priorities:

- \$50 million to the broadband deployment fund to expand broadband to unserved and underserved areas of the state;
- Agricultural Development Funds: \$34.9 million, of these funds \$14.4 million is allocated to the county funds;
- Environmental Stewardship Program: \$2.5 million;
- Conservation District Local Aid: \$907,300;
- The Kentucky Department of Agriculture was budgeted \$18.1 million;

[HB 192](#) is the House budget bill and currently contains the same appropriations as above.

Some bills of interest:

[SB 3: P. Hornback – AN ACT relating to reorganization and declaring an emergency.](#)

This bill would remove the Agricultural Development Board and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation from the Office of the Governor and place it in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. This bill passed the Senate yesterday by a vote of 29-8 and now heads to the House for their consideration.

KFB Policy:

"We support administration of Ag Development Funds be moved to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and those funds be protected for use for programs that directly impact farm income."

[SB 2: S. West – AN ACT relating to administrative regulations and declaring an emergency.](#)

This bill would provide legislative oversight and require a public comment period for emergency administrative regulations. This bill passed the Senate yesterday by a vote of 31-6 and now heads to the House for their consideration.

KFB Policy:

"We support legislative oversight of state regulations and executive orders."

"We recognize the need for the General Assembly to have greater control over the enactment and implementation of regulations, appointment oversight, and budget revisions."

The General Assembly also finalized the various standing committee assignments. **[Click here to view the 2021 Standing Committee Assignments.](#)**

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

During the week, you may reach your representative and senator in Frankfort by calling 502.564.8100.

If you do not desire to talk to your state legislator immediately or you just want to leave a message, you may dial toll-free 800.372.7181. An answering service will take your message for your representative or senator. The legislative calendar information line is 800.633.9650, the

bill status line is 866.840.2835, and the Governor's office number is 502.564.2611.

If you desire to e-mail your representative or senator, [click here](#) for a list of e-mail addresses for members of the Kentucky General Assembly. Find your legislator and click on his or her name to access their e-mail address.

YOUR LOBBYISTS

The following are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2021 session: Jeff Harper, Public Affairs Director, extension 5104; Kyle Kelly, extension 7417; and Drew Graham, extension 5121. If you would like to call your lobbyists during the evening, call 502.495.5000 and key in their extensions.

If you would like to contact one of your lobbyists during the day, please call Katie Weatherholt at 502.493.7669 and she will put you in touch with one of them.

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