



March 4, 2022

## **Legislative Report No. 10**

### **2022 Kentucky General Assembly**

Today marked the forty-first legislative day of the 2022 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. The deadline to file new bills has passed for both the House and Senate and there has been a total of 556 senate and 898 house bills and resolutions introduced this session.

Some of the issues we remain focused on are the state budget, tax reform, broadband and solar.

#### **Bills of interest:**

##### **[HB 8: J. Petrie - AN ACT relating to revenue measures.](#)**

This is the House version of tax modernization. This bill would reduce the individual income tax rate to 4% for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and provide a further rate reduction in future years if certain thresholds of total general fund receipts are exceeded, provide that the tax rate shall not exceed a reduction of more than one percentage point in a calendar year. It would impose sales tax on certain services and remove the exemption of sales and use tax on charges for admission to historical sites. This bill would only allow an exemption of residential utilities for the resident's place of domicile and impose a tax on electric vehicle power distributed in this state by an electric vehicle power dealer. Last evening this bill passed the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee and today passed the full House on a vote of 67-23. This bill now heads to the Senate for their consideration.

##### **[SB 121: D. Givens – AN ACT relating to agriculture exemption license numbers and declaring an emergency.](#)**

This bill would require a person who has an agriculture exemption license number to provide it to the seller or retailer at the time of purchase and allow a retailer to accept an agriculture exemption license number instead of a certificate of exemption at the time of a

sale. This bill passed the Senate on a vote of [36-0](#) and now heads to the House for their consideration. We are working on an amendment that would increase the expiration deadline of the agricultural exemption number to December 31, 2026 and then every four years thereafter.

#### **[HJR 41: A. Bowling – A JOINT RESOLUTION](#)**

This resolution would direct the Department of Revenue and the University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources to submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission no later than December 1, 2022, detailing their recommendations for equitable property tax assessment procedures for well-managed forests. This resolution has been assigned to the House Agriculture Committee.

#### **KFB Policy:**

*"We support forest that qualify for an agricultural deferment of property tax should be assessed using an assessment model that is appropriate for forest land."*

#### **[SB 194: C. McDaniel - AN ACT relating to individual income tax, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.](#)**

This bill would establish the individual income advanced tax credit disbursement fund and the economic recovery tax credit. The amount of credit shall be equal to the lesser of the tax liability reported on the return, \$500 whose filing status is single and cannot be claimed on another individual's income tax return or \$1,000 whose filing status is married filing separately on a combined return or married persons filing a joint return. This bill passed the Senate with a vote of [28-7](#) and now heads to the House for their consideration.

#### **REMINDER:**

This year we will again combine our **Legislative Drive-In Day** with our annual **Food Check-Out Day** activities on **March 16, 2022**. This will allow those of you visiting with your legislator(s) the opportunity to present them with a basket of Kentucky grown agricultural products to celebrate the safest most affordable food in the world.

**The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, located at 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky.**

We encourage you to contact your senator and representative in advance to let them know you will be in Frankfort that day and to set up a meeting with them to discuss issues affecting agriculture and to present them with a Food Check-Out Day basket.

## **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 2022 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.

## **KEEP ALL LEGISLATIVE REPORTS FOR FUTURE USE**

We suggest that you keep a record of the Legislative Reports on file because, on occasion, we may refer to a previous report as a source of more details regarding an issue.

## **FUTURE DATES OF INTEREST**

March 16..... KFB Legislative Drive-In/Food Check-Out Day  
March 29 & 30 ..... Concurrence Only  
March 31 - April 12..... Veto Period  
April 14..... General Assembly, Sine Die

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