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2022 Kentucky General Assembly

Today marked the thirteenth legislative day of the 2022 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. There has been a total of 164 senate and 382 house bills and resolutions introduced in the first thirteen legislative days.

On Wednesday, Governor Beshear vetoed [HB 2](#), the state house redistricting map and [SB 3](#), the Kentucky Congressional redistricting map. Yesterday, the General Assembly overrode those vetoes and shortly after, a lawsuit was filed in Franklin Circuit Court challenging the state house and congressional district maps.

On Thursday, the House passed their version of the state budget ([HB 1](#)) on a vote of [85-8](#). The budget now heads to the Senate for their consideration.

Below are the details of HB 1:

- Agricultural Development Funds: \$41.7 million in each fiscal year and of these funds \$14.4 million in each fiscal year was allocated to the county funds;
- Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost-Share program \$2.5 million in each fiscal year;
- Division of Conservation to provide direct aid to local conservation districts \$900,000 in each fiscal year;
- UK Veterinary Diagnostic Lab \$4,034,200 in each fiscal year;
- Breathitt Veterinary Center \$3.2 million in each fiscal year;

- \$750,000 to Western Kentucky University for the Kentucky Mesonet in each fiscal year;
- Adult Agriculture Education Program \$1 million in each fiscal;
- Kentucky Rural Mental Health and Suicide Prevention program \$500,000 in each fiscal year;
- Kentucky Department of Agriculture is allocated \$19.6 million of general fund dollars in FY23 and \$20.6 million in FY24;
- \$600,000 for the Farms to Food Banks program in each fiscal year;
- \$455,000 to the County Fair Grants program in each fiscal year;
- \$6 million to construct FFA Leadership Training Center Classrooms and Activity Center in FY23.

2022 KFB Priority Issues:

"Maintain allocating 50% of the Master Settlement Agreement funds to the Agricultural Development Board, and funds be spent for the purpose of improving the net farm income of individual farmers in production agriculture."

"Support continued funding of the Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost-Share Program."

"Support an efficient, well-administered and adequately financed Kentucky Department of Agriculture."

KFB Policy:

"We support the implementation of an annual funding stream and the continued procurement of funds as needed for the renovation and improvement of the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center in Hardinsburg and 4-H camps."

"We support a dedicated suicide hotline for farmers and agricultural workers, and encourage Kentucky Farm Bureau to promote its availability."

Other bills of interest:

[HB 308: R. Heath - AN ACT relating to the establishment of a tax credit to promote investments in Kentucky businesses.](#)

This bill would establish the Kentucky Rural Jobs Act of 2022. This bill passed the House Agriculture Committee on Wednesday; however, it will be referred to the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee prior to going to the House floor.

2022 KFB Priority Issue:

"Support efforts that will retain and attract new business and industry to rural areas of Kentucky."

HB 315: B. Reed - AN ACT relating to broadband deployment, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

This bill would appropriate Federal Funds from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$300,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the Broadband Deployment Fund.

2022 KFB Priority Issue:

"Support funding for the broadband deployment fund."

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.

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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

February 18..... Last Day for Bill Requests
February 21..... President's Day Holiday
February 28..... Last Day for New House Bills
March 2..... Last Day for New Senate Bills
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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