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2022 Kentucky General Assembly

Today marked the thirty-sixth legislative day of the 2022 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. There has been a total of 375 senate and 701 house bills and resolutions introduced in the first thirty-six legislative days.

We continue to meet on broadband deployment in an attempt to expedite the approval process to get broadband service to our unserved and underserved areas. We are also meeting with Senators to discuss our funding priorities as they consider the state budget.

Bills of interest:

[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. On Wednesday, this bill passed the Senate on a vote of [36-0](#) and now heads to the House for their consideration.

[HB 390: K. King - AN ACT relating to economic development.](#)

This bill would add the Commissioner of Agriculture as a voting member to the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership Board and change the quorum from seven to eight members. On Tuesday, this bill passed the House on a vote of [94-0](#) and now heads to the Senate for their consideration.

HB 475: M. Meredith - AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 181 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to the General Assembly's authority over local revenue options.

This bill would propose to amend Section 181 of the Constitution of Kentucky to permit the General Assembly to authorize a county, city, town, or municipal corporation to assess and collect local taxes and fees that are not otherwise in conflict with the Constitution. If this bill passes it would then be placed on the general election ballot in November. On Wednesday, this bill passed the House on a vote of [80-17](#) and now heads to the Senate for their consideration.

HCR 47: D. Frazier Gordon - A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION commending Madison County Schools for using the farm-to-school concept for school meals and encouraging other school districts to do so.

This resolution encourages all local school districts to purchase locally-grown food to solve food supply issues, provide fresh, nutritious food to students, and support local producers. This resolution passed the House on a vote of [91-0](#) and has been assigned to the Senate Agriculture Committee.

KFB Policy:

"We encourage the utilization of Kentucky agriculture products by state and county agencies, state funded institutions, public schools and publicly funded projects whenever possible. We also encourage these institutions to contract with local growers when feasible."

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 bill 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. On Thursday, this bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee and now heads to the full Senate.

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 1..... Last Day for New House Bills
March 3..... 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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