



February 15, 2019

Legislative Report No. 4 2019 Kentucky General Assembly

Today marks the thirteenth legislative day of this 2019 session of the Kentucky General Assembly. There have been a total of 335 Senate bills and resolutions and 497 House bills and resolutions. The last day for new Senate Bills is today and the last day for new House Bills is Tuesday, February 19.

The General Assembly will not convene on Monday, February 18, in observance of Presidents Day. They will reconvene on February 19.

Some bills of interest:

[H.B. 311: M. Meredith – AN ACT relating to cultured animal meat.](#)

This bill would amend KRS 217.035 to include any food product that purports to be or is represented as meat or a meat product that contains any cultured animal tissue produced from in vitro animal cell cultures outside of the organism which it is derived.

KFB Policy:

"We support legislation that would prohibit the misrepresentation of a product as meat that is not derived from harvested production of livestock, poultry or aquaculture."

[S.B. 153: P. Hornback – AN ACT relating to grain.](#)

This bill would modernize the Grain Insurance Fund. Under the proposed law, oversight of the fund would move from the Grain Insurance Board to the State Board of Agriculture. The new statute would also clarify that any participating grain producer in this state would be covered under the new law. This legislation would also increase the membership of the State Board of Agriculture from 14 to 18 members and would change the entities eligible to nomination individuals to the board. This bill passed the Senate Agriculture Committee on Tuesday and now heads to the full Senate.

2019 State Priority Issue:

"Support the modernization of the Grain Insurance Fund to adequately protect current and future Kentucky grain producers."

KFB Policy:

"We recommend that the State Board of Agriculture consist of commodity specific members and at least one member representing Farm Bureau."

H.B. 354: S. Rudy – AN ACT relating to taxation.

This bill would exempt the sales of admissions by nonprofit educational, charitable, or religious institutions exempt from tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and exempt the first \$10,000 of sales in a calendar year made by nonprofit civic, governmental, or other nonprofit organizations.

KFB Policy:

"We encourage sales tax not be imposed on nonprofit or charitable organizations."

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

Those who are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2019 session are: Jeff Harper, Public Affairs Director, extension 5104; Kyle Kelly, extension 7417; Mike Biagi, extension 7270; and Drew Graham, extension 5101. 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 ACTION REQUESTS FOR FUTURE USE

We suggest that you keep a record of the Legislative Action Requests 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.....President’s Day Holiday
February 19.....Last Day for New House Bills
March 8 & 11.....Legislative Holidays
March 12 & 13.....Concurrence Only
March 14–25.....Veto Period
March 26 & 27.....Legislative Holiday
March 29General Assembly, Sine Die

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