



ACTION REQUEST

February 28, 2013

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 6 – 2013 KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Today marks the twenty-first legislative day of this thirty day session. There are only nine days left in this regular session. With only nine days remaining in this session most of the major agenda items have yet to be resolved.

On Tuesday evening, the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee passed [HB 416](#). This bill would create The Kentucky Retirement System Sustainability Trust Fund and would be primarily financed by a portion of the excise tax imposed on pari-mutuel wagering, a portion of the proceeds from the lottery corporation and all of the net lottery revenues from the sale of any lottery tickets resulting from the expansion and implementation of new games. On Wednesday, [HB 416](#) passed the full House 52-47 and now heads to the Senate for their consideration.

Yesterday the Senate State and Local Government Committee heard testimony on [HB 1](#), the special taxing district oversight bill, but did not take a vote. It is expected that the Senate committee will amend some provisions of [HB 1](#) prior to voting on the bill.

Below are a few specific bills we are following:

[HB 190: S. Westrom, J. Adams, D. Watkins – AN ACT prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment.](#)

This bill would prohibit indoor smoking in businesses, places of employment, and other listed public places but would exempt private residences, unless used for child care or adult day care. The bill would permit smoking in designated non-enclosed areas and require posting of "no smoking" signs as specified locations and would also permit local governments to adopt stricter regulations by ordinance. **On Tuesday this bill was recommitted to the House Judiciary Committee and will not be voted on by the full House.**

Farm Bureau Policy:

"We believe business owners should have the exclusive right to prohibit tobacco use in their private business. We are adamantly opposed to any level of government or agency mandating that businesses prohibit tobacco use."

[HB 378: F. Steele, S. Rudy, R. Quarles – AN ACT relating to impaired waters.](#)

This bill would create a new section of Subchapter 70 of KRS Chapter 224 to define terms and require the Energy and Environment cabinet to maintain a listing of impaired waters placed on the 303(d) list and to make that list available on the cabinet's website and require the cabinet include other methodological information associated with determining whether to place the water body on the list and with developing any total maximum daily load. It would also require the cabinet to provide notice to certain interested parties of a water body's listing on the 303(d) for effluent or thermal-based impairment and require the cabinet to prepare a

report each year to the Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Environment by December 31 on TMDL development for the following year and create delayed effective date for the website listing of impaired waters and total maximum daily loads. On Tuesday this bill passed the House 97-0 and now heads to the Senate.

[SB 190: P. Hornback, D. Givens, D. Parrett – AN ACT relating to water quality. This is the Senate companion bill to HB 378.](#)

Yesterday this bill passed the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee and was placed on the Senate consent calendar.

Farm Bureau Priority Issue:

“Request state government to include agricultural representation in the process of developing water quality regulations to include, but not limited to TMDL’s.”

“State water resource policy and regulations should be based on adequate scientific research data.”

HCR 42: L. Combs

This resolution would establish a Timber Theft and Trespass Reduction Task Force to study issues regarding timber theft and trespass and to develop consensus recommendations to address those issues. It would also require a report to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by December 6, 2013. On Tuesday this resolution passed the full House 97-0 and now heads to the Senate.

YOUR LOBBYISTS

Those who are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2013 session are: Jeff Harper, extension 5104; Bryan Alvey, extension 7218; Tony Sholar, extension 5121; Beth Wisman, extension 5105; and David S. Beck, extension 5101. If you would like to call your lobbyists during the evening, call 502.352.4280 at the Frankfort headquarters or call 502.495.5000 and key in their extensions. If you would like to contact one of your lobbyists during the day, please call Sara Stivers at 502.495.5121 and she will put you in touch with one of them.

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

You can reach your senator and representative by calling 502.564.8100 or 800.372.7181 to leave a message, or send a fax to 502.564.6543. The legislative calendar information line is 800.633.9650, and the bill status line is 866.840.2835. Governor Beshear’s office number is 502.564.2611.

Note: The Legislative Report and KFB’s Priority Issues are also included on KFB’s website at kyfb.com

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