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Today marks the fourth legislative day of this sixty day session. In the first four days of the session there have been a total of 126 Senate bills and resolutions and 236 House bills and resolutions introduced.

On January 4, Governor Bevin issued a [Road Fund Budget Reduction Order](#). This was necessary because the amount budgeted during the 2014 session of the General Assembly was \$1.558 billion, however on December 16, 2015 the Consensus Forecasting Group revised the official Road Fund estimate for fiscal year 2015-2016 to \$1.445 billion or \$122.5 million less than the original revenue estimate in 2014.

On Tuesday, January 26, Governor Bevin will present his budget address to a joint session of the General Assembly. Governor Bevin also announced that March 8, 2016 will be the election date to fill the four House of Representative seats that are currently vacant. The four seats are:

- House District 8 – Christian and Trigg counties**
- House District 54 – Boyle and Casey counties**
- House District 62 – Fayette, Owen, and Scott counties**
- House District 98 – Boyd and Greenup counties**

The filing deadline for candidates seeking office for this year's election must file with the Secretary of State by January 26, 2016, except for those seeking office as an independent. The filing deadline for independent candidates is April 1, 2016.

Next week's report we will provide you with a comprehensive list of bills we are monitoring.

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.

YOUR LOBBYISTS

The following are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2016 session: Jeff Harper, Public Affairs Director, extension 5104; Bryan Alvey extension 7218; Tony Sholar, extension 5121, 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.

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

January 18..... Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 15..... President's Day Holiday
February 19..... Last Day for Bill Request
February 29..... Last Day for New House Bills
March 2..... Last Day for New Senate Bills
March 2.....KFB Legislative Drive-In/Food Check-Out Day
March 25 & March 28..... Concurrence Only
March 29 – April 8..... Veto Period
April 12..... General Assembly, Sine Die

The Legislative Report and KFB's Priority Issues are also on KFB's website at kyfb.com and the [KFB app](#).