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**LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 15 – FINAL REPORT**  
**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES DURING THE**  
**2024 KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Kentucky Farm Bureau was involved in many pieces of legislation this session supporting, opposing, and monitoring bills. We were able to secure passage of several of our priority issues this year. The Kentucky General Assembly passed legislation that maintained the 22.2% allocation of the state gas tax revenue for rural roads, maintained 50% of the Master Settlement Agreement Funds to the Agricultural Development Board, passed legislation updating the agricultural districts statute, passed broadband deployment legislation, and passed one time infrastructure dollars to Kentucky’s riverports.

The bills that were passed during this regular session will become effective 90-days after they were signed into law. Legislation containing an emergency clause became effective upon Governor Beshear’s signature or the legislative veto override.

The success of implementing your policy depends on the continued involvement and efforts of county Farm Bureau leaders and members. Please accept our thanks for your assistance in making this year’s session a success for Kentucky Farm Bureau.

The following is a detailed report summarizing many of the bills and resolutions in which Kentucky Farm Bureau was involved:

**State Budget Bill**

The General Assembly passed the state budget ([HB 6](#)). Governor Beshear line itemed [vetoed](#) twenty-three items, however the General Assembly overrode twenty-two of those vetoes and allowed one to remain in place.

Below are the details of the state budget:

- Agricultural Development Funds: \$38.9 million in FY25 and \$39.9 million in FY26. Of that, \$12.9 million in FY25 and \$13.2 million in FY26 was allocated to the county funds account;
- Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost-Share program \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year;
- Division of Conservation to provide direct aid to local conservation districts \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year;
- UK Veterinary Diagnostic Lab \$4,034,200 in each fiscal year;
- Breathitt Veterinary Center \$4,034,200 in each fiscal year;
- \$1,750,000 to Western Kentucky University for the Kentucky Mesonet;
- Adult Agriculture Education Program \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year;
- Veterinary Medicine Contract Spaces \$5,659,000 in FY25 and \$5,800,400 in FY26 for 164 veterinary slots;
- Kentucky Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program \$1,093,800 in FY25;
- Kentucky Department of Agriculture is allocated \$21.6 million of general fund dollars in FY25 and \$22.7 million in FY26;
  - Kentucky Rural Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, and Farm Safety program \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year;
  - Farms to Food Banks program \$850,000 in FY25 and \$1,000,000 in FY26;
  - County Fair Grants program \$750,000 in each fiscal year;
  - KDA Division of Emergency Preparedness \$153,900 in the current budget year (FY24) and \$443,900 in each fiscal year for the next biennium;
  - KDA Division of Regulatory Field Services, \$553,700 in FY25 and \$987,100 in FY26;
- Broadband Equity, Access and Development (BEAD) Program is allocated \$217,234,500 in FY25 and \$868,938,200 in FY26 in federal funds.

**2024 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."*

*"Support funding for the broadband deployment fund."*

*"Support efforts and incentives to improve and provide all telecommunications in rural Kentucky."*

**KFB Policy:**

*"We support the national 988 suicide hotline for farmers and agricultural workers, and encourage Kentucky Farm Bureau to promote its availability."*

*"We recommend the KDA Office of the State Veterinarian have adequate amount of funding for the Division of Emergency Management for trained subject matter experts for prompt disease response."*

*"In an effort to address the shortage of large and food animal veterinary services in Kentucky, we support:*

- Incentive programs for veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians and technologists to practice large and food animal veterinary medicine in rural Kentucky;*
- Maintaining funding for existing slots while seeking additional slots for Kentucky students at established veterinary schools;"*

**BILLS FARM BUREAU SUPPORTED THAT PASSED**

**[HB 1: J. Petrie – AN ACT relating to government agencies, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.](#)**

This bill appropriates General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account in fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026.

Below are some items of interest:

- \$3,500,000 in FY24 and \$7,500,000 in each fiscal year to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to improve public river ports within Kentucky;
- \$11,000,000 in each fiscal year to the Department for Local Government budget unit to be distributed to the Kentucky Cattleman's Association for the construction of the Livestock Innovation Center at the University of Kentucky C. Oran Little Research Farm;
- \$10,000,000 in FY25 and \$50,000,000 in FY26 to Murray State University to construct a facility for the veterinary technician program.

**2024 KFB Priority Issue:**

*"Support increased funding for Kentucky riverports to upgrade their agricultural infrastructure."*

**KFB Policy:**

*"We support the concept of an ag research and innovation center inclusive of all commodity groups."*

*"In an effort to address the shortage of large and food animal veterinary services in Kentucky, we support:*

- *Ensuring the pre-veterinary programs in our Kentucky universities have sufficient funding."*

**HB 418: M. Pollock – AN ACT relating to agricultural districts.**

This bill will decrease the minimum number of acres to qualify as an agricultural district from 250 acres to 50 acres and will add cities that are within one mile of the agricultural district to the list of entities to be notified of the proposal, approval, and withdrawal of property from, an agricultural district. This bill will allow a district board of supervisors to consider possible dissolution of an agricultural district if an owner's withdrawal of property results in the remaining land no longer qualifying as agricultural land.

**2024 KFB Priority Issue:**

*"Support lowering the acreage requirement for establishing an agricultural district."*

**HB 8: J. Petrie – AN ACT relating to fiscal matters, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.**

This is the revenue bill of 2024. This bill makes several changes to Kentucky's tax code. Notable to KFB policy is the creation of a new section of KRS Chapter 141 that allows an income tax credit for the sales and use tax paid on a qualified broadband investment in this state.

**2024 KFB Priority Issue:**

*"Support efforts and incentives to improve and provide all telecommunications in rural Kentucky."*

**HB 267: J. Bray – AN ACT relating to providing for the authorization of the Office of Broadband Development to implement the federal Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program and declaring an emergency.**

This bill establishes the Broadband Equity Access and Development Program (BEAD) within the Office of Broadband Development, defines terms, and requires the Office of Broadband Development to create

and administer the BEAD Program. This bill also establishes program application requirements and creates the BEAD fund. The bill prioritizes BEAD Program funds for delivery to the last mile of unserved areas consistent with the federal requirements.

**2024 KFB Priority Issues:**

*"Support funding for the broadband deployment fund."*

*"Support efforts and incentives to improve and provide all telecommunications in rural Kentucky."*

**SJR 175: D. Thayer – A JOINT RESOLUTION facilitating the deployment of broadband internet service to unserved and underserved citizens in the Commonwealth and declaring an emergency.**

This joint resolution directs the Public Service Commission to promulgate emergency administrative regulations on utility pole attachments for broadband service providers that will address the backlog of pole attachment requests and establishes parameters for preventing delays and backlogs of requests in the future. This joint resolution also requires the Public Service Commission to open a docket to receive comments and requests from affected parties and issue a quarterly report to the Legislative Research Commission beginning September 30, 2024. This joint resolution requires emergency regulations to pertain to pole attachment requests for unserved and underserved areas associated with the BEAD Program and other government-funded broadband initiatives and allows small telephone service providers to participate in docket on utility pole attachment issues. This also requires the administrative regulations promulgated by the Public Service Commission in effect be tiered and apply to pole attachment requests that do not extend service to unserved and underserved areas of the Commonwealth.

**2024 KFB Priority Issue:**

*"Support efforts and incentives to improve and provide all telecommunications in rural Kentucky."*

**HB 535: R. Duvall - AN ACT relating to civic education.**

This bill will require, beginning with the freshman class of 2025-2026, a one-half credit course in civic literacy or a score of 70 percent on a 100 question civics test and allow the local school district to select the option.

**KFB Policy:**

*"We recommend cross curriculum support for the teaching of reading, mathematics, writing, science, social studies, civics, United States and world history."*

**HB 553: M. Koch – AN ACT relating to the Kentucky rural veterinary student loan repayment program and making an appropriation therefor.**

This bill will establish the Kentucky Rural Veterinary Medicine Student Loan Repayment Program for an eligible livestock practitioner who engages in veterinary medicine in an underserved rural area or veterinary shortage area for five consecutive years. This bill will authorize the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to promulgate administrative regulations and set forth program eligibility requirements. This bill will also authorize the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to award loan repayment benefits to applicants selected by the Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Selection Committee, establish compliance requirements, and create the rural veterinary care trust fund. This bill will allow a livestock practitioner in an underserved rural area to practice mixed animal medicine with a minimum of 30% work dedicated to livestock and define "underserved rural area" as a city having a population of less than 25,000 and more than 20 miles from a city having a population of more than 50,000.

**KFB Policy:**

*"In an effort to address the shortage of large and food animal veterinary services in Kentucky, we support:*

- *Incentive programs for veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians and technologists to practice large and food animal veterinary medicine in rural Kentucky;"*

**SB 5: G. Williams – AN ACT relating to hunting and fishing licenses and declaring an emergency.**

This bill removes the requirement that resident owners of farmlands must own five or more acres of land in order to be exempt from sport hunting and sport fishing license requirements when hunting or fishing on their own farmlands.

**KFB Policy:**

*"We oppose a minimum acreage standard below which landowners must obtain a hunting or fishing license for lawful activities on their own property."*

**SB 16: J. Schickel – AN ACT relating to agricultural key infrastructure assets.**

This bill will amend KRS 511.100, relating to trespass upon key infrastructure assets, to add commercial food manufacturing or processing facility, animal feeding operation, and concentrated animal feeding operation to the definition of "key infrastructure assets". This bill will penalize those who operate an unmanned aircraft system,

video recording device, audio recording device, or photography equipment on or above the assets without consent and penalize those who record or distribute unauthorized images or material of a concentrated animal feeding operation, animal feeding operation, or commercial food manufacturing or processing facility. This bill will allow a federal, state, or local government law enforcement or regulatory officer or employee to operate any unmanned aircraft system, video or audio recording device, or photography equipment on or above a concentrated animal feeding operation, animal feeding operation, or commercial food manufacturing or processing facility without the consent of the owner or authorized representative of the facility while engaged in his or her official duties.

**KFB Policy:**

*"We support:*

- *Requiring the operator of the UAS to gain the written consent of the landowner and/or farm operator if the UAS will be surveying or gathering data above private property;"*

*"We recommend anyone, group or organization that video tapes or records images on a farm with the intent of using them in an anti-farming or animal welfare campaign, without the permission of the land/farm owner, be charged with a criminal offense and subject to a reasonable fine and/or other punishment."*

**BILLS FARM BUREAU OPPOSED THAT PASSED**

**There were no bills passed in this session that Farm Bureau opposed.**

**BILLS FARM BUREAU OPPOSED THAT DID NOT PASS**

**[HB 541: R. Roarx – AN ACT relating to employment.](#)**

This bill would have removed the exemptions in the definition of employee for agricultural workers and domestic service workers from workers compensation and indicated that agricultural employers are subject to workers compensation.

**KFB Policy:**

*"We support the continuation of agriculture being exempt from the workers' compensation law."*

**HB 797: B. Chester-Burton – AN ACT relating to wages.**

This bill would have raised the minimum wage of hourly and tipped employees and would have required adherence to any future federal increase in excess of the new state wage rates. This bill would have also included anti-preemption language permitting local governments to establish minimum wage ordinances in excess of the state minimum wage.

**KFB Policy:**

*"We oppose an increase in the minimum hourly wage."*

**SB 42: R. Thomas – AN ACT relating to wages.**

This bill would have raised the minimum wage of hourly and tipped employees and would have required adherence to any future federal increase in excess of the new state wage rates. This bill would have also included anti-preemption language permitting local governments to establish minimum wage ordinances in excess of the state minimum wage.

**KFB Policy:**

*"We oppose an increase in the minimum hourly wage."*

**BILLS FARM BUREAU SUPPORTED THAT DID NOT PASS**

**HB 156: W. Thomas – AN ACT relating to vehicle wheels.**

This bill would have required all vehicles operating on a highway with an iron, steel, or wooden wheel to be equipped with a rubberized strip on the portion of the wheel that is in contact with the highway.

**KFB Policy:**

*"We recommend that all farm machinery and equipment driven on public roads have rubber tires, including horse drawn buggies."*

**HB 189: C. Aull – AN ACT relating to school meals at low-income schools and making an appropriation therefor.**

This bill would have established the Kentucky Proud School Match Program. This bill would have directed the Department of Education to reimburse an eligible school district \$0.33 for every meal reimbursed by the community eligibility provision at the paid rate; required a school district that receives a reimbursement to develop and implement a Kentucky Proud school plan to identify and purchase available Kentucky-grown agricultural products and to optimize food usage; directed the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to carry out this section; provided that the section shall be null and void if the community eligibility

provision is terminated by the United States Department of Agriculture; and provided that the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Proud School Match Act.

**HB 218: S. Lewis – AN ACT relating to identity documents.**

This bill would have required the Transportation Cabinet to give notice to individuals of pending expiration of operator's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards and specify the manner of notifications. This bill would have prohibited nonreceipt of notice to be used as a defense for a violation.

**KFB Policy:**

*"We support driver's license expiration notices being mailed to individuals a month prior to expiration."*

**HB 524: J. Blanton – AN ACT relating to the establishment of a grant program to promote investments in Kentucky businesses, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.**

This bill would have established the Kentucky Rural Jobs Act of 2024. This bill would have allowed the Cabinet for Economic Development to begin accepting applications from entities seeking approval as a growth fund and allowed no more than \$50 million of grants to be awarded as state matching capital for investments in growth businesses. This bill would have established the Rural Jobs Development Fund and appropriated \$50 million in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Rural Jobs Development Fund.

**2024 KFB Priority Issue:**

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

**SB 101: R. Webb – AN ACT relating to agritourism.**

This bill would have amended the definition of "agritourism activity" and defined "working animal". This bill would have prohibited a city, town, county, or other political subdivision of the Commonwealth from restricting a person from engaging in an agritourism activity with working animals.

**KFB Policy:**

*"We urge local planning bodies to recognize agritourism as an agricultural venue and allow for agritourism uses."*

**SB 356: J. Howell – AN ACT relating to riverports and making an appropriation therefor.**

This bill would have directed the state portion of property taxes on commercial watercraft to the riverport financial assistance trust fund, which provides matching funds to public riverports.

**2024 KFB Priority Issue:**

*"Support increased funding for Kentucky riverports to upgrade their agricultural infrastructure."*

**OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST THAT PASSED**

**HB 2: S. Miles – AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to education funding.**

This bill will propose a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky to authorize the General Assembly to provide for a financial support for the education of students outside of the public school system, provide ballot language and submit language to voters for ratification or rejection.

**HB 130: S. McPherson - AN ACT relating to soil and water conservation and declaring an emergency.**

This bill establishes the procedures for the discontinuance of watershed conservancy district boards and allows any soil and water conservation district or fiscal court where the watershed conservancy district lies to initiate the discontinuance if the watershed conservancy board fails to meet over the course of one year or longer or fails to adopt and fund a budget. The bill provides for public notice requirements and requires if discontinuance occurs that the soil and water conservation district board or boards where the discontinued watershed conservancy district lies shall assume all of the rights and responsibilities of the watershed conservancy district board. This bill also allows a discontinued watershed conservancy district board to be reestablished.

**HB 256: M. Pollock - AN ACT relating to the promotion of stronger homes to resist losses due to catastrophic weather events and making an appropriation therefor.**

This bill will establish the Strengthen Kentucky Homes Program, a grant program aimed at helping to mitigate owner-occupied insurable dwellings. This bill will require property insurance companies to provide a premium discount or rate reduction for properties that have received a qualifying certificate of compliance under certain circumstances and permits the insurance commissioner. The bill will also require property insurance companies to offer an optional rider, endorsement, or supplemental policy provision to upgrade non-fortified single-family dwellings under certain circumstances.

**HB 293: K. Moser - AN ACT relating to kratom.**

This bill will define terms related to kratom and directs the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to license and regulate processors and retailers of kratom products. This bill will also prohibit the sale of kratom extracts and kratom products to any individuals under 21 years of age and will establish penalties for violations.

**HB 388: J. Nemes - AN ACT relating to local government and declaring an emergency.**

This was an omnibus bill addressing several issues in Louisville, but important to KFB was language prohibiting annexation for commercial real estate with the prior consent of each owner of record.

**HB 563: J. Bray - AN ACT relating to public water and wastewater systems, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.**

This bill establishes the Kentucky Water and Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems (WWATERS) Program under the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.

**HB 581: K. Upchurch - AN ACT relating to retail filling stations.**

This bill will define "retail filling station" and "electric vehicle charging station". The bill will prohibit local governments from using the zoning process or adopting any measure that prohibits or restricts the ability of a retail filling station from locating in areas in which similar businesses may locate. This bill will prohibit discrimination against the use or location of a retail filling station, or will treat retail filling stations differently than electric vehicle charging stations.

**HB 621: R. Heath - AN ACT relating to the State Fair Board.**

This bill will add the North American Championship Rodeo and the National Farm Machinery Show's Championship Tractor Pull to the list of shows and expositions owned and operated by the State Fair Board.

**HB 723: R. Heath - AN ACT relating to economic relief for local communities of the Commonwealth and declaring an emergency.**

This bill establishes the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program of 2024. This bill provides funding to meet matching requirements for local governments and non-profits that apply for certain federal grants.

**SB 29: B. Storm - AN ACT relating to property and casualty insurance and declaring an emergency.**

This bill prohibits assignments under a property or casualty insurance policy and prohibits requiring an insured's use of a particular motor vehicle glass repair shop. This bill regulates motor vehicle glass repair

shop trade practices relating to motor vehicle insurance claims and establishes remedies for violation of this section. The bill applies to insurance policies issued or renewed on or after the effective date of the Act. The bill also provides that underinsured motorist insurer credit is against total damages caused by or as a result of a motor vehicle accident and provides that underinsured motorist insurer credit provision shall not prohibit other credits or offsets in certain circumstances.

**SB 91: J. Higdon - AN ACT providing funding and establishing conditions for state government agencies and institutions, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.**

This bill provides additional appropriations and provisions for various programs and projects. Notable to KFB is **\$5,000,000 in FY26 to the Department of Agriculture budget unit to support economic development initiatives within the agriculture industry.**

**SB 118: S. Meredith - AN ACT relating to trespass.**

This bill will allow notice of trespass to be given through the placement of identifying purple paint marks on property.

**SJR 149: B. Smith – A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Energy and Environment Cabinet to provide guidance and consultation on best management practices for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to entities that discharge directly or indirectly into Kentucky's waterways.**

This joint resolution will direct the Energy and Environment Cabinet to provide guidance and will consult with entities that discharge into the waters of the Commonwealth on the best management practice for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

**SJR 170: D. Givens – A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Council on Postsecondary Education to conduct a feasibility study on expanding post baccalaureate program offerings at comprehensive universities.**

This joint resolution will direct the Council on Postsecondary Education to conduct a study on expanding post baccalaureate program offerings at comprehensive universities and will consult with each president of a comprehensive university to consider a regional economic development or workforce development need that may be met by a post baccalaureate program. This resolution will require that the study include an evaluation of establishing the following post baccalaureate programs: a veterinary medicine program at Murray State University, doctoral programs to obtain an R2 "High Research Activity" designation at Western Kentucky University, and a doctoral program for professional practice and licensure in osteopathic medicine at Eastern Kentucky University.

## **OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST THAT DID NOT PASS**

### **HB 16: F. Rabourn – AN ACT relating to milk safety.**

This bill would have moved the Milk Safety Branch from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

### **HB 27: D. Fister – AN ACT relating to conservation district audits.**

This bill would have exempted a soil and water conservation district from certain audit requirements.

### **HB 70: N. Kulkarni - AN ACT relating to soil conservation and making an appropriation therefor.**

This bill would have established a Healthy Soils Program and a Healthy Soils Program fund in the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Conservation. This bill would have also required the Agriculture Water Quality Authority to promote soil restoration and included an organic agriculture organization among appointments to the authority and added healthy soil practices as a committee.

### **HB 74: N. Kulkarni – AN ACT relating to urban youth agriculture education.**

This bill would have established the Kentucky Urban Farming Youth Initiative to promote farming to youth in urban counties in at least one urban University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service office beginning August 1, 2024, and others by August 1, 2025. This bill would have set each program term to one year in duration beginning in January and established guidelines for participant eligibility.

### **HB 93: M. Dossett – AN ACT relating to the establishment of the Kentucky Healthy Farm and Food Innovation Board and making an appropriation therefor.**

This bill would have established the Kentucky Healthy Farm and Food Innovation Board and specified membership. This bill would have set forth the duties of the Kentucky Healthy Farm and Food Innovation Board and would have established the healthy farm and food innovation fund.

### **HB 116: N. Kulkarni – AN ACT relating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.**

This bill would have established a PFAS Working Group to research the effect that exposure to PFAS has on health outcomes in the Commonwealth. This bill would have also established a reporting requirement for manufacturers that intentionally include PFAS in

products manufactured for sale or distribution in the Commonwealth and a reporting requirement for PFAS releases in the Commonwealth by manufacturers that intentionally include PFAS in manufactured products.

**HB 342: J. Bray – AN ACT relating to poultry.**

This bill would have allowed certain USDA-exempted poultry processors to sell to end consumers on a farm, at a farmers market, or at a roadside stand.

**HB 400: R. Heath - AN ACT relating to veterinary medicine programs at comprehensive universities.**

This bill would have allowed Murray State University to offer doctor's degrees required for professional practice and licensure in veterinary medicine.

**HB 575: R. Heath – AN ACT relating to the acquisition of agricultural land.**

This bill would have prohibited a nonresident alien, foreign business, foreign agent, trustee, or fiduciary who is legally bound or has a legal relationship with the government of any proscribed country referenced in 22 C.F.R. sec. 126.1 from purchasing agricultural land. This bill would have also prohibited those who purchased agricultural land prior to the effective date of this Act from the purchase, lease, or acquisition of any additional agricultural land. This bill would have allowed an existing foreign business from a prohibited country to purchase adjacent land for expansion of the business and exempt up to 350 acres of agricultural land for agricultural research. The bill would have required that a copy of the report required under the provisions of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act be filed with the Department of Agriculture, required the Department of Agriculture to report evidence of noncompliance to the Office of the Attorney General, required the Office of the Attorney General to investigate the evidence, and allowed the Office of the Attorney General to enforce provisions. This bill would have allowed a nonresident alien, foreign business, foreign agent, trustee, or fiduciary to own, purchase, hold, or develop agricultural land for nonagricultural use provided that the development is completed within five years of acquiring the land.

**HB 597: C. Massaroni - AN ACT relating to cultivated meat.**

This bill would have required the Kentucky Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, to define "cultivated meat". This bill would have prohibited the manufacture, sale, or distribution of cultivated meat, established penalties, and required that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to take necessary action to stop the sale of food it finds to contain cultivated meat.

**SB 54: R. Thomas - AN ACT relating to heirs property and making an appropriation therefor.**

This bill would have established the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act. This bill would have created a mechanism for partition or sale among cotenants by the court, which would have included requirements for notice and determination of value through agreement or appraisal, protocols for buyouts, partition alternatives, partition in kind, sale by open market, sealed bids, or auction, and created the heirs property research fund.

**SB 189: J. Howell - AN ACT relating to veterinary medicine programs at comprehensive universities.**

This bill would have allowed Murray State University to offer doctor's degrees required for professional practice and licensure in veterinary medicine.

**SB 233: S. West - AN ACT relating to solar energy.**

This bill would have prohibited any utility operating under the chapter from constructing a facility that generates electricity using solar energy if constructing the facility would result in more than one percent of the total land area of the county where the proposed construction is to be located is being occupied by solar electric generating facilities. This bill would have prohibited the construction of any facility that generates electricity using solar energy on any land that was acquired by eminent domain.

**SB 284: M. Wise – AN ACT relating to the acquisition and ownership of real property by a foreign principal.**

This bill would have prohibited a foreign principal from acquiring or owning agricultural land and required a foreign principal that owns or acquires agricultural land before the effective date of this Act to register the ownership with the Department of Agriculture. The bill would have also required a purchaser of agricultural land to file an affidavit with the Department of Agriculture attesting that the purchaser is not a foreign principal and authorized the Department of Agriculture to promulgate regulations. This bill also would have prohibited a foreign principal from acquiring or owning real property on or within 10 miles of a military installation and required a foreign principal that owns or acquires real property on or within 10 miles of a military installation before the effective date of this Act, or that owns real property as authorized to register the ownership with the Cabinet for Economic Development. It would also have required a purchaser of real property located on or within 10 miles of a military installation to file an affidavit with the Cabinet for Economic Development attesting that the purchaser is not a foreign principal and authorize the Cabinet for Economic Development to promulgate regulations. Lastly, the bill would have authorized the Kentucky Real Estate Commission to

established regulations related to the affidavits required under this Act and establish procedures for the forfeiture of real property owned or acquired in violation of this Act.

**SB 313: S. Funke Frommeyer - AN ACT relating to tax credits for sustainable aviation fuel, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.**

This bill would have established the sustainable aviation fuel tax credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, but before January 1, 2035. The bill would have established the nonrefundable feedstock production tax credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, but before January 1, 2035, and compute the credit based on the amount of usable feedstock produced in this state. This bill would have allowed incentives for sustainable aviation fuel facilities with a minimum investment of \$100 million. The bill would have created an appropriation of \$25 million for economic development projects for the production of sustainable aviation fuel with a minimum investment of \$100,000,000.

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