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Legislative Report No. 6

2021 Kentucky General Assembly

Today marked the nineteenth legislative day of the 2021 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. There was a total of 401 senate and 672 house bills and resolutions filed.

This week the General Assembly amended the 2021 Regular Session Calendar ([click here](#)).

Some bills of interest:

SB 3: P. Hornback – AN ACT relating to reorganization and declaring an emergency.

This bill would remove the Agricultural Development Board and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation from the Office of the Governor and place it in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. This bill passed the House [72-23](#) with [House Floor Amendment 1](#). On Monday, the Senate voted [29-5](#) to concur in the House Amendment. The bill now heads to Governor Beshear for his consideration.

KFB Policy:

"We support administration of Ag Development Funds be moved to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and those funds be protected for use for programs that directly impact farm income."

SB 93: J. Howell - AN ACT relating to the State Board of Agriculture.

This bill would authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to appoint members of the State Board of Agriculture. On Tuesday, this bill passed the Senate [29-6](#) with [Senate Floor Amendment 1](#) which added an emergency clause to the bill. This bill has been assigned to the House Agriculture Committee.

HR 45: B. Reed and SR 103: J. Howell - A RESOLUTION recognizing the establishment of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Generation Bridge Program.

This resolution would recognize the establishment of Kentucky Farm Bureau's Generation Bridge Program. On Wednesday, HR 45 passed the House Agriculture Committee and now heads to the full House for their consideration.

HJR 60: A. Bowling - A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Department of Revenue and the University of Kentucky's Forestry and Natural Resources Department to recommend equitable property tax assessment procedures for well-managed forests.

This joint resolution would direct the Department of Revenue and the University of Kentucky's Forestry and Natural Resources Department to submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission no later than December 1, 2021, detailing their recommendations for equitable property tax assessment procedures for well-managed forests.

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."

HB 229: M. Koch - AN ACT relating to the protection of livestock.

This bill would change the word "cattle" to "livestock" in the definition of property for the purpose of criminal damage to property offenses. This bill passed the House [93-0](#) and has been assigned to the Senate Agriculture Committee.

HB 348: P. Pratt - AN ACT relating to broadband and making an appropriation therefor.

This bill would establish the Office of Broadband Innovation in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and provide the duties and responsibilities of the office. It would also place the broadband deployment fund in the Office of Broadband Innovation. This bill passed the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee and now heads to the full House for their consideration.

HB 518: R. Heath - AN ACT relating to the State Fair Board, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

This bill would change the make up of the State Fair Board from eighteen to twenty-one, with fifteen voting members and six ex officio non-voting members. This bill would also establish corporate powers of the State Fair Board, procurement procedures, and hiring and management procedures. It also would authorize administrative regulations for operation, maintenance, or use of property. Today, this bill passed the House 72-23 with [Committee Substitute 1](#) and

[Committee Amendment 1](#). This bill now heads to the Senate for their consideration.

KFB Policy:

"For efficiency and effectiveness, we support the Kentucky State Fair Board maintain its independence as a state agency as provided in KRS 247."

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 2021 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.

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FUTURE DATES OF INTEREST

March 15 & 16Concurrence Only
March 17-27 Veto Period
March 30.....General Assembly, Sine Die

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