

2026 Regular Session Bill Tracker

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HB1 FEDERAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (MOSER, K) AN ACT implementing the federal education opportunity program in Kentucky.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 14 to elect for the Commonwealth to participate in the qualified elementary and secondary education scholarship federal tax credit; designate the Secretary of State as the sole official authorized to report the state's election and submit the required list to the United States Secretary of the Treasury; require the Secretary of State to publish associated administrative regulations and other guidance on a website; authorize the Secretary of State to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the program; authorize the Secretary of State to collect a fee and accept private contributions to pay for necessary costs and establish requirements for the administration of the funds; waive Eleventh Amendment immunity for the section; amend KRS 141.019 to exclude qualified contributions made to scholarship granting organizations from allowed individual income tax deductions. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; declare that the General Assembly designates itself under state law to make the election with respect to federal tax benefits under 26 U.S.C. sec. 25F; make the Secretary of State the sole official authorized to report the state's election or nonelection; require the Secretary of State to collect a fee; delete amendment to KRS 141.019, relating to exceptions to allowable deductions.

Current Status: 3/17/2026 - delivered to Secretary of State (Acts Ch. 4)

Recent Status: 3/17/2026 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate
3/17/2026 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB1.html>

HB2 MEDICAID (FLEMING, K) AN ACT relating to Medicaid, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

HCS(1) Retain original provisions, with the following changes: require individuals enrolled in Medicaid to demonstrate community engagement for 3 consecutive months to maintain eligibility; delete provisions prohibiting certain forms of cost sharing in the Medicaid program; delete requirement for copayments on prescription glasses and contacts from January 1, 2027, through September 30, 2028; establish copayment amounts for prescription drugs; require Medicaid benefit and tracking agencies to review data from the National Change of Address database on a quarterly basis; require calculation of capitation rates for NEMT brokers to consider region-specific factors; require NEMT brokers to attest to the accuracy of data provided to a state agency; require the Department for Medicaid Services to designate a nationally recognized level of care assessment tool for each 1915(c) waiver program; require an individual be a resident of Kentucky for at least 1 year before being eligible for enrollment in a 1915(c) waiver program; exempt members of the United States Armed Services, their families, and veterans from certain 1915(c) waiver requirements; delete provisions requiring the enrollment of individuals on a 1915(c) waiver waitlist in the fee-for-service Medicaid program; require the Department for Medicaid Services to establish waiver-specific emergency allocation criteria for each 1915(c) waiver program by January 1, 2027; delete provisions exempting individuals currently on a waiver waitlist from the newly established tiered priority leveling system; require the Department for Medicaid Services to employ a Medicaid dental director by July 1, 2028; require the Medicaid dental director to be licensed under KRS Chapter 313; delete provisions limiting compensation to the dental administrative services organization; delete provisions permitting the establishment of an incentive payment program for the dental administrative services organization; delay implementation of the transition of Medicaid-covered dental services to an administrative services organization delivery model until January 1, 2029; prohibit procurement of a dental administrative services organization until January 1, 2028; delete provisions related to quality control reviews by the Commonwealth Office of

the Ombudsman; create new sections of KRS Chapter 205 to establish a timeline for procuring new managed care contracts; sunset provision as of March 15, 2029; prohibit the Medicaid program from covering prescription drugs prescribed primarily for weight loss or weight management; delay establishment of the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board Dental Services Transition subcommittee until July 1, 2027; delete provisions requiring any contract between the Department for Medicaid Services and a managed care organization entered into, renewed, or extended after the effective date of this Act to provide notice to the managed care organization of the department's intent to transition dental services from a managed care delivery model to an administrative services organization delivery model; require the healthcare transparency dashboard to track certain performance indicators; make technical changes. HFA(18) Require nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) regional brokers to achieve an annual medical loss ratio of at least 85% for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026; require NEMT regional brokers to achieve an annual medical loss ratio of at least 87.5% for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027; require NEMT regional brokers to achieve an annual medical loss ratio of at least 90% for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2028 and each state fiscal year thereafter.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) FIRST READING
3/24/2026 - (S) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB2.html>

HB8 SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (OSBORNE, D) AN ACT proposing to amend the Constitution of Kentucky relating to sessions of the General Assembly.

Propose to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky to establish that the General Assembly shall determine the date a regular session shall end unless another date is agreed upon by 3/5 of the membership of each House; establish that the General Assembly may be convened upon a Joint Proclamation of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House for 2 additional sessions of no more than 12 total legislative days annually; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.

Current Status: 3/16/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)

Recent Status: 3/16/2026 - (H) SECOND READING
3/16/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB8.html>

HB11 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS (BAUMAN, J) AN ACT relating to independent school districts.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 160 to establish a process for the creation of new independent school districts from a persistently underperforming school district; define terms; establish the process for a local legislative body where a persistently underperforming school district is located to place the question of creating new independent districts and local boards of education on the ballot; specify the requirements for the questions and the board of education provisional election; establish the initial terms of office for the interim board of education; establish the transition of authorities from the originating district board of education to the boards of both the altered originating district and the new independent district; require the Kentucky Department of Education to calculate assets and liabilities of the originating district for division to the new independent districts; authorize the originating district to maintain control and use of assets until the scheduled transfer to the new independent districts and authorize the continued payments of debts; establish a negotiation process between the originating district and the new independent districts to resolve the division of the originating district's assets and liabilities; establish a deadline for the negotiation to conclude; provide a process for resolution of

disagreements; establish a deadline for the transfer of all assets and debts; authorize the originating district to continue to assess and collect taxes for all districts until the close of the tax year in which the new independent districts are fully operational; provide for the distribution of collected taxes during the transition period; require the county judge/executive to call the newly elected interim boards of new independent districts to meet; allow the interim board to request assistance from the Kentucky Department of Education; establish the transition process for new independent districts to become fully functional; allow the interim board to submit a waiver request for a statute or administrative regulation to the Kentucky Board of Education; authorize the interim board to enter into service contracts with another school district during the transition; establish a process for the interim board to vote to terminate the establishment of the new independent district due to financial nonviability during the transition; establish the transition from an interim board to a fully functional board of the new independent district; require the continued collection of taxes restricted to the payment of debt or interest; waive the requirement for school-based decision making for the first year of operations of the new independent district; require the interim board of the new independent district to develop a transition plan and establish the requirements of the plan; create a new section of KRS Chapter 157, relating to state formula funding calculations, to establish a projection model for the first year of full operations of the new independent district and the altered originating district.

Current Status: 1/13/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H)

Recent Status: 1/6/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB11.html>

HB50 REMOVAL OF PERSONS UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING REAL PROPERTY (CALLAWAY, E) AN ACT relating to the removal of persons unlawfully occupying real property.

Amend KRS 383.290 to include consolidated local government law enforcement agencies and require posting in a conspicuous location.

Current Status: 2/9/2026 - received in Senate

Recent Status: 2/6/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 92-0
2/6/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB50.html>

HB65 WEIGHT LIMITS ON STATE ROADS (HODGSON, J) AN ACT relating to weight limits on state roads.

Amend KRS 189.2226, regarding overweight allowances for hauling of building materials for homes, to require any builder of 10 or more homes in a 1 mile radius to apply for a permit before the person may operate under the exemptions; require all persons applying for a permit issued under this section to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Transportation Cabinet; allow the Transportation Cabinet to require a bond as part of the cooperative agreement; require funds collected under a cooperative agreement to be used for maintenance of state roads covered under the cooperative agreement.

Current Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Transportation (H)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB65.html>

HB66 PUBLIC AGENCIES (HODGSON, J) AN ACT relating to public agencies.

Amend KRS 12.070 to permit a board, commission, or similar administrative body to conduct video teleconference meetings to allow public participation; allow members of a board, commission, or similar administrative body to attend meetings virtually unless a decision implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, affects private rights or procedures available to the public, or administers or awards funds; prohibit members who participate virtually from receiving reimbursement for travel

expenses; amend KRS 61.826 to prohibit a member of a public agency that attends a meeting through video teleconference from receiving reimbursement of travel expenses; amend KRS 164.004 to conform. HCS(1) Delete original provisions; create new section of KRS 61.870 to 61.884 to require the public agencies to publish information relating to board or commission members' name, term, and official method of contact; amend KRS 61.826 to allow video teleconference meetings to conduct routine public business; specify conditions and restrictions; require a quorum of members to convene for in-person meeting, and other members to participate virtually through video teleconference when the public agency conducts business that establishes or modifies laws, regulations, taxes, taking action on a nonroutine expenditure, or a grant or award greater than \$100,000; exempt in-person requirements during a declared state of emergency; require a public agency to develop policies and procedures governing attendance and participation policies for video teleconference meetings. HFA(1) Retain original provisions; require in-person meeting on final actions establishing or modifying taxes, laws or regulations; permit public agencies to develop policies and procedures on video teleconference meetings.

Current Status: 3/16/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

Recent Status: 2/12/2026 - received in Senate
2/11/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 95-0 with Committee Substitute (1), Floor Amendment (1) and Committee Amendment (1-title)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB66.html>

HB68 PLANNING AND ZONING (HODGSON, J) AN ACT relating to planning and zoning.

Create a new section of KRS 100.401 to 100.419 to specify that if a land use development plan or subdivision plan is for a proposed development adjacent to a county not part of the planning unit and the development would have a substantial impact on the infrastructure of that county, then the planning unit shall require as a binding element of the plan application an agreement from the other county approving the plan.

Current Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB68.html>

HB69 HOUSING (HODGSON, J) AN ACT relating to housing and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 198A, relating to affordable housing, to define terms; require agencies that expend state or federal affordable housing funds to expend at least 90% of those funds on single-family detached housing and no more than 10% of those funds on multifamily housing in any given fiscal year; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB69.html>

HB83 OPEN MEETINGS (ROBERTS, T) AN ACT relating to open meetings.

Amend KRS 61.848 to establish that any formal action of a public agency is voidable by a court if there was not substantial compliance with statutes regarding video teleconferencing of meetings, recording of minutes, and conditions for attendance.

Current Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB83.html>

HB84 LEGAL LIABILITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (ROBERTS, T) AN ACT relating to legal liability for local governments and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 411.100, relating to a city's liability for damage done during the course of a riot, to provide that any form of local government shall be liable for damage done during the course of a riot if they could have prevented the damage. HFA (1) Retain original provisions; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 2/2/2026 - received in Senate

Recent Status: 1/30/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 89-6 with Floor Amendment (1) and Floor Amendment (2-title)
1/30/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; with HFA1 and HFA2(T)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB84.html>

HB85 SANITATION DISTRICTS (ROBERTS, T) AN ACT relating to sanitation districts.

Amend KRS 220.510 to establish controls for sanitation districts when charging fees, taxes, or other charges to property owners or to other persons for the provision of services; affirm a cause of action when a person is charged for sewer services, but has not received service within 5 years of the plan approval date; provide that the Act may be cited as the Ensuring Fair Sewer Charges Act.

Current Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB85.html>

HB99 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS (TIPTON, J) AN ACT relating to independent school districts.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 160 to establish a process for the creation of new independent school districts; define terms; establish a petition process for voters of a qualifying city to place the question of creating a new independent district and local board of education on the ballot; specify the requirements for the question and the board of education provisional election; establish the initial terms of office for the interim board of education; establish the transition of authorities from the originating district board of education to the boards of both the altered originating district and the new independent district; require the Kentucky Department of Education to calculate assets and liabilities of the originating district for division to the altered originating district and the new independent district; authorize the altered originating district to maintain control and use of assets until the scheduled transfer to the new independent district and authorize the continued payments of debts; establish a negotiation process between the altered originating district and the new independent district to resolve the division of the originating district's assets and liabilities; establish a deadline for the negotiation to conclude; provide a process for resolution of disagreements; establish a deadline for the transfer of all assets and debts; authorize the altered originating district to continue to assess and collect taxes for both districts until the close of the tax year in which the new independent district is fully operational; provide for the distribution of collected taxes during the transition period; require the mayor of the city to call the newly elected interim board of new independent district to meet; allow the interim board to request assistance from the Kentucky Department of Education; establish the transition process for the new independent district to become fully functional; allow the interim board to submit a waiver request for a statute or administrative regulation to the Kentucky Board of Education; authorize the interim board to enter into service contracts with another school district during the transition; establish a process for the interim board to vote to terminate the establishment of the new independent district due to financial nonviability during the transition; establish the transition from an interim board to a fully functional board of the new independent district; require the continued collection of taxes restricted to the payment of debt or interest; waive the requirement for school-based decision making

for the first year of operations of the new independent district; require the interim board of the new independent district to develop a transition plan and establish the requirements of the plan; create a new section of KRS Chapter 157, relating to state formula funding calculations, to establish a projection model for the first year of full operations of the new independent district and the altered originating district.

Current Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB99.html>

HB100 AMENDMENT RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION (TIPTON, J) AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.

Propose to amend Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky to increase the homestead exemption to \$100,000; require the homestead exemption amount to be indexed every year; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection; apply to property assessments beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

Current Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB100.html>

HB103 WATER FLUORIDATION PROGRAMS (HART, M) AN ACT relating to water fluoridation programs.

Amend KRS 211.190 to make water fluoridation programs optional; allow the governing bodies of water systems subject to regulation by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to decide whether they participate in water fluoridation programs; provide that a water fluoridation program in place on the effective date of the Act continues until action is taken by its governing body to end its participation; provide that any decision regarding participation in a water fluoridation program made by the governing body of a water system shall be binding on all water systems it supplies; provide that a governing body, a member or employee of a governing body, or any public or private entity that may be held liable for the actions of a governing body that makes any decision regarding its participation in an optional water fluoridation program shall be immune from civil or criminal liability for acts carried out reasonably and in good faith regarding its decision of whether to participate in the water fluoridation program. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; remove immunity for private entities regarding acts relating to the continuation, termination, or commencement of a water fluoridation program; provide that the immunity is conferred under KRS 65.2003; extend the immunity to discretionary acts; remove the requirement that the immune acts be performed reasonably and in good faith.

Current Status: 2/6/2026 - received in Senate

Recent Status: 2/5/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 67-29 with Committee Substitute (1)

2/5/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS 1

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB103.html>

HB105 PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (HART, M) AN ACT relating to property tax rates for emergency services.

Amend KRS 75.040 to establish conditions under which a fire protection district or volunteer fire department district may exceed the maximum established tax rate; create a new section of KRS

Chapter 75 to establish the procedure by which a fire protection district or volunteer fire department district may exceed the maximum tax rate set in KRS 75.040 by requiring a public hearing and notification to the public; establish the methods by which the public may recall the portion of the levy that increases the tax beyond the previous year's rate; exempt the rates from the provisions of KRS 132.023; amend KRS 75A.050 to establish conditions under which a fire district may exceed the maximum established tax rate; create a new section of KRS Chapter 75A to establish the procedure by which a fire district may exceed the maximum tax rate set out in KRS 75A.050 by requiring a public hearing and notification to the public; establish the methods by which the public may recall the portion of the levy that increases the tax beyond the previous year's rate; exempt the rates from the provisions of KRS 132.023; amend KRS 75.015 to conform; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2027.

Current Status: 2/9/2026 - (H) WITHDRAWN

Recent Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)
1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB105.html>

HB108 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (RAYMER, R) AN ACT relating to solid waste management.

Amend KRS 224.40-315 to exclude certain waste sites or facilities from being considered a municipal solid waste disposal facility.

Current Status: 3/9/2026 - received in Senate

Recent Status: 3/6/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 79-8
3/6/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB108.html>

HB128 REGULATION OF RECOVERY RESIDENCES (BROWN JR., G) AN ACT relating to the regulation of recovery residences and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 222.504 and 222.506 to require that recovery residences be inspected at least annually by state or local officials capable of ensuring compliance with all state and local zoning, building code, and fire safety laws, administrative regulations, and ordinances and establish maximum occupancy standards for recovery residences; amend KRS 222.510 to permit local governments to require an individual or entity seeking to establish a recovery residence to provide notice up to six months in advance to all property owners within 1,000 feet of the property on which the recovery residence will be located; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB128.html>

HB132 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (RUDY, S) AN ACT relating to economic development.

Amend KRS 154.12-210 to require the Cabinet for Economic Development to maintain and disseminate information relating to Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy programs to enterprises interested in locating or operating within the Commonwealth; amend KRS 154.12-213 to require the Cabinet for Economic Development to promote Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy programs; require the Cabinet for Economic Development to submit a monthly report to the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy and the Legislative Research Commission; amend KRS 154.20-010 to add the Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy as an ex officio member of the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority.

Current Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Agriculture (H)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

HB139 ELECTIONS (DECKER, J) AN ACT relating to elections and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 116.112 to allow the State Board of Elections to enter into intergovernmental agreements with other governmental agencies to exchange data to assist in investigating violations of election offenses; amend KRS 117.125 to require voting systems and equipment meet or exceed a standard approved by the Election Assistance Commission; amend KRS 117.145 to require that county clerks provide voting equipment with the necessary supplies for write-in votes on the day before any in-person voting occurs; amend KRS 117.265 to change the date a person running for President or Vice President must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate to the same deadline as the certification of candidates; amend KRS 117.355 to require county boards of elections to deliver signature rosters and precinct results to the State Board of Elections within 10 days after any primary or general election; amend KRS 117.379 to require voting systems meet a previously established Election Assistance Commission standard; amend KRS 117.389 to require county clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment after any petitions for local option elections have been filed; amend KRS 118.015 to change the definition of "political party"; amend KRS 118.125 to require that the notification and declaration be in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State; amend KRS 118.129 to allow a contraction as an acceptable form of a candidate's name; amend KRS 118.165 to require that candidates for Commonwealth's Attorney file nomination papers with the Secretary of State; amend KRS 118.315 to require that the form of petition be prescribed by the Secretary of State; amend KRS 118.367 to specify that candidates for a special election or election for an unexpired term shall not be required to file a statement-of-candidacy form; require that the statement-of-candidacy form be prescribed by the Secretary of State; amend KRS 118A.060 to require that the petition for nomination be in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State; amend KRS 119.015 to remove the term "falsely"; amend KRS 119.165, relating to the penalty of a Class B misdemeanor regarding voters who vote at a regular or special election before being a citizen; make technical corrections; amend KRS 132.017 to require that questions as to whether the property tax rate shall be levied shall be submitted to voters in a common school election not less than 50 days nor more than 60 days from the date the signatures are validated; require the school district holding the election to post bond with the Circuit Court to cover the costs of the election within 5 days after the petition is found to be sufficient; amend KRS 160.210 to prohibit changes in the boundary of any division after June 1 in the year in which a school board member is to be elected; amend various statutes to conform; repeal KRS 118.551, relating to the definition of political party; EMERGENCY. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; amend KRS 118.105 to allow withdrawal as a reason to fill a vacancy in a nomination of candidacy; remove severe disabling condition as a reason to fill a vacancy in candidacy. HFA (1) Retain original provisions, except amend KRS 83A.170, 83A.175, 118.212, and 118A.150 to establish that the precinct election officers and county board of elections shall not disclose or report the official certification of votes cast for a candidate who withdraws, dies, or is disqualified after the certification of candidates; require that precinct election officers display a notice advising voters when votes for a candidate shall not be disclosed or reported; make technical corrections.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - Senate State & Local Government (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)
3/24/2026 - (S) FIRST READING

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB139.html>

HB140 HIGHWAY PAVEMENT MARKINGS (MASSARONI, C) AN ACT relating to highway pavement markings.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 189 to require the Transportation Cabinet conduct a quality

assurance check 6 months after each highway pavement marking or other highway paint application; require the Transportation Cabinet repair or reapply the highway pavement markings within 30 days of a failed quality assurance check.

Current Status: 1/29/2026 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules

Recent Status: 1/28/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

1/28/2026 - (H) Reported Favorably

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB140.html>

HB189 PEDESTRIANS (JACKSON, K) AN ACT relating to pedestrians.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 189 to define terms; prohibit a person from remaining on any portion of a state-maintained right-of-way that is not designated for pedestrian use; provide exemptions and authorize local governmental exceptions; allow local governments to enact ordinances to authorize limited exceptions to the prohibition; allow the Transportation Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to define minimum standards for state-maintained rights-of-way; amend KRS 189.570 to conform. HCS (1) Return original provisions; make technical correction for an internal reference.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - floor amendment (1) withdrawn

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - delivered to Governor

3/24/2026 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB189.html>

HB196 PFAS SUBSTANCES (KULKARNI, N) AN ACT relating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 211 to establish a PFAS Working Group; establish membership and duties; create new sections of Subchapter 10 of KRS Chapter 224 to define terms; establish a reporting requirement for manufacturers that intentionally added PFAS in products manufactured for sale or distribution in the Commonwealth; establish a reporting requirement for PFAS released in the Commonwealth by manufacturers that intentionally include PFAS in manufactured products; amend KRS 224.99-030 to establish penalty for noncompliance with reporting requirements.

Current Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Natural Resources & Energy (H)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB196.html>

HB221 SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY ALERTS (TACKETT LAFERTY, A) AN ACT relating to severe weather emergency alerts.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 39A to establish the Kentucky Severe Weather Alert System; specify purpose and allowable uses of the system.

Current Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (H)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB221.html>

HB224 ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRANT DATABASE (TACKETT LAFERTY, A) AN ACT relating to the establishment of a grant database.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 42 to define terms; require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to establish a grant database that will be a central repository for information on all available

state or local government grants; require state and local agencies to report grant opportunities to the Finance and Administration Cabinet for inclusion in the grant database.

Current Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB224.html>

HB229 HOUSING (WATKINS, J) AN ACT relating to housing, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 198A to create the affordable housing loan pool fund to be administered by the Kentucky Housing Corporation to provide rehabilitation and construction loans to eligible entities; specify terms and process; amend KRS 198A.080 to modify criteria for housing development loan fund, require notice of eligible funds, and allow expenditure of funds for technical and administrative costs; create new section of KRS Chapter 198A to establish parameters by which the Kentucky Housing Corporation shall review and approve the affordable housing credit; create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish the affordable housing credit; amend KRS 141.0205 to order the credit; amend KRS 131.190 to allow the Department of Revenue to report on the credits; appropriate \$102,000,000 from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund account for various affordable housing initiatives; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB229.html>

HB233 AMEND CONSTITUTION RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION (BAUMAN, J) AN ACT proposing to amend Section 172B of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.

Propose to amend Section 172B of the Constitution of Kentucky to expand the freeze on an assessment or reassessment moratorium to include the development of property and to remove the 5-year expiration date for the moratorium; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.

Current Status: 1/15/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)

Recent Status: 1/8/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB233.html>

HB235 AMEND CONSTITUTION RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION (BAUMAN, J) AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.

Propose to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky to exempt homeowners who are 65 years of age or older from any increase in the valuation of their permanent residence that is assessed after the later of the year the homeowner turned 65 or the year the homeowner acquired the property; require the exemption to be in addition to the exemption provided in Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky and notwithstanding Sections 171, 172, and 174 of the Constitution of Kentucky; apply the exemption to increases in valuation that occur after the date the amendment is ratified by the voters; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.

Current Status: 1/15/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)

Recent Status: 1/8/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB235.html>

HB236 MEDICAL SERVICES (BAUMAN, J) AN ACT relating to medical services.

Amend KRS 165A.310 to exclude institutions licensed or approved by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services from the definition of "proprietary school" under the Kentucky Commission for Proprietary Education; amend KRS 311A.020 to specify that the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services has authority to oversee the licensure and relicensure of emergency medical services training or educational institutions; amend KRS 311A.015, 311A.024, 311A.025, 311A.030, and 164.945 to conform. HCS (1) Amend KRS 165A.310 to exclude emergency medical services training and education institutes from the authority of the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education; amend KRS 165A.340 to require the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education to create a process for emergency medical services training and education institutes to opt in to governance by the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education; amend KRS 311A.010 to define terms; amend KRS 311A.020 to empower the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services with authority over emergency medical services training programs and emergency medical services training and education institutes; amend KRS 311A.030 to set licensure standards for emergency medical services training and education institutes; amend various sections to conform; make technical corrections; repeal KRS 311A.120, relating to education for emergency personnel. HFA (1) Amend KRS 75.040 to not charge that portion of a fire district tax that is attributable to the provision of ambulance services if the fire district serves an area that is also served by an ambulance service district operating under KRS Chapter 108 unless the respective boards agree otherwise; amend KRS 75.015 relating to fire protection subdistricts to not charge that portion of a fire subdistrict tax that is attributable to the provision of ambulance services if the fire subdistrict serves an area that is also served by an ambulance service district operating under KRS Chapter 108 unless the respective boards agree otherwise; make conforming amendments; amend KRS 216B.061 relating to certificates of need to establish that certificates are only needed when a geographical area is altered rather than increased; renumber remaining sections accordingly.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - Senate Licensing & Occupations (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/20/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing & Occupations (S)

3/18/2026 - received in Senate

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB236.html>

HB242 AMEND CONSTITUTION RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION (WHITE, R) AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.

Propose to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky to exempt from taxation a portion of the assessed value of real property maintained as the permanent residence of an owner who is a veteran or first responder; require an owner to meet the disability requirements under Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky; allow real property maintained as the permanent residence of the surviving spouse of a veteran or first responder to receive an exemption based on the qualifiers of the veteran or first responder prior to his or her death; allow the General Assembly to set qualification requirements by law; prohibit a property from receiving more than one exemption under this new section of the Constitution of Kentucky; allow the exemption to be in addition to the exemption provided in Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky; provide that the exemptions supersede contrary provisions of Sections 171, 172, and 174 of the Constitution of Kentucky; apply the exemptions to property assessed on or after January 1, 2028; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.

Current Status: 1/15/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)

Recent Status: 1/8/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB242.html>

HB254 TEMPORARY STRUCTURES (LAWRENCE, W) AN ACT relating to temporary structures.

Amend KRS 198B.050 to exempt certain temporary structures from state building code compliance if erected by or for a state or government agency, city, or municipality; require a temporary structure to be inspected and brought into compliance or removed after 6 months; exempt portable or temporary shower or toilet units from state building code compliance if intended to be used for less than 6 months; require a portable or temporary shower or toilet unit to be inspected and brought into compliance or removed after 6 months. HCS(1) Retain original provisions, except delete the exemption from state building codes for temporary structures intended for use for less than 6 months; require a portable shower or toilet unit to be brought into code compliance unless a state of emergency has been declared by the Governor or a local state of emergency has been declared by a mayor, county judge/executive, or chief executive officer of an applicable local government.

Current Status: 3/17/2026 - Senate Licensing & Occupations (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing & Occupations (S)

3/4/2026 - received in Senate

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB254.html>

HB258 TRANSPORTATION OF MILK (PAYNE, J) AN ACT relating to the transportation of milk.

Amend KRS 189.222 to allow vehicles with a gross weight of up to 90,000 pounds transporting fluid milk from a farm to the first market to operate on any state highway; allow for a 10% weight tolerance; provide exceptions and limitations; amend KRS 189.221 to conform. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; amend KRS 189.010 to include fluid milk products in the definition of "nondivisible load" as it pertains to the roads that are a part of the national truck network; amend KRS 189.270 to allow overweight permits for the transportation of fluid milk products up to a gross weight of 100,000 pounds; amend KRS 189.2717 to allow annual overweight permits along a specified route for the transportation of fluid milk products up to a gross weight of 100,000 pounds.

Current Status: 3/16/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Agriculture (S)

Recent Status: 2/6/2026 - received in Senate

2/5/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 97-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB258.html>

HB267 WELCOME CENTERS AND REST AREAS (GRIFFEE, P) AN ACT relating to welcome centers and rest areas.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 177 to define "acknowledgment sign" and "sponsorship agreement"; allow the Transportation Cabinet to enter into sponsorship agreements with private entities to sponsor welcome centers or rest areas on the interstate and state highway system; direct that all contributions shall be used on maintenance and upkeep of the welcome center or rest area; require the Transportation Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to establish a sponsorship policy and process to enter into sponsorship agreements.

Current Status: 1/15/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Transportation (H)

Recent Status: 1/8/2026 - Introduced

- HB276 KEEPING CHICKENS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. (DOAN, S) AN ACT relating to keeping chickens on residential property.
- Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to define "backyard chicken"; allow a person to keep 6 or fewer backyard chickens on residential property in cities and certain other local governments; establish requirements and restrictions on local regulatory authority.
- Current Status:* 2/6/2026 - received in Senate
- Recent Status:* 2/5/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 72-22
2/5/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day
- State Bill Page:* <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB276.html>
- HB292 SPECIAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES (THOMAS, W) AN ACT relating to special purpose governmental entities.
- Amend KRS 65A.030, relating to special purpose governmental entities, to increase the audit and financial statement responsibility thresholds; amend KRS 65A.010 to include 911 emergency services within examples of public services provided by special purpose governmental entities and to raise the fire department audit and financial statement responsibility thresholds; amend KRS 95A.055 to raise the fire department audit and financial statement responsibility thresholds; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2027.
- Current Status:* 1/20/2026 - (H) WITHDRAWN
- Recent Status:* 1/16/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)
1/9/2026 - Introduced
- State Bill Page:* <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB292.html>
- HB303 TRANSPORTATION CABINET APPROPRIATIONS (STEVENSON, P) AN ACT relating to appropriations providing financing and conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the Transportation Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- The Governor's recommended Transportation Cabinet Budget: Detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, Capital Projects Budget; detail Part III, Funds Transfer; detail Part IV, Transportation Cabinet Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION.
- Current Status:* 1/16/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
- Recent Status:* 1/9/2026 - Introduced
- State Bill Page:* <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB303.html>
- HB304 APPROPRIATIONS MEASURES (STEVENSON, P) AN ACT relating to appropriations measures providing funding and establishing conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state-supported activities.
- The Governor's recommended State/Executive Branch Budget: Detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, Capital Projects Budget; detail Part III, General Provisions; detail Part IV, State Salary/Compensation, Benefit, and Employment Policy; detail Part V, Funds Transfer; detail Part VI, General Fund Budget Reduction Plan; detail Part VII, General Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; detail Part VIII, Road Fund Budget Reduction Plan; detail Part IX, Road Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; detail Part X, Phase I Tobacco Settlement; and detail Part XI, Executive Branch Budget Summary; detail Part XII, Appropriations from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund; APPROPRIATION.

Current Status: 1/16/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 1/9/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB304.html>

HB311 RAILROAD CROSSINGS (CALLOWAY, J) AN ACT relating to railroad crossings.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 277 to require each railroad company to destroy or remove obstructive vegetation at intersections with public roads or highways; direct the Transportation Cabinet or local government to remove obstructive vegetation if the railroad company fails to do so after receiving written notice from the cabinet or local government; establish procedures for reimbursement by the railroad company for the vegetation removal. HCS(1) Retain original provisions, except change the distance of required vegetation removal from 600 feet to 250 feet in each direction upon a right-of-way at each public rail-highway grade crossing that is more than 30 inches and less than 20 feet above the height of the crossing, within 20 feet of the nearest rail, and within 200 feet of the centerline of the roadway; provide that a railroad company shall not be authorized or required to enter private property to remove obstructive vegetation; allow a railroad company to petition the Transportation Cabinet to waive or modify obstructive vegetation removal requirements when the terrain or other conditions make removed impossible, impractical, or unnecessary by written notice and allow the cabinet to deny or modify the written notice within 60 days; if a railroad fails to remove obstructive vegetation and receives written notice that vegetation must be removed within 30 days; provide that the cabinet or local government shall coordinate a mutually agreeable time to access the railroad right-of-way to remove obstructive vegetation pursuant to the railroad's safety processes and that a railroad company shall be and remain in compliance with obstructive vegetation removal by January 1, 2029.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Transportation (S)

Recent Status: 3/17/2026 - received in Senate

3/16/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 93-1 with Committee Substitute (1)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB311.html>

HB313 CITY FRANCHISES (BIVENS, R) AN ACT relating to city franchises.

Amend KRS 69.010 to change the time period that a city has to provide for the sale of a new franchise before the expiration of the current utility franchise from 18 months to 6 months.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - Senate Natural Resources & Energy (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/18/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Natural Resources & Energy (S)

2/12/2026 - received in Senate

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB313.html>

HB314 KENTUCKY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AUTHORITY (BAUMAN, J) AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Communications Network Authority and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 154.15-010 to remove the definition of "executive director" of the Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA); amend KRS 154.15-020 to administratively attach the KCNA to the Finance and Administration Cabinet; remove references to the executive director and the advisory group of the KCNA; abolish the KCNA advisory group; remove references to KCNA staff and require the executive director of the Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT) to assign COT personnel to carry out the functions and responsibilities of the KCNA; require the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, the Treasurer, and the executive director of the Commonwealth

Office of Technology serve as ex officio members on the board of directors for any nonprofit organization incorporated to carry out activities associated with the responsibilities of the KCNA or its board; amend KRS 154.15-030 to remove all current members of the KCNA board except for the representative designated by the Center for Rural Development and replace them with the chief information officer of the Department of Education, who shall serve as chair, the Attorney General, the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Secretary of State, and the Treasurer, or their designees; amend KRS 42.726 to add carrying out the functions and responsibilities of the KCNA to the roles and duties of the COT; amend KRS 42.732 to remove the executive director of the KCNA from the Kentucky Information Technology Advisory Council; amend KRS 12.020, 12.023, and 42.014 to conform; require that on the effective date of the Act, all functions and responsibilities previously undertaken by KCNA personnel shall be transferred to existing COT personnel; require all records, files, or documents previously maintained by KCNA personnel to be transferred to the COT; require that the position of executive director of the KCNA shall be terminated on the effective date of the Act; allow the executive director of COT to determine on or before June 30, 2026, which staff previously employed by KCNA shall be retained and employed by COT; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/10/2026 - delivered to Secretary of State (Acts Ch. 2)

Recent Status: 3/10/2026 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate
3/10/2026 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB314.html>

HB325 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES (LEHMAN, M) AN ACT relating to economic development incentives.

Amend KRS 141.396, relating to the angel investor tax credit, to remove language relating to employee demographics for qualified small businesses from information required; amend KRS 154.20-234, relating to the Angel Investor Program, to remove language relating to employee demographics for qualified small businesses from information required; amend KRS 154.20-240 and 154.20-254 to conform.

Current Status: 1/20/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Small Business & Information Technology (H)

Recent Status: 1/12/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB325.html>

HB332 ISSUANCE OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS (RAYMER, R) AN ACT relating to the issuance of identity documents.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 186 to define "local governmental entity" and "local official"; require the Transportation Cabinet to expand driver licensing services by setting up a system between the Transportation Cabinet and 1 local official or local governmental entity in each county to issue operator's licenses and personal identification cards; require the Transportation Cabinet to identify a local official or local governmental entity in each county that will participate in the system by July 1, 2027; allow a local official or local governmental entity to charge a convenience fee for any document issued by a local official or local governmental entity; require the Transportation Cabinet report the number of documents issued by local officials and local governmental entities and any effect on wait times at regional licensing offices; amend KRS 186.531 to conform; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2027.

Current Status: 1/20/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Transportation (H)

Recent Status: 1/13/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB332.html>

HB333 HOUSING (POLLOCK, M) AN ACT relating to housing.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to define terms; make affordable housing developed by a religious developer a permitted use and require only a ministerial review by a planning unit for compliance with the section; include requirements that an affordable housing development must meet including that it be on property owned by a religious institution prior to January 1, 2026, exclusively contains affordable housing, be less than 24 units and be located only on a parcel in certain zones, and to have obtained all other permits; require a religious institution that does not continue to qualify to seek approval from a planning unit; allow the Kentucky Housing Corporation to advise religious developers regarding affordable housing developments; allow homeless shelters operated by a religious institution to be permitted uses in commercial or business zones.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day
3/20/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day for
Tuesday, March 24 2026

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB333.html>

HB336 MINIMUM WAGES (AULL, C) AN ACT relating to the establishment of minimum wages by local governments.

Amend KRS 65.016 and 337.275 to allow a local government to adopt and enforce an ordinance that requires a minimum wage at a rate higher than that found in KRS 337.275 for employers located within that government's jurisdiction.

Current Status: 1/21/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 1/13/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB336.html>

HB361 SANCTUARY POLICIES (BAUMAN, J) AN ACT relating to sanctuary policies.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 61 to define terms; prohibit state and local governmental entities from adopting sanctuary policies; require law enforcement agencies to use reasonable resources to support the enforcement of federal immigration law; prohibit policies which would restrict the sharing of information with federal immigration agencies; require compliance with federal requirements when a defendant subject to an immigration detainer has been sentenced in a criminal case; require correctional facilities to provide information regarding the date of discharge to federal immigration agencies and cooperate in the transfer of an inmate to federal custody; require completion of a sentence before an inmate may be transferred to federal custody in cases where the inmate is a violent offender; require a law enforcement agency to provide notice to a judge if a person in their custody is subject to an immigration detainer; require counties to endeavor to enter into agreements with federal immigration agencies regarding the housing of persons in county jails who are subject to immigration detainers; create a rebuttable presumption that a state or local officer who intentionally violates any of the provisions of the Act has committed malfeasance and neglect of duty and is subject to impeachment; allow the Attorney General to make findings that a local government has violated the Act; and to withhold road aid funding if the local government willfully violates the Act by refusing to cease a violation; create a private right of action against an official that has adopted a sanctuary policy; waive immunities when a person is injured by a person released as a result of a sanctuary policy; amend KRS 177.360 and 177.366 to require transfer of road aid moneys to be suspended upon notice by the Attorney General of willful violations by a local government and reinstated upon notice by the Attorney General of compliance; provide that the Act may be cited as the Lawful Immigration System Act of 2026.

Current Status: 1/21/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary (H)

Recent Status: 1/13/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB361.html>

HB367 INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES (MCCOOL, B) AN ACT relating to investor-owned electric utilities.

Amend KRS 278.160 to prohibit the collection of charges and fees for other governmental units by an investor-owned electric utility; prohibit the collection of certain surcharges and amounts that are not directly and exclusively related to the provision of electric service; require investor owned utilities to file new tariffs 90 days after December 30, 2026; EFFECTIVE December 30, 2026.

Current Status: 1/22/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Natural Resources & Energy (H)

Recent Status: 1/14/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB367.html>

HB370 TRANSPORTATION (SMITH, T) AN ACT relating to transportation and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 138.220 to set a single excise tax on gasoline and special fuels; set initial base rate at 29.6 cents per gallon (cpg); subject tax to annual adjustment; eliminate references to taxation on the average wholesale price of gasoline and the supplemental tax on gasoline and special fuels; require annual notification to motor fuel dealers of the adjusted rate of the excise tax on gasoline and special fuels for each upcoming fiscal year; amend KRS 138.660 to set the initial base rate for the heavy equipment motor carrier surtax for gasoline at 2.2 cpg for fiscal year 26-27 and 4.3 cpg for fiscal year 27-28 and set the rate for special fuels at 3.6 cpg for fiscal year 26-27 and 7.2 cpg for fiscal 27-28; subject the surtax to annual adjustment; create a new section of KRS Chapter 138 to define "taxes"; provide a mechanism for annual adjustment of the excise tax on gasoline and special fuels and the heavy equipment motor carrier surtax based on changes in the National Highway Construction Cost Index 2.0; allow these taxes to increase or decrease no more than 5% from one year to the next, subject to the statutory minimums; amend KRS 186.018 to increase the fee for a driving history record from \$3 to \$6; amend KRS 186.020 to eliminate the requirement to present a vehicle's registration receipt when renewing the vehicle registration and allow mail or online registration renewal with no additional fee; amend KRS 186.040 to eliminate the \$30 county clerk fee for motor carrier registrations on vehicles in excess of 44,000 pounds; increase the county clerk fee for motor vehicle registrations from \$6 to \$8; amend KRS 186.050 to increase to state fee for motor vehicle registrations from \$11.50 to \$22; increase other state registration fees; provide for a \$10 late charge for vehicle registrations not renewed within 30 days of expiration; make technical correction; amend KRS 186.162, 186.180, and 186.240 to conform; amend 186.531 to set the reinstatement fee for a suspended operator's license at \$100 and provide for distribution of funds; amend KRS 281A.150 to increase reinstatement fees for suspended CDLs from \$50 to \$100; amend KRS 186A.130 and 186A.245 to set the fee for an initial title at \$25, the fee for a duplicate or replacement title at \$10, and the fee for a speed title at \$40, and adjust the distribution of fees between the Transportation Cabinet and the county clerk; amend KRS 189.574 to increase to fee for state traffic school from \$15 to \$50; create a new section of KRS Chapter 174 to create the multimodal transportation fund, specify allowable uses for moneys in the fund; amend KRS 177.320 and 177.365, regarding allocation of a portion of fuel tax revenue to county road aid funds and municipal road aid funds; change the revenue-sharing formula on the portion of fuel tax revenue available for revenue sharing which exceeds \$825 million in any year from 18.3% to counties and 7.7% to cities to 13% for each fund; amend KRS 176.080 to establish limitations and awarding of single bid construction contracts the exceed, engineer's estimates, require reporting of such contracts; amend KRS 176.210 to prohibit the Department of Highways from revealing the identities of eligible bidders on a project until the project bid letting; amend KRS 138.210 to delete the definitions for "average wholesale price," "average wholesale floor price," and "quarterly survey value"; amend KRS 138.695, 138.270, 42.409, 234.320, and 234.380, and 186A.035 to conform; repeal KRS

138.228, regarding the calculation of average wholesale price of gasoline, KRS 138.4602, regarding determination of total consideration on vehicles purchased between 2009 and 2014, and KRS 175.505, regarding the debt payment acceleration fund for turnpike authority debt; EFFECTIVE, January 1, 2027; EFFECTIVE, in part, July 1, 2026; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 1/22/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Transportation (H)

Recent Status: 1/14/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB370.html>

HB371 OUTDOOR RECREATION (WHITAKER, M) AN ACT relating to outdoor recreation.

Create a new section of Subchapter 12 of KRS Chapter 154 to establish the Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry within the Cabinet for Economic Development; establish the office duties and responsibilities; amend KRS 12.020 to conform.

Current Status: 1/22/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Economic Development & Workforce Investment (H)

Recent Status: 1/14/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB371.html>

HB372 CIRCULAR ENERGY FACILITIES (GORDON, D) AN ACT relating to circular energy facilities.

Create new sections of subchapter 40 of KRS Chapter 224 to define "advanced recovery facility," "circular energy economy," "circular energy facility," and "energy carriers"; declare legislature finding regarding the landfilling of wastes as an obsolete method of waste management and promotion of a circular energy economy using circular energy facilities; create a Circular Economy and Advanced Recovery Advisory Council attached to the Energy and Environment Cabinet and identify members of the council and meeting schedule; require the council to make recommendations on policies that advance a circular energy economy using advanced recovery technologies; set forth the duties of the council and require the council to prepare an annual report to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission December 30 of each year; prohibit local governments and special districts from banning circular energy or advanced recovery facilities in their jurisdiction.

Current Status: 2/11/2026 - (H) WITHDRAWN

Recent Status: 1/22/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Natural Resources & Energy (H)

1/14/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB372.html>

HB375 AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS (ROBERTS, T) AN ACT relating to automated license plate readers.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 189 to define "automated license plate reader" or "ALPR"; prohibit the use, deployment, and maintenance of an ALPR system; allow a person to bring a civil action for a violation and allow recovery of actual and punitive damages; make the use, deployment, and maintenance of an ALPR system a Class D felony and set a fine of \$10,000.

Current Status: 1/22/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Transportation (H)

Recent Status: 1/14/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB375.html>

HB384 ROAD FUNDING (BAUMAN, J) AN ACT relating to road fund receipts and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 177.320 and 177.365, relating to the allocation of a portion of motor fuel tax revenue to

county road aid funds and municipal road aid funds, to change the revenue-sharing formula on the portion of revenue available for revenue sharing that exceeds \$775 million in any fiscal year from 18.3% for counties and 7.7% for cities to 13% for each fund; make technical corrections; amend KRS 176.241, 178.010, 179.010, and 189.503 to conform; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 1/22/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Transportation (H)

Recent Status: 1/14/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB384.html>

HB392 PUBLIC AGENCY TRANSACTIONS (MEREDITH, M) AN ACT relating to local public agency transactions.

Amend KRS 45A.345, relating to local procurement, to define "best value" and redefine "evaluated bid price" as "economic efficiency"; amend KRS 45A.365 to require invitations for bids to state that awards be made on the best value rather than the lowest evaluated bid price; delete requirement for the inclusion of a reciprocal preference for resident bidders; require awards to the best value bid rather than the bid that is lowest evaluated bid price remove reference to reciprocal preference; amend KRS 45A.370 to allow purchases through competitive negotiation using the best value bid rather than the lowest evaluated bid; remove references to reciprocal preference; amend KRS 45A.375, relating to competitive negotiation to allow awards to be made upon the best value rather than lowest evaluated bid, and remove reference to reciprocal preference; amend KRS 45A.385, relating to small purchase procedures, to increase the small purchase maximum amount to \$60,000 from \$40,000; index the maximum amount by \$10,000 every 5 years beginning in 2030; require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to publicize the current amount; amend KRS 45A.420, relating to cooperative purchasing, to allow local public agencies to make agreements using an established discount, quote, formula, or other pricing method as established by the Commonwealth when an agreement does not establish a fixed unit price; amend KRS 82.083, relating to the disposition of property owned by a city, to amend the definition of "independent appraisal" as it relates to personal property for which there is no applicable nationally published valuation standard, to include a generally accepted method to determine a good-faith estimate; amend KRS 82.084 to add law enforcement vehicles and equipment to the exclusions from KRS 45A.345 to 45A.460 and 424.260; amend KRS 424.260 to increase the limit for making advertisements for purchases to \$60,000 from \$40,000; index the small purchase maximum amount by \$10,000 every 5 years beginning in 2030; amend KRS 157.420 and 157.440 to conform; repeal KRS 65.027, relating to reciprocal preference to resident bidders. HCS(1) Retain original provisions of draft, except delete KRS 45A.345 and 45A.365 containing the definition of "best value" and conforming language related thereto and remove references to "best value" throughout the bill; delete the repeal of KRS 65.027 and restore references to reciprocal preference throughout bill; reduce the adjusted maximum small purchase amount from \$60,000 to \$50,000; delete other sections to conform.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day for Wednesday, March 25 2026

3/20/2026 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules as a consent bill

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB392.html>

HB404 EMPLOYMENT (GENTRY, A) AN ACT relating to employment.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 336 to prohibit all employers of 75 or more employees from demoting, dismissing, disciplining, or discriminating against an employee who misses work because of duties related to being a candidate, member-elect, or member of the General Assembly or legislative body of certain local governments; require an employer to grant a leave of absence if the employee requests it, not to exceed 3 terms for a member of the House of Representatives, or 2 terms for a

member of the Senate or a member of a specified legislative body of a local government; amend KRS 336.990 to provide a penalty for employers who violate Section 1 of the Act.

Current Status: 1/23/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)

Recent Status: 1/15/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB404.html>

HB411 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND (BRATCHER, S) AN ACT relating to the affordable housing trust fund.

Amend KRS 64.012 to increase and modify fees received by the county clerk; after January 1, 2027, allow recalculation using the CPI-U, with the fee increase going to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; apply to fees received by county clerks for services provided on or after August 1, 2026.

Current Status: 1/23/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 1/15/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB411.html>

HB414 BOOKING PROCEDURES IN LOCAL JAILS (FLANNERY, P) AN ACT relating to booking procedures in local jails.

Amend KRS 17.169 to include local law enforcement as persons authorized to collect DNA samples; define "rapid DNA instruments"; amend KRS 17.170 to provide for the collection of DNA samples at arrest or initial appearance from all persons charged with a felony offense; allow for collection of a second DNA sample by approved local governments to be processed via rapid DNA instruments; amend KRS 17.175 to provide that a person may request expungement of the record of his or her DNA in certain enumerated circumstances; amend KRS 64.060 to establish a \$5 payment from the State Treasury to the collecting agency for each DNA sample collected. HCS (1) Retain original provisions, except require that DNA samples be taken only by buccal swab; remove provisions allowing sheriffs and arresting peace officers to collect DNA samples at arrest; provide that analysis of DNA samples is authorized only for criminal justice and law enforcement purposes; require automatic expungement of DNA data if a charge or conviction is reversed, dismissed, not prosecuted, or results in conviction for a nonfelony offense or successful completion of a diversion program; allow individuals whose felony convictions are expunged to file a written request for expungement of DNA data with the Department of Kentucky State Police forensic laboratory; remove \$5 payment to collecting agencies for collection and transmission of DNA samples.

Current Status: 3/16/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary (S)

Recent Status: 2/20/2026 - received in Senate

2/19/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 73-18 with Committee Substitute (1)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB414.html>

HB427 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS (OSBORNE, D) AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, and support of the Legislative Branch of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The LRC Director's recommended Legislative Branch Budget: Detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, General Provisions; detail Part III, Budget Reduction or Surplus Expenditure Plan; APPROPRIATION.

Current Status: 1/27/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 1/16/2026 - Introduced

- HB428 JUDICIAL BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS (OSBORNE, D) AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the Judicial Branch of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, boards, commissions, subdivisions, and other state-supported activities.
- The Chief Justice's recommended Judicial Branch Budget: Detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, Capital Projects Budget; detail Part III, General Provisions; detail Part IV, Budget Reduction or Surplus Expenditure Plan; APPROPRIATION.
- Current Status:* 1/27/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
- Recent Status:* 1/16/2026 - Introduced
- State Bill Page:* <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB428.html>
- HB432 LOCAL PURCHASING (NEIGHBORS, A) AN ACT relating to local purchasing.
- Amend KRS 45A.380 to allow the purchase of used vehicles and used equipment through noncompetitive negotiation if the agency pays no more than 75% of the manufacturer's suggested retail price for new same or similar vehicles or equipment for the used vehicle or equipment; amend KRS 424.260 to allow local agencies to purchase used vehicles and equipment negotiation if the agency pays no more than 75% of the manufacturer's suggested retail price for new same or similar vehicles or equipment without making a newspaper advertisement for bids. HCS(1) Retain original provisions, except provide that an agency cannot pay more than 75% of the manufacturer's suggested retail price for the model year of a vehicle or for the date of manufacture for equipment; stipulate that supplies may be for perishable foods or sold at public auction while removing the reference to sealed bids.
- Current Status:* 3/9/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)
- Recent Status:* 2/12/2026 - received in Senate
2/11/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 82-7 with Committee Substitute (1)
- State Bill Page:* <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB432.html>
- HB454 ELECTIONS (HODGSON, J) AN ACT relating to elections.
- Amend KRS 67.060, 83A.040, 160.180, and 262.240, to require candidates for county commissioner, mayor, legislative bodys, local board of education member, and soil and water commissioner at the time of their elections or appointments and for the duration of their term in office to be a citizen of the United States, a citizen of the United States for 18 years immediately preceding election or appointment, citizen or national of only the United States and no other foreign state or country, and a citizen or national of only the United States and no other foreign state or country for 18 years immediately preceding election or appointment in order to hold each respective office.
- Current Status:* 1/29/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)
- Recent Status:* 1/21/2026 - Introduced
- State Bill Page:* <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB454.html>
- HB462 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (DUVALL, R) AN ACT relating to tax increment financing.
- Amend KRS 154.30-010 to remove the sunset date in the definition of "modified new revenues for income tax" to make it permanent.

Current Status: 1/29/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 1/21/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB462.html>

HB480 STATE CONTRACTS (MCPHERSON, S) AN ACT relating to state contracts.

Amend KRS 45A.035 to require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to establish policies regarding timely payments, partial payments, reimbursement, and payment resolution process; create a new section of KRS Chapter 45A to require terms included in state government contracts to address timely payments, partial payment, a payment process for disbursement of funds, payment schedule, and a payment resolution process; establish timely payment policies to provide that all undisputed amounts shall be paid within 30 business days of receipt of the goods, services, invoice, or in accordance with the terms of the contract; provide interest penalties for undisputed amounts that are not timely paid ; require any invoices that are submitted by a contractor or vendor outside of the 10 calendar days correction period to be considered a new invoice for the purpose of calculation of the late payment fee pursuant to KRS 45.454; require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to establish a payment resolution process; define "purchasing agency" and "undisputed amount"; require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to submit a report every 6 months to the Legislative Research Commission detailing late payment contract disputes.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Economic Development, Tourism, & Labor (S)

Recent Status: 2/18/2026 - received in Senate

2/17/2026 - floor amendment (1) filed

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB480.html>

HB488 MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER PROGRAM (GORDON, D) AN ACT relating to the Medicaid home and community based waiver program.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to define terms; direct the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to prepare and submit a waiver amendment application to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend the 1915(c) HCB waiver program to include coverage for assisted living services; establish coverage limits; require the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations; require the cabinet or the Department for Medicaid Services to seek federal approval if it is determined that such approval is necessary; provide authorization from the General Assembly to make changes in the Medicaid program as required under KRS 205.5372(1).

Current Status: 3/9/2026 - Statutory Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 2/3/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Health Services (H)

1/27/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB488.html>

HB494 ADMINSTRATIVE REGULATIONS (ROBERTS, T) AN ACT relating to administrative regulations.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 13A to establish a process for final legislative approval or disapproval of administrative regulations promulgated by designated administrative bodies; indicate that approved administrative regulations will be considered ratified by the General Assembly only after enactment of legislation that specifically approves the section range, chapter, or title; delay the effective date of an affected regulation until the ratification process is complete; allow regulations necessary to prevent a loss of federal or state funding to go into effect sooner but remain subject to

final approval; deem a disapproved ordinary regulation void or emergency regulation expired; require the regulations compiler to submit an eligible regulation list to the Committee on Committees of each chamber; establish session procedures and rules for the regulation review process in the legislature; require each administrative body to submit a list of its ratified regulations to the regulations compiler; authorize the General Assembly to prepare an omnibus bill to cover approved and disapproved regulations; amend KRS 13A.010 to define "final legislative approval" and "ratified"; amend KRS 13A.040 to require the regulations compiler to maintain a ratification status list for all regulations; amend KRS 13A.3102 to make regulation ratification apply to the 7-year certification process; amend KRS 13A.331 to make the ratification status of a regulation supersede its traditional adoption and effective status; amend KRS 13A.190 to conform.

Current Status: 2/3/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (H)

Recent Status: 1/27/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB494.html>

HB495 LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEES (DIETZ, S) AN ACT relating to local occupational license fees.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 91A to define terms; require 100% of the wages of an employee associated with the corporate office to be apportioned to the local government where the corporate office is located; exclude wages for work performed at a satellite office; require 100% of the wages of an employee assigned to a state government office to be apportioned to the local government where the state government office is located; allow a refund claim for occupational license fees paid for work physically performed outside of the local government's jurisdiction; establish requirements for refunds; amend KRS 67.780 to conform; apply the apportionment and refund requirements to incentive agreements entered into or amended on or after the effective date of the Act.

Current Status: 2/20/2026 - (H) WITHDRAWN

Recent Status: 2/10/2026 - House Local Government (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
2/4/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB495.html>

HB499 MOTOR VEHICLE USAGE TAX (GRIFFEE, P) AN ACT relating to motor vehicle usage tax.

Amend KRS 138.470 to exempt from motor vehicle usage tax any motor vehicle purchased by current members of the Kentucky National Guard or reserve component, motor vehicles brought into the Commonwealth that were sold by a dealer in another state to a member of the Armed Forces on duty in the Commonwealth while that person was on temporary duty in another state, and motor vehicles registered outside the state by a veteran or member of the United States Armed Forces that were purchased while that person was a member of the Armed Forces.

Current Status: 2/4/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Transportation (H)

Recent Status: 1/28/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB499.html>

HB500 EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS (PETRIE, J) AN ACT relating to appropriations measures providing funding and establishing conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state-supported activities.

The State/Executive Branch Budget: Details Part I, Operating Budget; details Part II, Capital Projects Budget; details Part III, General Provisions; details Part IV, State Salary/Compensation, Benefit, and

Employment Policy; details Part V, Funds Transfer; details Part VI, General Fund Budget Reduction Plan; details Part VII, General Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; details Part VIII, Road Fund Budget Reduction Plan; details Part IX, Road Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; details Part X, Phase I Tobacco Settlement; and details Part XI, Executive Branch Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION. HCS (1) The State/Executive Branch Budget: Retain, delete, and add to original provisions; details Part I, Operating Budget; details Part II, Capital Projects Budget; details Part III, General Provisions; details Part IV, State Salary/Compensation, Benefit, and Employment Policy; details Part V, Funds Transfer; details Part VI, General Fund Budget Reduction Plan; details Part VII, General Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; details Part VIII, Road Fund Budget Reduction Plan; details Part IX, Road Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; details Part X, Phase I Tobacco Settlement; and details Part XI, Executive Branch Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION. SCS (1) The State/Executive Branch Budget: Retain, delete, and add to original provisions; detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, Capital Projects Budget; detail Part III, General Provisions; detail Part IV, State Salary/Compensation, Benefit, and Employment Policy; detail Part V, Funds Transfer; detail Part VI, General Fund Budget Reduction Plan; detail Part VII, General Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; detail Part VIII, Road Fund Budget Reduction Plan; detail Part IX, Road Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; detail Part X, Phase I Tobacco Settlement; and detail Part XI, Executive Branch Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION.

Current Status: 3/19/2026 - Conference Committee Appointed in House Rep. Petrie, Chair; Rep. Bray; Rep. Bowling; Rep. Rudy; Rep. Miles; Rep. Nemes; Rep. Meade; Rep. Osborne; Rep. Stevenson; Rep. Burke; Rep. Watkins; Rep. Bojanowski

Recent Status: 3/19/2026 - Conference Committee Appointed in Senate Sen. McDaniel, Chair; Sens. Mays Bledsoe, Raque Adams, Stivers, Givens, Wise, Mills, Wilson, Neal, Thomas, and Chambers Armstrong
3/19/2026 - Senate Refused to Recede from Senate Committee Substitute (1)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB500.html>

HB501 TRANSPORTATION CABINET APPROPRIATIONS (PETRIE, J) AN ACT relating to appropriations providing financing and conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the Transportation Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Transportation Cabinet Budget: Detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, Capital Projects Budget; detail Part III, Funds Transfer; detail Part IV, Transportation Cabinet Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION. HCS (1) The Transportation Cabinet Budget: Retain, delete, and add to original provisions; detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, Capital Projects Budget; detail Part III, Funds Transfer; detail Part IV, Transportation Cabinet Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate Transportation (S)

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) SECOND READING
3/24/2026 - (S) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB501.html>

HB502 ROAD PROJECTS (PETRIE, J) AN ACT relating to road projects and declaring an emergency.

Set out the 2026-2028 Biennial Highway Construction Plan; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate Transportation (S)

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) SECOND READING
3/24/2026 - (S) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB502.html>

HB503

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS (PETRIE, J) AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, and support of the Legislative Branch of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Legislative Branch Budget: Detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, General Provisions; detail Part III, Budget Reduction or Surplus Expenditure Plan; APPROPRIATION. HCS(1) The Legislative Branch Budget: Retain, delete, and add to original provisions; detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, General Provisions; detail Part III, Budget Reduction or Surplus Expenditure Plan; APPROPRIATION. SCS (1) The Legislative Branch Budget: Retain, delete, and add to original provisions; detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, General Provisions; detail Part III, Budget Reduction or Surplus Expenditure Plan; APPROPRIATION.

Current Status: 3/19/2026 - Conference Committee Appointed in House Rep. Petrie, Chair; Rep. Bray; Rep. Bowling; Rep. Rudy; Rep. Miles; Rep. Nemes; Rep. Meade; Rep. Osborne; Rep. Stevenson; Rep. Burke; Rep. Watkins; Rep. Bojanowski

Recent Status: 3/19/2026 - Conference Committee Appointed in Senate Sen. McDaniel, Chair; Sens. Mays Bledsoe, Raque Adams, Stivers, Givens, Wise, Mills, Wilson, Neal, Thomas, and Chambers Armstrong
3/19/2026 - Senate Refused to Recede from Senate Committee Substitute (1)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB503.html>

HB504

JUDICIAL BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS (PETRIE, J) AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the Judicial Branch of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, boards, commissions, subdivisions, and other state-supported activities.

The Judicial Branch Budget: Detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, Capital Projects Budget; detail Part III, General Provisions; detail Part IV, Budget Reduction or Surplus Expenditure Plan; APPROPRIATION. HCS (1) The Judicial Branch Budget: Retain, delete, and add to original provisions; detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, Capital Projects Budget; detail Part III, General Provisions; detail Part IV, Budget Reduction or Surplus Expenditure Plan; APPROPRIATION. SCS (1) The Judicial Branch Budget: Retain, delete, and add to original provisions; detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, Capital Projects Budget; detail Part III, General Provisions; detail Part IV, Budget Reduction or Surplus Expenditure Plan; APPROPRIATION

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3/19/2026 - Senate Refused to Recede from Senate Committee Substitute (1)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB504.html>

HB505

CONTRACT PROCUREMENT (HOLLOWAY, K) AN ACT relating to contract procurement.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 43 to require the Auditor of Public Accounts to conduct a biennial audit of the contract procurement systems of the Department of Highways; enumerate issues to be examined in the audit; allow the Auditor to contract for professional services; require the Department of Highways to reimburse the Auditor for the cost of the audit; require submission of the audit to the

LRC by October 31st of each odd numbered year; amend KRS 176.050 to require the Department of Highways to reimburse the Auditor for the biennial audit of contract procurement procedures; require the department to promulgate administrative regulations regarding the advertisement and award of bids for highway construction; amend KRS 176.210 to prohibit the Department of Highways from making public the identity of a qualified bidder on a particular project prior to the bid letting on that project.

Current Status: 2/4/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Transportation (H)

Recent Status: 1/28/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB505.html>

HB518 COLLECTION OF LOCAL BUSINESS TAXES (FLANNERY, P) AN ACT relating to the collection of local business taxes and fees.

Amend KRS 67.767 to require the Secretary of State to prescribe standard forms for net profits, gross receipts, and payroll occupational tax returns; form an advisory committee to develop the forms; require the advisory committee to file the form with the Interim Joint Committee on Local Government for its November 2026 meeting; require the Secretary of State to file administrative regulations including the standard forms and electronic links; and require tax districts to accept the standard forms and the associated payments electronically on and after January 1, 2028. HCS(1) Retain original provisions, in part; allow Secretary of State to determine if current forms fulfill the new requirements; add members of the Kentucky Occupational License Association and the Kentucky School Boards Association to the advisory committee; change the due date of the creation of the forms to June 1, 2027; change the date of adoption or acceptance of the electronic forms and electronic payments to July 1, 2029; change fee requirements; allow for exemption of certain tax districts from adopting the electronic forms and payments.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day

3/20/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day for Tuesday, March 24 2026

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB518.html>

HB520 FISCAL REPORTING (THOMAS, W) AN ACT relating to the fiscal reporting of local entities.

Amend KRS 65A.030 to increase the fiscal reporting levels of special purpose governmental entities; allow entities conducting yearly audits to move to an audit every 4 years if the entity receives 2 sequential audit reports with unqualified opinions and report the fact that the entity is operating under the alternative audit schedule to the Department for Local Government; require an entity to have yearly audits if the entity receives anything but an unqualified audit opinion at a subsequent audit; amend KRS 147.635, relating to area planning commissions, to align their audit requirements to those in KRS 65A.030; amend KRS 220.280, relating to sanitation districts, to align their audit requirements to those in KRS 65A.030; amend KRS 43.070 and 186.240 to combine the county clerks' independent audits of motor vehicle and motorboat registration fees and licenses, motor vehicle usage taxes, and ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles and motorboats into the county clerks' regular periodic audit; require the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to bear the cost of the portion of the audit attributed to receipts from motor vehicles and motorboats; amend KRS 64.830, relating to final settlements of outgoing county officials, to make the settlement to be complete within 60 days of the expiration of the term of office or the date a vacancy is otherwise created to account for unexpected vacancies in office; require that if an official's vacancy does not coincide with the end of the calendar year or end of the official's term, the outgoing county official is to remit any remaining funds to the fiscal court as excess fees and require the fiscal court to provide an amount equal to the excess fees remitted by the outgoing official to the outgoing county official's successor for official use; repeal KRS 43.071, relating

to the annual audit of county clerk's motor vehicle and motorboat tax receipts; EFFECTIVE, in part, July 1, 2027.

Current Status: 2/5/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 1/29/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB520.html>

HB522 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DONWORTH, A) AN ACT relating to the provision of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 48.705 to allow the Governor to authorize limited use of moneys in the budget reserve trust fund to provide for the continuity of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program during a lapse in federal appropriations; require repayment of the moneys within 90 days of restoration of federal appropriations; require reporting to the Legislative Research Commission and the State Budget Director; require prior approval of the General Assembly if more than 5% of the total balance of the budget reserve trust fund is used; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 2/5/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 1/29/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB522.html>

HB530 PERMITS (WHITE, R) AN ACT relating to permits.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 61 to require a permitting authority to issue a decision on any permit application within 60 days; automatically grant any permit if a permitting authority fails to render a decision within 60 days; require any denial or conditional approval of a permit to be based on clearly established applicable laws or regulations; grant Circuit Court jurisdiction over any permitting matter; require the Circuit Court to determine whether a permitting decision by the permitting authority was based on clear and convincing evidence; require the Circuit Court to award the applicant attorney's fees and costs if the court finds against the permitting authority; allow third-party challenges to permitting decisions only if the third-party has property adjacent to property that has been granted a permit and where the third-party can demonstrate concrete and particularized harm resulting from issuance of a permit; allow an applicant to appeal any adverse decision from a third-party challenge; require a third party to pay applicant's attorney's fees and costs if the permit is finally approved following a third-party challenge; create a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to grant by-right approval to housing projects which meet a planning unit's code or regulations; grant Circuit Court jurisdiction over any denial of a housing project under the section; require the Circuit Court to determine whether a denial by the planning unit was based on clear and convincing evidence; require Circuit Court to award the applicant attorney's fees and costs if the court finds against the planning unit; provide that the section does not prevent monitoring by the planning unit or affect restrictions in rules or regulations of a homeowners association, condominium association, or other property owners association; amend KRS 198B.060 to permit third-party plan review and inspections under new procedures; create a new section of KRS Chapter 198B to define terms; require regulatory authorities to provide information to prospective applicants regarding requirements to apply for a permit; require a regulatory authority to inform an applicant of whether the application is complete within 3 days and include whether the regulatory authority is able to perform plan review and inspection within specified time limits; require a regulatory authority to conduct plan review within 7 days of receipt of a complete application and inspections within 5 days of any request for an inspection being made; permit an applicant to use a qualifying third-party inspector; set out circumstances under which a regulatory authority may collect fees depending on use of a third-party inspector; set out what a third-party inspector may review and set out qualifications and requirements the third-party inspector must meet; require a regulatory authority to issue a permit within 1 business day of the completion of required

plan reviews and inspections associated with an otherwise complete application; state that any ordinance, rule, or regulation contrary is void and unenforceable; state that a regulatory authority may issue a stop work order if a condition of a project constitute an immediate threat to public safety and welfare; establish immunity for the regulatory authority for action of an applicant or third-party inspector.

Current Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB530.html>

HB536 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (BRAY, J) AN ACT relating to housing development districts.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to define terms; permit a local government to establish a housing development district and a Housing Incentive Payment Program; allow a local government to exempt housing developments within a district from planning and zoning following a public hearing; permit other local taxing authorities to participate in a district; allow a local government to accept applications from developers to undertake projects within a district; allow a local government to negotiate with a developer whose application it has accepted regarding rates associated with incentive payments to the developer; establish a means by which a developer shall be paid incentive payments by a local government; require area development districts to provide assistance to a local government in establishing a district; require the Cabinet for Economic Development to promote awareness of the district and incentive program and the Certified Child Care Community Designation program set out in KRS 199.891; require the cabinet to post information including a list of local governments that have established a district and have obtained the certified child care community designation to its website; require local governments that have established a district to provide information to the Department for Local Government regarding the district and utilization of the incentive program; require the Department for Local Government to submit a report to LRC summarizing information received from local governments regarding districts; provide that the Act shall not be construed to prohibit a local government from establishing any other program for housing development.

Current Status: 2/9/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 2/2/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB536.html>

HB538 MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS (MOSER, K) AN ACT relating to Medicaid managed care organizations.

Amend KRS 205.533 to require Medicaid managed care organizations to include certain information for providers on their websites; amend KRS 205.534 to require managed care organizations to allow providers 120 days to file an appeal or grievance related to a reduction or denial of a claim; establish penalties for a managed care organization's failure to ensure the timely disposition of any appeal or grievance; require payment of any amount owed to a provider following an appeal to be paid within 30 days; require payments made following an appeal to include interest in accordance with KRS 304.17A-730 and reasonable attorney's fees; establish standards and requirements for provider audits; require the inclusion of additional information in the monthly report filed by managed care organizations; require the Department for Medicaid Services to submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission related to Medicaid claims, appeals, and grievances for the previous state fiscal year; authorize the Department for Medicaid Services to promulgate administrative regulations; require Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the Department for Medicaid Services to seek federal approval if they determine that such approval is necessary.

Current Status: 2/9/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Health Services (H)

Recent Status: 2/2/2026 - Introduced

HB544 DATA CENTERS (MOORE, A) AN ACT relating to data centers.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 278 to define terms; prohibit a retail electric supplier from providing service to a data center customer that has a total aggregated customer contract capacity of greater than 100 megawatts unless the Public Service Commission has approved a tariff or contract for the service that includes certain minimum requirements; exempt a data center customer that has an electric service agreement for more than 100 megawatts of existing load prior to the effective date of the Act; prohibit the commission from approving a tariff unless all capital and operating costs for new infrastructure to serve the data center are assigned to the data center customer and that the costs for shared benefits for the new facilities are allocated proportionally and will not have any greater adverse impact on other customer classes than if the data center had not connected to the system; provide that the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Ratepayer Protection Act.

Current Status: 2/10/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Small Business & Information Technology (H)

Recent Status: 2/3/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB544.html>

HB557 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MEREDITH, M) AN ACT relating to correctional services.

Amend KRS 441.005 to define "restricted custody center" and make technical changes; create new sections of KRS Chapter 441 to require the Department of Corrections to promulgate administrative regulations providing the minimum standards for holdover facilities; require the Department of Corrections to contract with a fiscal court of a county or local or regional correctional authority to provide correctional services to state prisoners; allow prisoners being held for a nonviolent or nonsexual misdemeanor conviction to be housed in a restricted custody center; require jailers to get permission from the Department of Corrections before transferring a Class C or Class D felon to another jail unless required by statute or an emergency exists; establish the regional jail authority construction fund, and establish requirements for the Department of Corrections to submit a list of regional jail construction projects to the Legislative Research Commission; establish the regional jail conversion fund and establish requirements for receiving grant funds; amend KRS 431.215 to require the Commonwealth to pay a county a fee per day based on the county's actual costs to house prisoners for the time the prisoner was held before a conviction if the sentence the prisoner receives in whole or in part includes the amount of time served prior to judgment; amend KRS 441.025 to allow counties to contract with the Department of Corrections to house state prisoners and operate holdover facilities; amend KRS 441.045 to require the Commonwealth to pay counties for the costs of providing health services to prisoners the county is responsible for; amend KRS 441.420 to require the Department of Corrections to pay for architectural plans and engineering services associated with any tentatively approved construction of a local correctional facility; amend KRS 441.430 to allow a regional jail authority to receive tentative approval for new regional jail construction; amend KRS 441.520 to specify the rate that a jail that receives a transferred inmate can charge the originating jail; amend KRS 441.810 to require that the jailer of each county within a regional jail authority be a member of the board; amend various sections to conform.

Current Status: 2/11/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 2/4/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB557.html>

HB561 MEDICAIRE COVERAGE (GROSSBERG, D) AN ACT relating to Medicaid coverage for adult day health care and in-home attendant care services.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require the Department for Medicaid Services to include coverage for adult day health care and in-home attendant services in all 1915(c) waiver programs that enroll adults; require coverage of at least 40 hours per week separately for adult day health care and in-home attendant services; prohibit aggregating coverage limits for adult day health care and in-home attendant services; require the department to promulgate administrative regulations; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the department to seek federal approval if they determine that such approval is necessary; provide authorization from the General Assembly to make changes to the Medicaid program as required under KRS 205.5372(1).

Current Status: 2/11/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Health Services (H)

Recent Status: 2/4/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB561.html>

HB576 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT (DUVALL, R) AN ACT relating to workforce investment.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 154.12 to establish the Kentucky Talent Recruitment Grant Program under the Cabinet for Economic Development; define terms; establish the duties of the cabinet in implementation of the program subject to approval of the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority; establish eligible grant applicants' duties and program reporting requirements; establish the Kentucky Talent Recruitment Grant Program fund; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY. HCS (1) Retain original provisions, except delete the appropriation and the emergency clause. HFA (1) Retain original provisions; delete disbursement provision of 50% upon execution of grant agreement and 50% upon household goal being met; amend the grant application provisions and the reporting requirements for eligible grant applicants.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day; w/ SCS 1

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day for Wednesday, March 25 2026
3/20/2026 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules as a consent bill

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB576.html>

HB577 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (BRANSCUM, J) AN ACT relating to economic development.

Amend KRS 154.12-300, 154.12-305, and 154.12-300 to change the Kentucky Innovation and Commercialization Center program to the Kentucky Entrepreneurship and Innovation Hub Program; amend KRS 154.12-300 to define terms; amend KRS 154.12-305 to add goals of supporting entrepreneur-led economic development and attracting workforce talent, investors, and start-up companies to the program; amend KRS 154.12-310 to make conforming changes; amend KRS 164.6011 to include definitions of "early-stage company" and "high-growth company" in the Kentucky Innovation Act; amend KRS 164.6019 to provide that moneys received in the Kentucky enterprise fund may be subject to restrictions imposed by the contributing entity and subject to approval by the Cabinet for Economic Development; amend KRS 164.6021 to make conforming changes and add the purpose of the Kentucky enterprise fund is to attract, recruit, and support early-stage and high-growth companies to locate, relocate, or establish a presence in the Commonwealth; amend KRS 164.6023 to allow companies based outside of Kentucky to be eligible by becoming a Kentucky-based company within 180 days after certification authorizing funding; amend KRS 154.20-234 to allow a pass-through entity to qualify for participation in the Angel Investor Program; make conforming changes.

Current Status: 3/16/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Economic Development, Tourism, & Labor (S)

Recent Status: 2/19/2026 - received in Senate
2/18/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 98-0

HB583 SCHOOL-BASED MEDICAID PROGRAM (RILEY, S) AN ACT relating to the school-based Medicaid program.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to require school districts that elect to provide health care services through a school nurse to bill the school-based Medicaid program for medically necessary services provided to a student enrolled in Medicaid; establish requirements for third-party Medicaid billing vendors contracted by school districts; permit school nurses to receive preventative dental services training from the Department for Public Health; permit the school district to bill the school-based Medicaid program for preventative dental services that are within a school nurse's scope of practice. HFA (1) Replace reference to "dental" services with "oral health" services; establish that preventative oral health services provided in a school-based setting shall be limited to services within the scope of practice for school nurses; require that preventative oral health services provided in a school-based setting be provided in accordance with protocols developed by the Department for Public Health; establish that this Act does not modify or supersede school health requirements established in KRS 156.160; exempt schools that utilize federal funds to employ healthcare providers.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 86-0 with Floor Amendment (1)

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HFA1

3/20/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, March 24 2026

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB583.html>

HB593 DATA CENTERS (BRAY, J) AN ACT relating to data centers.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 96 relating to municipal utilities and KRS Chapter 278 relating to Public Service Commission-regulated utilities to: define terms; only allow for the provision of electric service to a data center through a contract that conforms to the requirements of the Act; require that within 90 days of the effective date of the Act, the electric service provider issue or file a tariff setting forth the process for a data center customer to apply for service; require the payment of a nonrefundable service application fee; require the preparation of studies to determine the manner in which the electric service provider can safely and efficiently serve the data center in a way that does not have negative service or rate impacts to their non-data center customers; establish the minimum contract requirements between the electric service provider and the data center customer; provide that requirements of the Act that are conflict with the Tennessee Valley Authority's requirements for the distribution of electricity that it supplies shall not apply; prohibit the charging or allocating of any costs associated with serving or constructing new infrastructure to serve a data center to any other customers served by natural gas, water, or wastewater utilities; amend KRS 154.20-229 to require that a qualified data center project that has been preliminarily approved for a certificate of exemption under KRS 139.499 include in its memorandum of agreement with the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority a certification that the data center project complies or will comply with all applicable local requirements and the applicable requirements of the Act. HCS(1) Retain original provisions; require that a municipal utility issue a tariff that complies with the requirements of Section 1 of the Act within 180 days of the effective date of the Act instead of 90 days; adjust language relating to curtailment obligations under data center tariffs for both municipal utilities and retail electric suppliers; provide that the requirements of Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Act shall not apply to data centers that are constructed on sites owned by the United States Department of Energy or to electric service contracts entered into prior to the effective date of the Act; add definitions for "generation and transmission cooperative" and "retail electric supplier"; require data center customers to pay for the full cost of a municipal utility's or retail electric supplier's cost of service study, including third-party

transmission studies and other costs; provide that the load of a data center shall not be used for determining a retail electric supplier's peak load for the purposes of calculating the cap on the net metering service that the retail electric supplier must provide; make technical corrections.

Current Status: 3/5/2026 - received in Senate

Recent Status: 3/4/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 90-8 with Committee Substitute (1)
3/4/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS1

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB593.html>

HB600 COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAX BILLS (IMES, M) AN ACT relating to the collection of delinquent tax bills.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 68 to authorize a county to utilize a consolidated procedure in the collection of delinquent tax bills; amend KRS 134.504 to require the allowance of a consolidated procedure for the collection of delinquent taxes in the terms of a contract between the Department of Revenue and a county attorney; amend the fees a county attorney may receive in the process of litigation for the collection of a certificate of delinquency; amend KRS 91.481, 91.484, 91.487, 91.488, 91.4882, 91.4883, 91.4884, 91.4885, 91.494, 91.501, 91.504, 91.507, 91.511, 91.514, 91.517, 91.521, 91.527, 91.550, and 92.810 to make technical corrections.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day
3/20/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day for Tuesday, March 24 2026

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB600.html>

HB601 HIGHWAY ACCESS (DECKER, J) AN ACT relating to highway access.

Amend KRS 177.240 to prohibit the Transportation Cabinet or any county or city that maintains a limited access facility from requiring a property owner to pay compensation for any increase in property value attributable to the new access as a condition of allowing a property owner access.

Current Status: 3/20/2026 - received in Senate

Recent Status: 3/19/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 91-3
3/19/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB601.html>

HB607 CONSOLIDATED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (LEWIS, C) AN ACT relating to consolidated local governments.

Amend KRS 65.003, relating to local ethics, to specify the composition of the commission in a consolidated local government and allow the commission to use the county attorney's office for legal council by procurement methods; amend KRS 67C.103 to place controls on council district formation and redistricting and to allow regulations issued by local health boards and local solid waste management boards operating under KRS Chapter 109 or 212 that apply to individuals residing or businesses operating within the jurisdiction of the consolidated local government be subject to being overridden by the consolidated local government council within 45 days of issuance; prohibit the council from not accepting legislation with specified form requirements of KRS 83A.060; allow the consolidated local government council, or either of the 2 major political caucuses, to hire or retain legal counsel; create a new section of KRS Chapter 67C to require an office of internal audit to be created and headed by a chief audit executive who is appointed; amend KRS 67C.115 and 69.210 to conform; amend KRS 67C.111 to allow cities of 3,000, rather than 6,000, to be incorporated in the boundaries of

the consolidated local government and set the petition requirement relating to incorporation to 66% rather than 75% and grant 1 year for the petition to be completed; amend KRS 67C.147 to allow the consolidated local government council to sub-classify property into land and improvements for purposes of levying the ad valorem tax within the area formerly comprising the city of the first class; establish controls on the calculation of the compensating tax rate and the 4% tax rate, and the application of the homestead exemption; outline the transition of presently serving ethics commission members; outline transition from the current chief audit executive to the appointed position. HCS (1) Retain original provisions, delete new language in KRS 67C.103 establishing and directing redistricting committee; restore the minimum population of 6,000 persons to create a new city and restore the 75% threshold for petition for mandatory city approval by the council in KRS 67C.111.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - Senate State & Local Government (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

3/24/2026 - (S) FIRST READING

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB607.html>

HB617 PLANNING AND ZONING (WITTEN, S) AN ACT relating to planning and zoning.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to define "qualifying planning unit," "qualifying residential development," "small lot," "service document," and "transitional buffer"; prohibit a qualifying planning unit from establishing certain restrictions on a qualifying residential development or small lot; allow a qualifying planning unit to adopt generally applicable regulations related to specified environmental features, and other matters for which a planning unit is authorized to regulate; establish that there is no effect on property owner's associations; establish a cause of action and recovery costs and awarding of attorney's fees if successful; establish limitations on when a qualifying planning unit may deny a development; allow a developer to modify and resubmit development plans after a denial; require a qualifying planning unit alleging substantial negative impacts to articulate those impacts and demonstrate them under clear and convincing evidentiary standard; establish a cause of action by a developer to bring suit for a development plan denial; permit a local government to require a transitional buffer between existing development and a qualifying residential development; create a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to prohibit a planning unit from adopting certain space requirements for parking; direct that the prohibition does not alleviate responsibility to provide accessible parking; allow a planning unit to deny a development if there would be substantial negative impacts; allow a developer to modify and resubmit plans to remediate negative impacts; require a planning unit alleging substantial negative impacts to articulate those impacts and demonstrate them under clear and convincing evidentiary standard; establish a cause of action by a developer for a denial due to a substantial negative impact; create a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to define "mixed-use residential development," "multifamily residential development," and "qualifying planning unit"; direct that in a qualifying planning unit mixed-use and multifamily developments are permitted use in commercial zones; prohibit a qualifying planning unit from imposing requirements on those developments more restrictive than other uses in the zone or to have certain parking requirements; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2027.

Current Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB617.html>

HB618 RESIDENTIAL HOUSING (WITTEN, S) AN ACT relating to residential housing.

Amend KRS 198B.050 to require that building code standards for 2, 3, and 4 family homes not be more

stringent than those for single-family homes; amend KRS 198B.060 to apply exemption for single-family homes to 2, 3, and 4 family homes; permit third-party plan review and inspections under new procedures; create a new section of KRS Chapter 198B to define terms; require regulatory authorities to provide information to prospective applicants regarding requirements to apply for a permit; require a regulatory authority to inform an applicant of whether the application is complete within 3 days and include whether the regulatory authority is able to perform plan review and inspection within specified time limits; require a regulatory authority to conduct plan review within 14 days of receipt of a complete application and inspections within 5 days of any request for an inspection being made; provide for circumstances in which deadlines may be extended; permit an applicant to use a qualifying third-party inspector; set out circumstances under which a regulatory authority may collect fees depending on use of a third-party inspector; set out what a third-party inspector may review and set out qualifications and requirements the third-party inspector must meet; require a regulatory authority to issue a permit within 1 business day of the completion of required plan reviews and inspections associated with an otherwise complete application; state that any ordinance, rule, or regulation contrary is void and unenforceable; state that a regulatory authority may issue a stop work order if a condition of a project constitute an immediate threat to public safety and welfare; establish immunity for the regulatory authority for action of an applicant or third-party inspector; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2027.

Current Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB618.html>

HB622 ROADS (BLANTON, J) AN ACT relating to roads and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 179 to define "chip seal"; require the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid to establish a pilot project to evaluate the efficacy of chip seal pavement on gravel county roads; start the pilot program on July 1, 2026, and end it on June 30, 2030; limit the amount of county road aid funds a county may use to chip seal county roads in any year; require the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid to report annually to the Legislative Research Commission on the use of chip seal pavement on gravel county roads; set forth required elements of the report: EFFECTIVE July 1, 2026; EMERGENCY. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; define "recycled asphalt product" or "RAP"; add recycled asphalt product to the pilot project and reporting requirements the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid is required to establish for chip sealing; correct the end date of pilot project to 2030; create a new section of KRS Chapter 176 to prohibit the Transportation Cabinet from restricting the use of recycled asphalt, provided the asphalt mixture meets established performance standards; require the Transportation Cabinet to report annually on the use of RAP as opposed to traditional asphalt. SCS (1) Retain original provisions; amend KRS 67.722 to provide the expense allowance for administering the local county road program only to those county judges/executive who were in office prior to November 1, 2022; reduce the annual allowance from \$3,600 to \$3,000; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/20/2026 - received in House w/ Letter

Recent Status: 3/20/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 37-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

3/20/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day; w/ SCS 1

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB622.html>

HB625 OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE (ROARX, R) AN ACT relating to the operation of a motor vehicle.

Amend KRS 65.8808 to expressly include failure to stop at a red traffic control signal and speeding as crimes subject to code enforcement; amend KRS 189.990 to provide that a person may be subject to a

civil offense for failure to stop at a red traffic control signal or for speeding violations if not cited by a police officer at the time of the violation.

Current Status: 2/19/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Transportation (H)

Recent Status: 2/11/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB625.html>

HB647 ECONOMIC RELIEF FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES (MCPHERSON, S) AN ACT relating to economic relief for local communities of the Commonwealth and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 154.14-020, relating to the GRANT Program, to include the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of Defense as eligible agencies; amend KRS 154.14-030 to push the sunset date of the program from December 31, 2026, to December 31, 2028; amend KRS 154.14-040 to increase the possible extension of a project from 6 months to 12 months; amend KRS 154.14-070 to make technical changes; EMERGENCY. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; amend KRS 154.14-040 to allow for grant application submission to be no later than 90 days from the applicant's federal grant submission; amend KRS 154.14-050 to increase local matching funds percentages for applications submitted on or after July 1, 2026.

Current Status: 3/19/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - received in Senate

3/12/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 97-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB647.html>

HB651 PUBLIC WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS (BRAY, J) AN ACT relating to public water and wastewater systems and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 224A.320 to require that eligible funding recipients for the Kentucky Water and Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems (WWATERS) Program meet 3 or more of the specified eligibility criteria instead of 1; exclude projects that expand the utility service of funding applicants from the definition of "eligible project"; require that a funding application include a detailed budget for all proposed project expenses; allow the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority board to evaluate and score funding applications for proposed projects in phases; require that approved eligible funding recipients adopt best management practices that would address the performance deficiencies that made the applicant eligible for funding; remove the funding evaluation criteria categories of current accounts payable turnover ratio and current days' sales in accounts receivable ratio; remove the requirement from the evaluation criteria that the applicant's receipt of a notice of violation of drinking water or other water quality standards occur in the past year; add to the funding eligibility criteria that the funding applicant can demonstrate that the amount of stormwater inflow and groundwater infiltration entering the funding applicant's system seriously impairs its effectiveness; add to the funding evaluation criteria that the funding applicant previously received funding through the program for a prior phase of the proposed project; add to the funding evaluation criteria that the funding applicant can demonstrate that the estimated costs are comparable to actual costs incurred for similar projects; add to the funding evaluation criteria that a licensed professional engineer signed an attestation of the application's veracity; require that in the evaluation of the funding applications, the board separately score and individually rank all eligible projects, with additional consideration given to projects that provide or restore safe water or wastewater utility service; EMERGENCY. HCS(1) Retain original provisions; require that depreciation plans be included in the detailed budget that a funding applicant must submit to participate in the Kentucky Water and Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems (WWATERS) Program; add capital depreciation to the best management practices that an eligible funding recipient under the WWATERS Program must adopt as it

relates to performance deficiencies that made the applicant eligible for funding.

Current Status: 3/6/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue
(S)

Recent Status: 3/4/2026 - received in Senate
3/3/2026 - (H) PLACED IN THE ORDERS OF THE DAY for Tuesday, March
3, 2026

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB651.html>

HB660 HIGHWAYS (DOAN, S) AN ACT relating to highways.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 176 to define "resurfacing project"; require the Department of Highways to notify cities where resurfacing projects are located at least 60 days prior to the project letting date; specify contents of the notice; allow any affected city to submit comments on the project; require city to consider feedback from the city and issue a response.

Current Status: 3/19/2026 - received in Senate

Recent Status: 3/18/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 92-0
3/18/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB660.html>

HB662 REGULATION OF SECURITY FENCES (LAWRENCE, W) AN ACT relating to the regulation of low voltage battery-charged security fences by local governments.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to define "local government," "low voltage battery-charged security fence," and "nonelectric perimeter barrier"; allow low voltage battery-charged security fences to be installed and operated on property that is not used as or exclusively zoned for residential purposes without the need to obtain any local government permit, approval, or other authorization, except for an alarm permit when required; specify that the bill does not impede a local government's usage of safety codes and generally applicable setback, height, and lot coverage requirements for nonelectric perimeter barriers.

Current Status: 3/6/2026 - received in Senate

Recent Status: 3/5/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 96-0
3/5/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB662.html>

HB667 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMPANIES (BAUMAN, J) AN ACT relating to solid waste management service companies.

Amend KRS 109.045 to change the definition of "confidential business information"; extend the prohibition on the release of confidential business information relating to solid waste management service companies to all persons acting on behalf of a county or waste management district; provide that confidential business information shall be exempt from disclosure under KRS 61.870 to 61.844; provide for remedial actions to be taken if confidential business information is released; provide for payment to a contractor for work that is uninfluenced by and independent from confidential business information.

Current Status: 3/10/2026 - received in Senate

Recent Status: 3/9/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 71-23
3/9/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB667.html>

HB668 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (TIPTON, J) AN ACT relating to liquified petroleum gas.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 367 to define terms; allow a residential customer of a supplier of liquified petroleum gas or propane to have an alternative, temporary supplier fill the customer's tank whenever the regular supplier has failed to fill an order and a qualifying emergency exists that threatens the health of the customer or will cause damage to the premises heated by the tank; prohibit the regular supplier from imposing fees if a temporary supplier is used; require the temporary supplier to assume liability for damages to the tank when filling it; void future contracts for liquified petroleum gas that are not in compliance with the provision to allow a temporary supplier to provide propane in an emergency; describe the requirements for a qualifying emergency; require the Office of the Attorney General to develop a "Propane Customer Bill of Rights" to inform the public of their rights regarding the purchase of liquified petroleum gas during a qualifying emergency and post the customer bill of rights on the website.

Current Status: 2/25/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Natural Resources & Energy (H)

Recent Status: 2/18/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB668.html>

HB672 BRANCH BUDGET BILLS (PETRIE, J) AN ACT relating to branch budget bills.

Amend KRS 48.210, relating to branch budget bills, to require the Transportation Cabinet to provide assistance to the General Assembly during the budgeting process.

Current Status: 3/17/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 3/17/2026 - (H) SECOND READING
3/17/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB672.html>

HB673 BRANCH BUDGET BILLS (PETRIE, J) AN ACT relating to branch budget bills.

Amend KRS 48.160, relating to branch budget bills, to make a technical correction.

Current Status: 3/17/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 3/17/2026 - (H) SECOND READING
3/17/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB673.html>

HB674 BRANCH BUDGET RECOMENDATIONS (PETRIE, J) AN ACT relating to branch budget recommendations.

Amend KRS 48.165, relating to branch budget recommendations, to make technical corrections.

Current Status: 3/20/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 3/20/2026 - (H) SECOND READING
3/20/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB674.html>

HB679 TOURISM (THOMPSON, A) AN ACT relating to tourism and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 142.406 to require the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet to establish criteria to

administer a regional marketing and matching funds program; require the program to provide financial and marketing assistance for projects that directly support the promotion and marketing efforts of a tourism attraction event or geographic area; establish 9 tourism regions in the state; require a tourism regional committee to be established within each tourism region; set requirements for the appointment of members to the tourism regional committee; require the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet to establish terms and operating policies of the tourism regional committees; require at least 25% of the moneys available in the tourism, meeting, and convention marketing fund to be divided equally among the tourism regions for the payment of eligible expenses; require the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet to work in partnership with the tourism regional committees to use the money provided to the tourism regions; require at least 10% of the moneys in the tourism, meeting, and convention marketing fund to be dedicated to the regional marketing and matching funds program; require the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet to implement initial strategic plans for marketing and promoting tourism in each tourism region; mandate reporting to the Legislative Research Commission by the secretary of the cabinet; create a new section of KRS Chapter 148 to mandate reporting by the commissioner of the Department of State Parks to the Legislative Research Commission on state park occupancy rates; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 2/26/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Tourism & Outdoor Recreation (H)

Recent Status: 2/19/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB679.html>

HB682 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION (MEADE, D) AN ACT relating to residency requirements for fire protection entities and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 75.031 to require all trustees of a fire district to personally reside in the fire district and declare a vacancy if a trustee moves outside the district during his or her term; amend KRS 273.207 to require all board members of a fire department organized under KRS Chapter 273 to be residents of the area served by the corporation and declare a vacancy if the member moves outside the geographic area during his or her term; declare a vacancy to exist for board members who do not reside in the district or area in the effective date of the Act; provide a method to fill the vacancy; EMERGENCY. HFA(2) Retain original provisions, except allow for the KRS Chapter 75 2 firefighter elected board of trustee members to be either full-time paid employees or residents of the district.

Current Status: 3/16/2026 - received in Senate

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 91-0 with Floor Amendment (2)

3/13/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HFA1 HFA2

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB682.html>

HB693 EXTENSION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITY SERVICE (DOSSETT, M) AN ACT relating to the extension of municipal utility service.

Amend KRS 96.150 to provide that when a city extends its water supply or sanitary sewer system into the service territory of another water supply or sanitary sewer system and it fails to provide utility service to its new customers within the agreed upon time to do so, the affected customers may elect to receive their utility service from their previous provider for as long as the service is available; RETROACTIVE.

Current Status: 3/2/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Natural Resources & Energy (H)

Recent Status: 2/23/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB693.html>

HB708 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (THOMPSON, A) AN ACT relating to economic development.

Create a new section of Subchapter 32 of KRS Chapter 154 to establish a tiered county system for eligible companies to receive incentives under the Kentucky Business Investment Program; amends KRS 154.32-010 to define "tier"; amends KRS 154.32-020 and 154.32-040 to conform; amend KRS 154.32-050 to specify tiering procedures; amend KRS 154.32-060 to require the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority to identify and certify or decertify the tiers for all counties on an annual basis into 4 tax credit tiers; provide that the incentives available under this subchapter be determined based on the county where the economic development project is located by an approved company; provide a county's tier will be based on a 5 year average of its unemployment rate and population ranking; amend KRS 154.32-090, 154.61-010, 154.61-020, and 141.383 to conform.

Current Status: 3/3/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House BR Sub. on Econ. Dev., Public Pro., Tour., and Energy (H)

Recent Status: 2/24/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB708.html>

HB757 REVENUE MEASURES (PETRIE, J) AN ACT relating to revenue measures and declaring an emergency.

HCS(1) Retain original provisions; amend 141.019 to disallow the deduction for interest paid on mortgage and home equity loans for more than a primary residence for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026; change the taxable base for the excise tax on fantasy contest operators from gross receipts to entry fees and the tax rate from 15.25% to 12%; amend KRS 224.50-868 to extend the sunset date for the new tire fee to July 1, 2034; amend KRS 224.50-872 to require reporting of recipients receiving moneys from the fund and a compilation of the information in KRS 224.50-878(4); remove the sunset on the angel investor tax credit program; amend KRS 171.396 to define "affordable"; allow the certified rehabilitation income tax credit to apply to the taxes imposed under KRS 136.320, 136.330, 136.340, 136.350, 136.370, 136.390, and 304.3-270; allow the credit to equal 30% of the qualified rehabilitation expenses, if the commercial residential property is affordable, to households earning 80% of the median family income or less; allow an insurance company claiming the credit against the insurance premium tax to not pay additional retaliatory taxes; change the taxable base for the excise tax on prediction market operators from gross receipts to transaction fees and the tax rate from 15.25% to 17.25%; amend KRS 160.470 to require additional publication when a local board of education proposes to levy a general tax rate; create a new section of KRS 363.510 to 363.850 to establish an electric vehicle charging station inspection program at the Department of Agriculture; require an electric vehicle power dealer to obtain a retail electric charging license from the department before operating an electric vehicle charging station; require the department to impose an annual license fee of \$100 per electric vehicle charging port located at an electric vehicle charging station; establish the retail electric vehicle charging station license fund; require the department to inspect each licensed electric vehicle charging station at least once every 2 years; require the inspection to be made using the standards in the current edition of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Handbook 44; provide for the aspects of the inspection; exempt electric vehicle charging stations constructed using funds from the federal National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program from the licensure and inspection requirements established by the section for 5 years following their initial operation; require that within 90 days of the effective date of the section, the department shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing the electric vehicle charging station inspection standards and to carry out the requirements of the section; amend KRS 363.510 to amend the definition of "weights and measures" and define for "electric vehicle," "electric vehicle charging port," "electric vehicle charging station," "electric vehicle power dealer," and "electric vehicle supply equipment"; amend KRS 138.477 to include within the definition of electric vehicle power dealer a person who receives the payment for the charges for power distributed through an electric vehicle

charging station; amend KRS 138.446 to remove taxicab companies' ability to receive a refund of the motor fuels tax paid on motor fuels used in their regularly scheduled operations in Kentucky; amend KRS 138.210 to define "cellulosic ethanol," "ethanol," "ethanol flex fuel," and "fuel grade ethanol" and include fuel grade ethanol in the definition of "gasoline"; create a new section of KRS Chapter 246 to establish the Friends of Kentucky Agriculture fund; amend KRS 186.162, relating to special license plates, to establish that a portion of the initial and renewal fee for a Kentucky National Guard plate is dedicated to the National Guard Association of Kentucky and that a portion of the initial and renewal fee for a Friends of Kentucky Agriculture plate is dedicated to the Friends of Kentucky Agriculture fund; amend KRS 186.164 to set a \$200,000 threshold for auditing groups receiving funds from special license plate fees; require reporting by groups receiving funds from special license plate fees; amend KRS 154.32-010, relating to the Kentucky Business Investment Program, to add laboratory equipment, computer servers, software, capitalized leases, and leasehold improvements directly related to research and development, headquarters, high-technology operations, or service sector facilities to the definitions of "eligible costs" and "start-up costs," respectively; amend KRS 143.022 to extend the allowance of coal severance tax refunds related to coal transported directly to a market outside of North America; amend KRS 186.041 and 186.166 to conform; make technical corrections; EFFECTIVE, in part, August 1, 2026, and January 1, 2027; RETROACTIVE, in part, January 1, 2026; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - floor amendment (1) filed

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

3/24/2026 - (S) SECOND READING

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB757.html>

HB758 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEES (DIETZ, S) AN ACT relating to occupational license fees.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 91A to define terms; require 100% of the wages of an employee associated with the corporate office to be apportioned to the local government where the corporate office is located; exclude wages for work performed at a satellite office; require 100% of the wages of an employee assigned to a state government office to be apportioned to the local government where the state government office is located; allow a refund claim for occupational license fees paid for work physically performed outside of the local government's jurisdiction; establish requirements for refunds; apply the apportionment and refund requirements to incentive agreements entered into on or after January 1, 2001; amend KRS 67.780 to conform; provide that the Act may be cited as the Economic Development Incentive Retention Act.

Current Status: 3/4/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 2/25/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB758.html>

HB760 CERTIFIED REHABILITATION CREDIT (WITTEN, S) AN ACT relating to the certified rehabilitation credit and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 171.396 to define and redefine certain terms; allow the certified rehabilitation credit cap to be allocated as 15% for owner-occupied residential property and 85% for property other than owner-occupied residential property, including workforce housing; require that projects approved as workforce housing maintain affordability for individuals earning 80% of the county level area median income or less; amend KRS 171.397 to state that the provisions established in this statute pertain to applications received before April 30, 2026; create a new section of KRS Chapter 171 to apply to applications received after April 30, 2026 with certain changes; current credit program cap of \$100 million is maintained; with a split of \$50 million into 2 separate credit allocation application rounds; expand the credit to apply to certain taxes imposed in KRS Chapter 136; require the Kentucky Heritage Council to work with the Kentucky Housing Corporation to ensure the workforce housing property

maintains area median income affordability requirements for 5 years within completion of the certified rehabilitation; create a new section of KRS Chapter 198A to require the corporation to work with the Kentucky Heritage Council for these purposes; amend KRS 141.0205; 141.382; and 171.3961 to make conforming changes.

Current Status: 3/5/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 2/26/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB760.html>

HB761 RIVERPORT AUTHORITIES (LEHMAN, M) AN ACT relating to riverport authorities and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 65.520 to prohibit riverport authorities from delegating policy-making to outside entities; amend KRS 65.530 to change the purpose of riverport authorities and, unless agreed to in writing, mandate compliance with comprehensive plans, land use, and design regulations of planning units; amend KRS 65.540 to allow for a joint riverport authority to be created by a combination of counties; require adoption of a code of ethics, establish membership, and prohibit direct or indirect interest in the business of the authority; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB761.html>

HB763 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (MCCOOL, B) AN ACT relating to workforce development, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 336 to define terms; establish the Kentucky FLOW Program and specify eligible participants, activities, and uses of funds; establish the Kentucky FLOW Program fund; appropriate \$1,347,500 in each fiscal year from the General Fund to the Kentucky FLOW Program fund; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY, effective, July 1, 2026.

Current Status: 3/5/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (H)

Recent Status: 2/26/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB763.html>

HB767 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FUGATE, C) AN ACT relating to emergency management and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 39A.050 to require the Division of Emergency Management to institute and maintain the Kentucky Qualification System; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/26/2026 - Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S)

3/20/2026 - received in Senate

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB767.html>

HB774 REPORTING OF COSTS (DECKER, J) AN ACT relating to the reporting of costs, fines, and fees.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 431 to define terms; require governmental entities to submit

specified data to the Office of the Kentucky Center for Statistics regarding fines and fees assessed beginning July 31, 2027, and annually thereafter; require the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee of the General Assembly to prepare a summary of the data collected and submit the summary to the General Assembly beginning January 31, 2028; amend KRS 151B.133 to establish authority for the promulgation of administrative regulations by the Office of the Kentucky Center for Statistics related to the collection of data provided under the Act; create a new section of KRS Chapter 43 to authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to perform a financial audit of records related to revenues collected through costs, fines, and fees at the request of the Governor or a member of the General Assembly; provide that the Act may be cited as the Costs, Fines, and Fees Reporting Act.

Current Status: 3/11/2026 - received in Senate

Recent Status: 3/10/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 98-1

3/10/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB774.html>

HB781 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LOCKETT, M) AN ACT relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training state plan.

Amend KRS 205.2003 to require the cabinet develop and implement a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP, education and training plan amendment to promote improved employment outcomes and workforce participation related to healthy workforce habits through public-private partnerships. HCS (1) Retain original provisions, with the following changes: include clauses expressing the General Assembly's commitment to initiatives and the working group; change references from "education and training" to "Employment and Training." HCS (1) Retain original provisions, with the following changes: include clauses expressing the General Assembly's commitment to initiatives and the working group; change references from "education and training" to "Employment and Training."

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) FIRST READING

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Reported Favorably

3/24/2026 - Senate Families & Children (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB781.html>

HB785 SOLAR FARMS (PAYNE, J) AN ACT relating to solar farms in the Commonwealth.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 138 to define "owner," "solar farm," and "taxes"; levy an excise tax on the owner of a solar farm in Kentucky at an annual rate of \$200 per acre for land used to generate electricity; provide for a yearly increase of the tax rate based on the change of the consumer price index; specify reporting and payment requirements; establish penalties.

Current Status: 3/6/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 2/27/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB785.html>

HB808 RESTAURANT TAX (LEWIS, D) AN ACT relating to restaurant tax.

Amend KRS 91A.400 to authorize all home rule class cities to levy a restaurant tax; remove the Department for Local Government registration mandate; and remove the restriction on the use of the funds; amend KRS 67.938 to conform.

Current Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

HB844 INTERLOCAL GAS UTILITIES (BRAY, J) AN ACT relating to municipal interlocal gas utilities.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 96 to define "municipal interlocal gas utility"; provide that a municipal interlocal gas utility is exempt from the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission and KRS Chapter 278 exempt as provided in KRS 278.495; authorize a municipal interlocal gas utility to determine its own service territory through official acts of its governing authority; allow a municipal interlocal gas utility to have the primary right to provide service in its service territory and to have the right to be the first provider for new customers in the service territory; authorize the municipal interlocal gas utility to acquire an existing natural gas system through eminent domain and specify the valuation method for the acquired plant or system; exempt a municipal interlocal gas utility from the provisions of KRS 96.5375, 96.045, and 96.538; amend KRS 65.240 to allow a public agency to acquire natural gas facilities inside or outside of its jurisdictional boundaries; amend KRS 96.5375 to allow a municipal interlocal gas utility to extend an existing natural gas system or construct a new system inside or outside its constituent cities' boundaries; specify the valuation of natural gas distribution system or plant acquired by eminent domain; define "municipal interlocal gas utility"; amend KRS 278.010 to exempt to municipal interlocal gas utilities from the definition of "utility" for the purpose of establishing the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission; define "municipal interlocal gas utility"; amend KRS 96.045 and 96.538 to conform; RETROACTIVE.

Current Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB844.html>

HB869 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (BOWLING, A) AN ACT relating to economic development, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of Subchapter 20 of KRS Chapter 154 to establish the rural building and job creation revolving fund; specify uses of the fund to assist with compliance risk mitigation for the New Markets Tax Credits Program, or to issue low-interest loans to assist with construction of new buildings or renovations of existing buildings for lease to target wage economic development projects; require the Cabinet for Economic Development to report on the fund; create a new section of Subchapter 12 of KRS Chapter 154 to require the cabinet to work with the workforce liaison appointed by the president of the Kentucky Career and Technical College System to promote jobs created in the Commonwealth as a result of incentive programs; require the cabinet to conduct a feasibility and impact study on interstate reciprocity between state economic development programming; amend the general fund appropriation authorized in 2022 Ky. Acts ch. 199, Part I, B, 1.,(12) to not lapse and carry forward; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY. HCS (1) Retain original provisions, except remove the rural building and job creation revolving fund and related uses of the fund for the New Markets Tax Credits Program; create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to define "approved company," "authority," and "credit"; create a refundable economic development credit against taxes imposed under KRS 141.020 or 141.040 and 141.0401; set requirements for the Department of Revenue to administer the credit; require the Department of Revenue to report to the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority on the credit; prohibit the information reported to be considered confidential; amend KRS 141.0205 to order the credit; amend KRS 131.190 to allow the Department of Revenue to report on the credit; amend KRS 154.12-204 to include the cost of equipment in approved costs; define "heritage county"; increase the minimum base hourly wage amount for the Bluegrass State Skills Program; amend KRS 154.12-207 to increase the skills training investment credit cap; create a separate skills training investment credit cap for trainees located in a heritage county; increase the timeframe that an approved company has to complete training programs under a Bluegrass State Skills Program; amend

KRS 154.21-015 to define "heritage county"; amend KRS 154.21-017 to set a higher grant funding cap for approved projects located in a heritage county under the Kentucky Product Development Initiative Program; amend KRS 154.21-035 to include propane in the list of required utilities for a property that an eligible project occupies or is proposed to occupy under the Kentucky Product Development Initiative Program; amend KRS 154.25-010 to define "heritage county"; set a lower threshold for required jobs and eligible costs for projects located in a heritage county under the Kentucky Jobs Retention Act Program; amend KRS 154.25-030 to allow the extension of a tax incentive agreement for a jobs retention project when an approved company demonstrates that less than 75% of the incentives awarded will be claimed during the term of the agreement; allow a refundable credit of up to 1.5% of the wages paid to full-time employees maintained at a jobs retention project located in a heritage county; set a cap for the total refundable credits awarded to all approved companies under the Kentucky Jobs Retention Act Program and the Kentucky Business Investment Program at \$2,000,000 per taxable year; amend KRS 154.25-040 to require reporting by the Department of Revenue and the Cabinet for Economic Development on the refundable credits claimed under the Kentucky Jobs Retention Act Program; amend KRS 154.32-010 to include research and development as an eligible company for the Kentucky Business Investment Program; expand the types of start-up costs and lease agreements allowed for economic development projects under the Kentucky Business Investment Program; define "heritage county"; increase the wage target thresholds and set a separate threshold for jobs located in a heritage county; amend KRS 154.32-020 to increase the required minimum pay for jobs created as a result of the economic development project under the Kentucky Business Investment Program; amend KRS 154.32-030 to allow the recovery of eligible costs incurred 90 days prior to receipt of preliminary approval for an economic development project under the Kentucky Business Investment Program; amend KRS 154.32-040 to allow a one-time extension for approved companies that received preliminary approval of an economic development project prior to January 1, 2023 under the Kentucky Business Investment Program; set requirements for the extension; amend KRS 154.32-070 to allow a refundable credit of up to 1.5% of the wages paid to full-time employees maintained at an economic development project located in a heritage county under the Kentucky Business Investment Program; set a cap for the total refundable credits awarded to all approved companies under the Kentucky Jobs Retention Act Program and the Kentucky Business Investment Program at \$2,000,000 per taxable year; amend KRS 154.32-100 to require reporting by the Department of Revenue and the Cabinet for Economic Development on the refundable credits claimed under the Kentucky Business Investment Program; amend various other sections to conform; repeal KRS 154.32-050, relating to certification of enhanced incentive counties; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/16/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Economic Development, Tourism, & Labor (S)

Recent Status: 3/11/2026 - received in Senate
3/10/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 93-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB869.html>

HB890 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (BRANSCUM, J) AN ACT relating to economic development.

Create a new section of Subchapter 20 of KRS Chapter 154 to establish the high-growth loan program and high-growth loan fund to be administered by the Cabinet for Economic Development; Define terms; specify the program requirements and eligible uses of fund moneys.

Current Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Economic Development & Workforce Investment (H)

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB890.html>

HB892 STATE PROCUREMENT (WHITE, R) AN ACT relating to state procurement.

Amend KRS 45A.100, relating to small purchases by state governmental bodies, to increase the small purchase annual limit for any state governmental body to \$7,500 from \$1,000; increase the small purchase construction project annual limit to \$50,000 from \$10,000; require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to make recommendations on revisions to the maximum small purchase amounts to the General Assembly.

Current Status: 3/11/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H)

Recent Status: 3/4/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB892.html>

HB900 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (PETRIE, J) AN ACT relating to government agencies, making an appropriation therefore, and declaring an emergency.

Appropriate General Fund moneys from the budget reserve trust fund account in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to various state agencies for miscellaneous projects and programs; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; add a General Fund appropriation of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 from the budget reserve trust fund account to various state agencies for miscellaneous projects and programs; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY. SCS (1) Retain, delete, and add to original provisions; appropriate General Funds moneys in the amounts of \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026, \$400,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027, and \$400,000,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 from the budget reserve trust fund account to various state agencies for miscellaneous projects and programs; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - Conference Committee Appointed in House Rep. Petrie (Chair); Rep. Bray; Rep. Bowling; Rep. Rudy; Rep. Miles; Rep. Nemes; Rep. Meade; Rep. Osborne; Rep. Stevenson; Rep. Burke; Rep. Watkins; Bojanowski

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - Conference Committee Appointed in Senate Sen. McDaniel, Chair; Sens. Mays Bledsoe, Raque Adams, Stivers, Givens, Wise, Mills, Wilson, Neal, Thomas, and Chambers Armstrong

3/24/2026 - Senate Refused to Recede from Committee Substitute (1)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB900.html>

HB911 PLANNING AND ZONING (RUDY, S) AN ACT relating to planning and zoning.

Amend KRS 100.326 to define terms; prohibit planning units from adopting or enforcing certain specified ordinances or regulations concerning aspects of commercial uses; state that a single principal structure or building on a single lot in a commercial zone for a permitted use shall be approved without a development plan; establish a cause of action by a developer to bring suit for a violation of the section; create a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to state that a planning units activities are subject to its own land use and planning and zoning regulations.

Current Status: 3/17/2026 - House Local Government (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/16/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Local Government (H)
3/16/2026 - (H) SECOND READING

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB911.html>

HB939 CITIES (RUDY, S) AN ACT relating to cities.

Repeal KRS 6.945, relating to a restriction on the authority of the General Assembly to require cities to make expenditures or levy taxes; amend KRS 65.504 to conform.

Current Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Local Government (H)

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee
State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HB939.html>

HCR57 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MODERNIZATION (GROSSL, V) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Economic Development Incentive Modernization Task Force.

Direct the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Economic Development Incentive Modernization Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding Kentucky's current economic develop initiatives, incentives, and related policies and their effectiveness in relation to competitor states, marketing campaigns and targeted sector updates that competitor states have implemented in recent years and their effectiveness, and actions and policies Kentucky should consider in order to improve Kentucky's economic develop initiatives and incentives; establish membership; direct the task force to meet during the 2026 Interim and submit findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2026.

Current Status: 2/18/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Economic Development & Workforce Investment (H)

Recent Status: 2/5/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HCR57.html>

HCR66 DISASTER PREVENTION TASK FORCE (FREELAND, C) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION reestablishing the Disaster Prevention and Resiliency Task Force to study preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery, risk assessment, infrastructure resilience, and planning for natural disasters that impact the Commonwealth.

Direct the Legislative Research Commission to reestablish the Disaster Prevention and Resiliency Task Force to study disaster mitigation, infrastructure resilience, and planning for natural disasters that impact the Commonwealth; require the task force to submit recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2026.

Current Status: 3/11/2026 - floor amendment (1) filed

Recent Status: 3/11/2026 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules
3/10/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HCR66.html>

HCR105 URGING THE CREATION OF AN INTERSTATE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION MARKET (JOHNSON, D) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the creation of an interstate compact for a competitive electric transmission market using competitive bidding.

Concurrent resolution urging the creation of an interstate compact for competitive electric transmission market using competitive bidding.

Current Status: 3/11/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Natural Resources & Energy (H)

Recent Status: 3/4/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HCR105.html>

HJR22 EFFICACY OF PLANTING MINT TO MITIGATE COLLISIONS WITH WILDLIFE (GORDON, D) A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to study the efficacy of planting mint along highways to mitigate motor vehicle collisions with wildlife.

Direct the Transportation Cabinet study the efficacy and potential drawbacks of planting mint along

highways to mitigate motor vehicle collisions with deer and other wildlife and report the results of its study to the Legislative Research Commission by October 31, 2026.

Current Status: 1/20/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Transportation (H)

Recent Status: 1/12/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HJR22.html>

HJR24 WITHDRAW 1115(A) WAIVER APPLICATION (FLEMING, K) A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to withdraw all waiver applications that have been submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to establish a community engagement program, and declaring an emergency.

Direct the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to withdraw the 1115(a) demonstration waiver application that was submitted on June 25, 2025, to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement a mandatory community engagement program; EMERGENCY HCS (1) Retain original provisions; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to also withdraw any other waiver application that may have been previously filed with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to establish a community engagement program.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - Senate Health Services (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Health Services (S)
1/21/2026 - received in Senate

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HJR24.html>

HJR75 ROAD PROJECTS (PETRIE, J) A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to road projects.

Set out the last four years of the Six-Year Road Plan.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate Transportation (S)

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) SECOND READING
3/24/2026 - (S) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HJR75.html>

HJR76 ROAD PROJECTS (PETRIE, J) A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to road projects.

Set out the County Priority Projects portion of the Six-Year Road Plan.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate Transportation (S)

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (S) SECOND READING
3/24/2026 - (S) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HJR76.html>

HJR81 AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS (BRAY, J) A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the release of funds and declaring an emergency.

Authorize the Office of State Budget Director to release a portion of the moneys previously appropriated for the Kentucky Water and Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems Program; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/19/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Recent Status: 3/18/2026 - received in Senate
3/17/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, adopted 95-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/HJR81.html>

SB1 EDUCATION (GIVENS, D) AN ACT relating to education.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to provide the findings of the General Assembly relating to Jefferson County Public Schools; provide the General Assembly's determinations based on those findings; repeal and reenact KRS 160.370, relating to duties of superintendents and local boards of education.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - House Primary and Secondary Education (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/20/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Committee on Committees (H)

3/20/2026 - (H) SECOND READING

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB1.html>

SB6 ENDOWED RESEARCH FUND (STIVERS, R) AN ACT relating to the endowed research fund, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Appropriate General Fund moneys in the amount of \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the endowed research fund; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/12/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 3/11/2026 - received in House

3/10/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 38-0

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB6.html>

SB7 ISSUANCE OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS (REED, A) AN ACT relating to the issuance of identity documents.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 186 to define "local official"; require the Transportation Cabinet to expand issuance of renewal and duplicate operator's licenses and personal identification cards in any county in which a permanent regional licensing office is not located by establishing a system between the Transportation Cabinet and a local official to issue renewal and duplicate operator's licenses and personal identification cards for a \$25 convenience fee in addition to any other applicable fees; allow counties to enter into an interlocal agreement to share personnel and equipment for issuance; require the Transportation Cabinet to report to the Legislative Research Commission annually on the number of renewal and duplicate operator's licenses and personal identification cards issued under the Act and any effect on wait times at the permanent regional licensing offices; amend KRS 186.531 to remove the 4 year identity document option; amend KRS 186.410, 186.535, and 186.579 to conform; repeal KRS 186.4101, relating to license renewal and reconciliation of 4-year and 8-year license renewal periods; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2027.

Current Status: 1/20/2026 - received in House

Recent Status: 1/16/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 34-1

1/16/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB7.html>

SB8 PUBLIC UTILITIES (SMITH, B) AN ACT relating to public utilities and declaring an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 278 to establish the membership of the Public Service Commission; provide for the appointment, confirmation, and replacement of commissioners; establish the qualifications of the commissioners; provide for the election of the chair and the delegation of his or her duties; set the terms and term limits for commissioners; set qualifications for intervenors in

cases before the commission; provide that in cases in which the Attorney General intervenes, he or she shall be the sole advocate for residential consumers; amend KRS 278.020 to increase the minimum voltage and length of electric transmission lines for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity is required for construction; amend KRS 278.040 to provide that the commission is an independent department of state government that is administratively attached to the Auditor of Public Accounts only for the limited functions and purposes that the commission requests; allow the commission, in its sole discretion, to conduct procurements under KRS Chapter 45A, identify and determine the compensation for categories of its professional employees, and engage hearing officers and other entities on a contractual basis; prohibit the commission from being reorganized under KRS Chapter 12; amend KRS 278.060 to prohibit the immediate family members of commissioners from having any official relationship to any utility; allow for a commissioner or an immediate family member to have a pension or a retirement savings account with utility as long as no contributions have been made to it for at least 1 year prior to the commissioner's appointment; amend KRS 278.070 to allow the officer who appointed a commissioner to remove the commissioner for cause; amend KRS 278.100 and 278.120 to allow the commission to appoint and have sole discretion in fixing the compensation of the executive director; require the executive director to be subject to confirmation by the Senate; amend KRS 278.702, 12.020, 43.015, 64.640, 160.617, and 224.10-022 to conform; repeal KRS 278.050, relating to membership of the Public Service Commission; require the Auditor of Public Accounts to make initial appointments to the commission on or before July 1, 2026, and provide for the staggering of the appointments; allow current members of the commission to serve out the remainders of their terms provided that they meet the qualification requirements of the Act; terminate the terms of current commissioners who do not meet the qualification requirements of the Act and provide for their replacement; direct the transfer of all records, files, or documents associated with functions previously performed by the Energy and Environment Cabinet to the Auditor of Public Accounts; EMERGENCY. SCS (1) Retain original provisions, except reduce the minimum length of an electric transmission line from 20 miles to 5 miles for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity is needed for construction; require that within 30 days of the effective date of the Act, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall make 2 appointments to the Public Service Commission for terms expiring July 1, 2030; provide that all current members of the commission may serve out the remainder of their terms and any subsequent terms upon reappointment without being subject to the qualifications and appointment limitations in subsection (1) of Section 1 of the Act. SFA (1) Delete Section 2 in its entirety; create a new section of KRS Chapter 278 to establish the procedure by which parties may be allowed to intervene in cases pending before the Public Service Commission; establish requirements for the motion to intervene that parties are required to make; establish the standard by which the commission shall grant leave to intervene; establish the conditions by which the commission may take action against an intervening party that is unduly complicating, delaying, or disrupting the proceedings; require that unless otherwise ruled by the commission, a person granted leave to intervene shall be served with all papers in the case after the order granting intervention; require that a person granted leave to intervene abide by the procedural schedule for the proceeding in existence when the order granting intervention is issued; allow a person not granted leave to intervene to file written comments, which shall be included in the case record; provide that a person filing written comments shall not be deemed a party to the proceeding and shall not be required to be named as a party to an appeal; return the minimum voltage threshold required for a new electric transmission line to be subject to the commission's approval for a certificate of public convenience and necessity from 200 kilovolts to 138 kilovolts.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) recommitted to committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 3/20/2026 - floor amendment (2) filed to Committee Substitute
3/20/2026 - (H) recommitted to committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB8.html>

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 65 to define terms; establish the process for a local government to establish a residential infrastructure development district and for dissolution of a district; authorize a local government to issue bonds and other obligations to pay for infrastructure costs within a residential infrastructure development district; authorize a local government to collect special assessments on property within the residential infrastructure development district to pay for infrastructure costs and use special assessment revenue for administrative costs unless restricted; establish that the special assessment constitutes a lien, address lien priority, require delinquent property taxes to be paid prior to a special assessment, and allow for redemption of property sold as a result of delinquent payment of a special assessment; permit local governments to act jointly to establish and maintain a residential infrastructure development district; define terms and allow a local government to establish a housing development district and a Housing Incentive Payment Program; allow a local government to exempt housing developments within a housing development district from planning and zoning following a public hearing; permit other local taxing authorities to participate in a housing development district; allow a local government to accept applications from developers to undertake projects within a housing development district; allow a local government to negotiate with a developer whose application it has accepted regarding rates associated with incentive payments to the developer; establish a means by which a developer shall be paid incentive payments by a local government; require area development districts to provide assistance to a local government in establishing a housing development district; require the Cabinet for Economic Development to promote awareness of the housing development district and incentive program and the Certified Child Care Community Designation program set out in KRS 199.891; require the cabinet to post information including a list of local governments that have established housing development districts and have obtained the certified child care community designation to its website; require local governments that have established housing development districts to provide information to the Department for Local Government regarding the district and utilization of the incentive program; require the Department for Local Government to submit a report to LRC summarizing information received from local governments regarding housing development districts; provide that the Act shall not be construed to prohibit a local government from establishing any other incentive program for housing development. SCS (1) Retain original provisions, except require a developer or property owner to obtain approval from a mortgage or lien holder, if applicable, for a parcel of property to be included within a residential infrastructure development district; limit a housing development district to no more than 20% agricultural use land upon the establishment of the district; require a local government to provide notice to each property owner of property to be included in a district relating to the right to exclude the property from the district.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - floor amendment (1) filed

Recent Status: 3/19/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Local Government (H)
3/19/2026 - (H) SECOND READING

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB9.html>

Amend KRS 64.5277 to define "excess credit hours"; amend KRS 64.5278 to allow a city to establish different base incentive amounts for different types of city officers by ordinance; remove minimum and maximum payment amounts.

Current Status: 3/18/2026 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules

Recent Status: 3/17/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
3/17/2026 - (H) Reported Favorably

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB20.html>

SB24 TRAFFIC CONTROL (THOMAS, R) AN ACT relating to traffic control signal monitoring systems.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 189 to define "agency," "owner," "recorded images," and "traffic control signal monitoring system"; establish a civil penalty of \$50 if a motor vehicle is recorded failing to obey the instructions of a traffic control device; set forth forms and procedures; outline defenses for citations for failing to obey a traffic control device; mandate that the Transportation Cabinet shall suspend the registration of the motor vehicle when a person refuses to pay the civil penalty and does not appear to contest the citation; mandate that civil penalties shall not result in points against the driving record of the operator of the motor vehicle in violation; amend KRS 189.231 and 189.990 to conform.

Current Status: 1/6/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB24.html>

SB28 OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE (HIGDON, J) AN ACT relating to operating a motor vehicle.

Repeal and reenact KRS 189.292 to define "mobile electronic device"; prohibit the use of a mobile electronic device while operating a motor vehicle; establish exceptions; amend KRS 189.294 to define "mobile electronic device"; amend KRS 189.990 to establish penalties for violation of KRS 189.292 and 189.294; require that money from fines be deposited into the traumatic brain injury trust fund, the Kentucky trauma care system fund, and the veterans' program trust fund; provide that a courtesy warning and not a uniform citation shall be issued by a peace officer until October 31, 2026; provide that the Act may be cited as the Phone-Down Kentucky Act.

Current Status: 3/9/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Transportation (H)

Recent Status: 1/21/2026 - received in House

1/20/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 31-7

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB28.html>

SB29 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (ELKINS, G) AN ACT relating to solid waste management facilities.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 109 to prohibit the imposition of fees or permitting requirements on a solid waste management facility that is handling solid waste that was generated outside of the county or waste management district where the solid waste management facility is located, by the county or waste management district where solid waste was generated.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; , w/ HCS1, HFA1, and HFA2(T)

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute , floor amendment (2-title) filed to bill

3/24/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS1

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB29.html>

SB32 STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE (RAWLINGS, S) AN ACT relating to measures to strengthen Kentucky's economic infrastructure.

Amend KRS 369.130 to add and modify various definitions; create a new section of KRS 369.130 to 369.139 to prohibit the Commonwealth of Kentucky and governing authorities from issuing, recognizing as legal tender, accepting or requiring as payment, or participating in any test of central bank digital currency; create new sections of KRS 369.130 to 369.139 and KRS Chapter 393 to prohibit ownership of digital asset mining businesses by prohibited foreign parties; provide for enforcement by Attorney General and penalties for violation of prohibited foreign party prohibition; establish

distribution of proceeds if digital asset mining business property is escheated due to a violation; amend KRS 45.345 to conform; amend KRS 42.500 to make technical corrections; permit the State Investment Commission to invest up to 10% of excess funds in bullion; prohibit State Investment Commission from investing in central bank digital currency; amend KRS 42.525 to make technical corrections; authorize the State Investment Commission to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out and effectuate certain authorized investments; establish Subtitle 13 of KRS Chapter 286 and create new sections thereof to regulate virtual currency kiosks; establish definitions; provide for enforcement by the commissioner of the Department of Financial Institutions; establish license requirements for virtual currency kiosks; require regulatory filings to be submitted to a nationwide licensing system registry; establish initial and renewal application processes and requirements, reporting, surety bond and tangible net worth, and change of control requirements for virtual currency kiosk operators; require the commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations to establish format, document submission, fee, and trade practice requirements for virtual currency kiosk operators; establish record retention requirements for persons required to be licensed as virtual currency kiosk operators; establish trade practice requirements relating to protection of resident assets, virtual currency kiosk transactions, prohibited practices, and fraud and information security compliance procedures; authorize the commissioner to conduct investigations and examinations; provide for the confidentiality of certain documents provided to the commissioner; authorize the commissioner to share, disclose, and report information and take other actions to assist in the commissioner's duties; require the commissioner to submit an annual licensing report to the Legislative Research Commission; establish due process requirements for adverse actions taken by the commissioner against licensees and other persons; establish requirements for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license; authorize the commissioner to enter cease and desist orders and emergency orders; authorize the commissioner to order civil penalties against persons that violate the subtitle; create a new section of KRS Chapter 41 to define terms; recognize gold specie and silver specie as legal tender in Kentucky; provide for use of gold specie and silver specie as legal tender; require the State Treasurer to promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to designate or establish a bullion depository and authorize 1 or more electronic payment systems to facilitate electronic payment transactions; establish requirements for system participants, transaction information, and bullion deposits; require the State Treasurer to submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission and to implement the system within 1 year; provide that Section 32 of the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Transactional Gold and Silver Act; require the commissioner of the Department of Financial Institutions to promulgate any required emergency and ordinary administrative regulations on or before January 1, 2027; EFFECTIVE, in part, March 31, 2027.

Current Status: 2/18/2026 - (S) WITHDRAWN

Recent Status: 1/6/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB32.html>

SB33 RECOVERY RESIDENCES (THOMAS, R) AN ACT relating to recovery residences.

Amend KRS 222.504 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to notify local governments when a recovery residence initiates the certification process with a certifying organization, becomes certified, or receives disciplinary action from the cabinet; require the cabinet to provide the recovery residence contact information and consider recovery residence information to be public record; amend KRS 222.510 to require local governments that maintain a registry of recovery residences and consider the information a public record. SFA (1) Delete provisions that consider recovery residence information as public record.

Current Status: 3/2/2026 - received in House

Recent Status: 2/27/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 35-0 with Floor Amendment (1)

2/27/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ SFA

SB40 PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOSWELL, G) AN ACT relating to public library district boards of trustees.

Amend KRS 173.490 and 173.730 to allow a county judge/executive to fill vacancies on a library board, with the approval of the fiscal court, without being required to consider recommendations made the board or the state librarian if the county has adopted an alternative appointment process. SCS (1) Delete original provisions; amend KRS 173.490 and 173.730 to allow the county judge/executive of a county that has adopted an alternative appointment process to fill vacancies on a library board after receiving 1 recommendation from the board; allow the county judge/executive to appoint a person other than the person recommended by the board; make technical changes to the appointment process.

Current Status: 3/20/2026 - delivered to Governor

Recent Status: 3/20/2026 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House
3/20/2026 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB40.html>

SB41 AD VALOREM TAX RATE (BOSWELL, G) AN ACT relating to the levy of an ad valorem tax rate.

Amend KRS 132.017, relating to the process for a recall of a local ad valorem tax rate, to define "school nickel tax rate"; require a petition process for recalling the levy of a school nickel tax rate; remove other taxes levied by local governmental entities from the petition process requirements; require an ad valorem tax levied by a local governmental entity and a general tax rate levied by a local board of education to be voted upon by the voters if the tax rate produces more than 4% in revenues over the revenues produced by the compensating tax rate; require the suspension of the ordinance, order, resolution, or motion levying the tax rate until after the required election; allow a local governmental entity or a local board of education to cancel a required recall election by reconsidering the levy and instead levying a tax rate that produces no more than 4% in revenues over the revenues produced by the compensating tax rate; specify ballot and public notification requirements for the election; provide that if a tax rate is recalled, the compensating tax rate shall be levied; amend KRS 68.245, 75A.050, 132.018, 132.023, 132.027, and 160.470 to conform; make technical changes; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2027.

Current Status: 3/10/2026 - received in House

Recent Status: 3/9/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 26-9
3/9/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB41.html>

SB44 KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION (DENEEN, M) AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Fire Commission, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 95A.020 to increase the Kentucky Fire Commission to 18 members by transferring the four ex-officio members to full member status and provide for terms of office of the non-appointive members; amend KRS 95A.262 to specify that the cancer screening reimbursements can be made from revenues allocated to the Firefighters Foundation Program fund pursuant to KRS 42.190 and 136.392; make an appropriation of \$3,924,000 to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System for various projects for the commission; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 2/23/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Recent Status: 1/7/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB44.html>

SB45 AGRITOURISM (WEBB, R) AN ACT relating to agritourism.

Amend KRS 247.801 to amend the definition of "agritourism activity"; define "working animal"; create a new section of KRS 247.800 to 247.810 to prohibit a city, town, county, or other political subdivision of the Commonwealth from restricting a person from engaging in an agritourism activity; require that an agritourism activity comply with public health and safety requirements and any existing law enforceable by police powers of local government.

Current Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Agriculture (H)

Recent Status: 2/13/2026 - received in House

2/12/2026 - floor amendment (1) filed

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB45.html>

SB53 PLANNING AND ZONING (THOMAS, R) AN ACT relating to planning and zoning.

Amend KRS 100.275 to affirm that planning units and commissions and boards thereof may hold public hearings and accept public comments concerning the approval of subdivision plats and development plans.

Current Status: 3/10/2026 - received in House

Recent Status: 3/9/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 35-0

3/9/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB53.html>

SB54 SHORT-TERM RENTALS (THOMAS, R) AN ACT relating to short-term rentals.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to define terms; allow local governments to regulate short-term rentals.

Current Status: 1/9/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB54.html>

SB55 WATER FLOURIDATION PROGRAMS (ELKINS, G) AN ACT relating to water fluoridation programs.

Amend KRS 211.190 to make water fluoridation programs optional; allow the governing bodies of water systems subject to regulation by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to decide whether they participate in water fluoridation programs; provide that a water fluoridation program in place on the effective date of the Act continues until action is taken by its governing body to end its participation; provide that any decision regarding participation in a water fluoridation program made by the governing body of a water system shall be binding on all water systems it supplies; provide that a governing body, a member or employee of a governing body, or any public or private entity that may be held liable for the actions of a governing body that makes any decision regarding its participation in an optional water fluoridation program shall be immune from civil or criminal liability for acts carried out reasonably and in good faith regarding its decision of whether to participate in the water fluoridation program.

Current Status: 1/9/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB55.html>

SB60 WASTE TIRES (ARMSTRONG, C) AN ACT relating to waste tires.

Amend KRS 224.50-854 to remove the exemption for a person who stores waste tires for resale from the requirements of the waste tire program; amend KRS 224.50-856 to allow a person making retail sales of used motor vehicle tires to be eligible for the same accumulator registration exemption as sellers of new motor vehicle tires; amend KRS 224.50-858 to require nonexempt sellers of new or used motor vehicle tires to register and be subject to the requirements of the waste tire program.

Current Status: 1/9/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB60.html>

SB64 KENTUCKY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AUTHORITY (WILLIAMS, G) AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Communications Network Authority and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 154.15-010 to remove the definition of "executive director" of the Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA); amend KRS 154.15-020 to administratively attach the KCNA to the Finance and Administration Cabinet; remove references to the executive director and the advisory group of the KCNA; abolish the KCNA advisory group; remove references to KCNA staff and require the executive director of the Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT) to assign COT personnel to carry out the functions and responsibilities of the KCNA; require the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, the Treasurer, and the executive director of the Commonwealth Office of Technology serve as ex officio members on the board of directors for any nonprofit organization incorporated to carry out activities associated with the responsibilities of the KCNA or its board; amend KRS 154.15-030 to remove all current members of the KCNA board except for the representative designated by the Center for Rural Development and replace them with the chief information officer of the Department of Education, who shall serve as chair, the Attorney General, the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Secretary of State, and the Treasurer, or their designees; amend KRS 42.726 to add carrying out the functions and responsibilities of the KCNA to the roles and duties of the COT; amend KRS 42.732 to remove the executive director of the KCNA from the Kentucky Information Technology Advisory Council; amend KRS 12.020, 12.023, and 42.014 to conform; require that on the effective date of the Act, all functions and responsibilities previously undertaken by KCNA personnel shall be transferred to existing COT personnel; require all records, files, or documents previously maintained by KCNA personnel to be transferred to the COT; require that the position of executive director of the KCNA shall be terminated on the effective date of the Act; allow the executive director of COT to determine on or before June 30, 2026, which staff previously employed by KCNA shall be retained and employed by COT; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 1/15/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

Recent Status: 1/12/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB64.html>

SB76 LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEES AND TAXES (MAYS BLEDSOE, A) AN ACT relating to local occupational license fees and taxes.

Amend KRS 68.180, 68.185, 160.482, and 160.607, relating to local occupational license fees, taxes, and limitations, to increase certain population thresholds from 300,000 to 500,000; EFFECTIVE August 1, 2026. SCS (1) Delete original provisions, except amend KRS 160.607, relating to the local occupational license tax for schools, to increase the population threshold at which the maximum tax rate may be increased from 300,000 to 500,000; EFFECTIVE August 1, 2026.

Current Status: 1/27/2026 - received in House

Recent Status: 1/23/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed with 28-6 Committee Substitute (1)

1/23/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ SCS

SB91 STANDARDIZING REAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS (RAWLINGS, S) AN ACT relating to standardizing real property tax bills.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 134 to require use of a standardized form for all real property tax bills; require the Department of Revenue to prescribe the form and make it available to all taxing districts that levy a property tax on real property; specify provisions to be included on the form; exempt certificates of delinquency and third-party purchasers from the form requirements.

Current Status: 1/8/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB91.html>

SB100 ENERGY PLANNING AND INVENTORY COMMISSION (MILLS, R) AN ACT relating to the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 164.2807 to provide for the administrative attachment of the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission (EPIC) to the University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research, and the independent functions of EPIC; require EPIC to maintain separate accounts for all funds appropriated to it; provide the executive director of EPIC with the sole authority to hire staff and retain contractors; allow the commission in its sole discretion to set compensation for its professional employees; allow the commission to conduct its own procurements and perform its own bidding and negotiations under KRS Chapter 45A; limit the membership of the EPIC board to no more than 2 members who reside outside of the Commonwealth; amend the membership of the EPIC executive committee to consist of the EPIC commission board chair, the vice chair, 2 appointees made by the Attorney General, and 1 appointee elected by the membership of the board; require, instead of allow, EPIC to employ an executive director; allow the executive director to have the full authority to act on behalf of EPIC in all matters, with the advice of the commission; specify the termination and compensation adjustment procedures for the executive director; provide that all information, records, and data submitted by utilities and produced by EPIC members and staff shall be confidential and exempt from disclosure under KRS 61.870 to 61.884; establish the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission fund and specify the purposes of the fund; make conforming changes; require the Attorney General to make appointments to the EPIC executive committee on or before August 1, 2026, and terminate the terms of the current appointees for those positions on the effective date of the Act; EMERGENCY. SCS (1) Retain original provisions; authorize the executive director of the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission (EPIC) to attend all EPIC executive committee and commission meetings and to be privy to all information, records, and data considered at those meetings; limit annual compensation increases for the executive director to 10%; require state agencies to cooperate with EPIC and to submit requested data, records, reports, and other information within 30 days of the request, unless the executive director otherwise grants an extension; require the executive committee to share all information considered in a utility's proposal to retire any existing fossil fuel-fired electricity generating plant with the executive director; allow the executive director to submit his or her own written report, statement of position, or dissenting findings to the Public Service Commission within 180 days of EPIC receiving a proposal from a utility to retire an existing fossil fuel-fired electricity generating plant; allow the executive director to have standing either jointly or separately with the executive committee to intervene in any case before the Public Service Commission; change multiple references to the EPIC commission back to the EPIC executive committee and the executive director.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; , w/ HCS1

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/
HCS1
3/20/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day for
Tuesday, March 24 2026
State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB100.html>

SB107 SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS (WEST, S) AN ACT relating to eminent domain for solar energy projects.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 416 to prohibit the construction of any solar electric generating or related transmission facility on any land that was acquired by eminent domain; amend KRS 416.570 to require that as part of the verified petition required to be filed prior to an exercise of eminent domain, a condemnor shall certify that the proposed condemnation will not violate the prohibition on constructing solar electric generating or transmission facilities on condemned land.

Current Status: 1/20/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB107.html>

SB110 MOTOR VEHICLES (HOWELL, J) AN ACT relating to motor vehicles.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 186A to require that beginning July 1, 2027, lienholders and motor vehicle dealers use the electronic title application and registration system to submit title, registration, and lien documents; provide exemptions; require the Transportation Cabinet to ensure the electronic title application and registration system and the centralized lien management system are operational by January 1, 2027; create a new section of KRS Chapter 186A to provide that beginning July 1, 2027, titles will not automatically be printed and mailed to the vehicle owner, but kept electronically in the automated vehicle information system; establish procedures to obtain a printed title; amend KRS 186A.130 to set fees for obtaining a printed title; amend KRS 134.805 to allow the notices for ad valorem taxes and registration renewal to be sent by email or text message, rather than by mail; amend KRS 64.012 to establish the fee for the filing of a renewal of a security interest on a motor vehicle; amend KRS 186A.005 to define "termination statement"; amend KRS 186A.200 to eliminate the fee for late filing of a title lien statement; create a new section of KRS Chapter 186 to allow county clerks to accept alternative forms of payment for motor vehicle taxes and fees; collect convenience fees on alternative payments, and transmit funds via automated clearing house debit; amend KRS 186.230 to eliminate the requirement that the county clerk send duplicate receipt to the Transportation Cabinet and to make technical corrections; amend KRS 138.464 to eliminate the requirement that the county clerk send duplicate receipts to the Department of Revenue; amend KRS 186A.035 to allow joint owners of a vehicle who are not spouses to designate a transfer of ownership upon death and to conform; amend KRS 186A.060 to allow an individual to use a Kentucky personal identification card when registering a motor vehicle; amend KRS 186.050 to establish that registration of a motor vehicle as a farm truck excludes the use of the vehicle in for-hire operation; amend KRS 186.077 to establish that by renewing the registration of a street-legal special purpose vehicle, the owner is certifying that the vehicle continues to meet all equipment requirements; amend KRS 186.170 to eliminate the use of a decal on the license to cover the trademark of a private corporation; amend KRS 142.010 to allow county clerks to report and remit taxes on the notation of a security interest on a certificate of title through AVIS and the Transportation Cabinet; amend KRS 186.020, 186.045, and 235.066 to conform. SCS (1) Retain original provisions with the following changes: eliminate changes to KRS 186.050; add new language in Section 2 of the Act to require the Transportation Cabinet to test the electronic titling and registration system in a pilot project of at least 10 counties prior to July 1, 2027; create a new section of KRS Chapter 186 to require the Transportation Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to establish fees for county clerk duties involving the titling and registration of motor vehicles; amend KRS 189.010 to define "weigh station bypass system"; amend KRS 189.231 to require vehicle operators to comply with instructions from state-approved weigh station bypass

systems; amend KRS 186.416 to eliminate the requirement for an operator's license holder to obtain a new license within 90 days of the license holder's 21st birthday; amend KRS 186A.555 to set the fee for a sheriff's inspection for a hail damaged vehicle at \$15; remove the requirement for the clerk to physically stamp the titles of a motor vehicle with a hail damaged brand and instead require the clerk to input that brand into AVIS; amend various other sections to conform; repeal KRS 189.271, relating to special permits for hauling industrial materials; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2027. SFA (2) Eliminate references to a pilot project for the electronic title application and registration system and the centralized lien management system; set forth that any fee imposed under Section 11 of the Act shall, for the payor be deemed as an additional amount of taxes, state fees, or clerk's fees, and not a collection fee or separate charge.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; , w/ HCS1 and HFA1

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS1 and HFA1

3/20/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, March 24 2026

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB110.html>

SB112 SHORT-TERM RENTALS (RICHARDSON, C) AN ACT relating to short-term rentals.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to define terms; prohibit a local government from requiring the operator of a short-term rental to obtain a conditional use permit, imposing density-based restrictions on short-term rentals, prohibiting the operation of a short-term rental in a residential zone, regulating the time or place a property may be used as a short-term rental, limiting the number of properties a person can operate as short-term rentals, imposing a residency requirement on operators of short-term rentals, restricting short-term rental platforms, or prohibiting a tenant from offering a leased property as a short-term rental with permission of a landlord; allow a planning unit to require permitting for the operation of short-term rentals and enumerate the contents of a permit application, procedures for application, revocation of a permit, benefits of permit, and penalties for operating without a permit when planning unit has adopted a permitting ordinance; state that ordinances generally applicable to all dwellings that are necessary for public health or safety and do not treat short-term rentals differently than other residential properties are unaffected; state that any ordinance that conflicts with provisions of the Act is void and unenforceable and that a party aggrieved by a violation of the Act may be awarded attorney's fees and costs; state that the Act shall not be construed to affect regulations of a homeowner's association or other similar property owner association.

Current Status: 1/21/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB112.html>

SB119 EMINENT DOMAIN (HIGDON, J) AN ACT relating to eminent domain.

Amend KRS 416.670 to establish the right of a landowner to repurchase condemned property that was not used after the completion of a highway project.

Current Status: 1/27/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Transportation (S)

Recent Status: 1/23/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB119.html>

SB129 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (NEMES, M) AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance.

Amend KRS 341.243 to change the employer's contribution rate to the service capacity upgrade fund; of the rate subtracting .075% until December 31, 2026; provide that beginning January 1 2027, the

rates shall be adjusted by subtracting 0.0115%; require the secretary of the Education and Labor Cabinet to set the adjustment percentage annually to be effective January 1 of each subsequent year, not to exceed 1.025%. SFA (2) Retain original provisions; amend KRS 341.243 to require the Secretary for the Education and Labor Cabinet to annually set the adjustment percentage to be effective January 1 of the subsequent year, not to exceed 0.025% and to suspend the subtraction from each rate if the service capacity upgrade fund balance is \$15,000,000 or more, or the unemployment insurance trust fund exceeds the balance of the trust fund as of December 31, 2022.

Current Status: 3/20/2026 - floor amendment (1) filed

Recent Status: 3/20/2026 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules
3/19/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB129.html>

SB133

FISCAL REPORTING OF LOCAL ENTITIES (NUNN, M) AN ACT relating to the fiscal reporting of local entities.

Amend KRS 65A.030 to increase the fiscal reporting levels of special purpose governmental entities; allow entities conducting yearly audits to move to an audit every 4 years if the entity receives 2 sequential audit reports with unqualified opinions and report the fact that the entity is operating under the alternative audit schedule to the Department for Local Government; require an entity to have yearly audits if the entity receives anything but an unqualified audit opinion at a subsequent audit; amend KRS 147.635, relating to area planning commissions, to align their audit requirements to those in KRS 65A.030; amend KRS 220.280, relating to sanitation districts, to align their audit requirements to those in KRS 65A.030; amend KRS 43.070 and 186.240 to combine the county clerks' independent audits of motor vehicle and motorboat registration fees and licenses, motor vehicle usage taxes, and ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles and motorboats into the county clerks' regular periodic audit; require the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to bear the cost of the portion of the audit attributed to receipts from motor vehicles and motorboats; amend KRS 64.830, relating to final settlements of outgoing county officials, to make the settlement to be complete within 60 days of the expiration of the term of office or the date a vacancy is otherwise created to account for unexpected vacancies in office; require that if an official's vacancy does not coincide with the end of the calendar year or end of the official's term, the outgoing county official is to remit any remaining funds to the fiscal court as excess fees and require the fiscal court to provide an amount equal to the excess fees remitted by the outgoing official to the outgoing county official's successor for official use; repeal KRS 43.071, relating to the annual audit of county clerk's motor vehicle and motorboat tax receipts; EFFECTIVE, in part, July 1, 2027. SCS (1) Retain original provisions, except require the Auditor of Public Accounts to determine certain procedures that specified special purpose governmental entities shall follow rather than the Department for Local Government; create a new section of KRS Chapter 65A to allow qualifying entities to perform an agreed-upon procedures engagement and set out process; amend KRS 65A.010 to remove from the definition of "special purpose governmental entity" a local industrial development authority established pursuant to KRS 154.50-301 to 154.50-346 if the funds of the authority are audited as part of the budget of the establishing entity for the authority; make technical corrections.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) Reported Favorably
3/24/2026 - House Local Government (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB133.html>

SB135

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ARMSTRONG, C) AN ACT relating to the provision of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 48.705 to allow the Governor to authorize limited use of moneys in the budget reserve trust fund to provide for the continuity of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program during a

lapse in federal appropriations; require repayment of the moneys within 90 days of restoration of federal appropriations; require reporting to the Legislative Research Commission and the State Budget Director; require prior approval of the General Assembly if more than 5% of the total balance of the budget reserve trust fund is used; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 1/29/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB135.html>

SB141 LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS (GIVENS, D) AN ACT relating to legal advertisements.

Amend KRS 424.110 to define "advertisement" and "published statement of ownership"; amend KRS 424.120 to determine where newspaper advertisements shall be placed when 2 or more newspapers meet the initial qualifications; determine when alternative publication procedures may be used when there is no newspaper in the county containing the government seeking to make the advertisement or no suitable newspaper in an adjoining similarly sized county; define "adjoining similarly sized county", and set publication parameters for advertisements, along with parallel advertising in the largest association of newspapers within the Commonwealth; set time requirements for publication; provide when digital newspapers may be used for advertising and when publication is deemed to have occurred; amend KRS 424.147 to expand remedial advertising to satisfy not only the provisions found in KRS Chapter 424, but the remainder of the Kentucky Revised Statutes relating to timing or manner of publication; amend KRS 424.160 to set the rates for advertising; require contractual terms offered to public agencies of the Commonwealth that are offered to commercial customers; require the rate charged by a newspaper shall be the lowest advertising rate provided for in KRS 424.215; provide volume discounts for display forms; amend KRS 132.027, 68.245, 132.023, and 160.470 to specify that publication shall be made in the qualified newspaper under KRS 424.120 rather than in the largest newspaper within the county; remove the requirement for display type and column inch minimum; expand the requirement that publication be made not less than 7 days nor more than 21 days.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day
3/20/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB141.html>

SB142 AFFORDABLE HOUSING (SMITH, B) AN ACT relating to affordable housing, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 198A to define terms; establish the abandoned home pool fund to be administered by the Kentucky Housing Corporation; specify eligible recipients, activities, and uses of fund; amend KRS 64.012 to increase county clerk recording fees and add a \$2 fee to be deposited in the abandoned home pool fund; appropriate \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the abandoned home pool fund; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY, effective July 1, 2026.

Current Status: 3/11/2026 - Senate State & Local Government (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/10/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)
1/30/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB142.html>

SB146 FILINGS WITH THE COUNTY CLERK (ADAMS, J) AN ACT relating to filings with the county clerk.

Amend KRS 64.012 to establish a flat fee of \$33 to record a will or court-ordered name change with a county clerk; amend KRS 142.010 to establish a \$4 tax on each recorded will; amend KRS 394.300 to

establish timelines for retention and return of a recorded will by a county clerk; amend KRS 395.015 to authorize the clerk of the court to collect information and the applicable fee and tax on wills recorded by the court clerk; amend KRS 401.040 to authorize the clerk of the court to collect the recording fee for a court-ordered name change order on behalf of the county clerk; amend KRS 395.160 to conform.

Current Status: 2/2/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB146.html>

SB149 OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER (ELKINS, G) AN ACT relating to the office of county treasurer.

Amend KRS 68.010, relating to the office of county treasurer, to time the appointment of county treasurer to the election of county officer's; require the county treasurer's bond be corporate surety; stipulate that an acting county treasurer may be appointed for reason of the treasurer's absence; provide if the county treasurer is unable to perform the duties of the office for 5 days the fiscal court may appoint an acting county treasurer; set a time period of 60 days or upon the conclusion of the county treasurer's term, whichever occurs first, to fill the position of county treasurer, and allow the appointment of a deputy county treasurer and outline the authority, oath, and bond requirements of the position.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) Reported Favorably

3/24/2026 - House Local Government (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB149.html>

SB171 CERTIFICATE OF NEED (WILLIAMS, G) AN ACT relating to certificate of need.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 216B to establish that a certificate of need is not required to establish or operate a health facility or provide health services; establish that all existing certificates of need be deemed null and void.

Current Status: 2/6/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB171.html>

SB172 UTILITY FUEL ADJUSTMENT (WHEELER, P) AN ACT relating to utility fuel adjustment and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 278.277 to permit the Public Service Commission to allow, upon the request of an electric utility, an extension of the period for recovery of an electric utility's fuel adjustment costs to reduce volatility for consumers and encourage stability in rates. SCS (1) Retain original provisions; provide that the Act may be cited as the Fuel Surcharge Stability Act; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 2/19/2026 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; (Acts Ch. 1)

Recent Status: 2/18/2026 - delivered to Governor

2/18/2026 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB172.html>

SB173 MEDICAID STATE PLAN (GIVENS, D) AN ACT relating to legislative oversight of the Medicaid state plan and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to define terms; establish an annual Medicaid state plan and Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program state plan legislative review process; EMERGENCY. SCS (1) Retain original provisions, except remove provisions related to legislative approval of the Medicaid

state plan and KCHIP state plan.

Current Status: 3/13/2026 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules

Recent Status: 3/12/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

3/12/2026 - (H) Reported Favorably

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB173.html>

SB180 PROPERTY EVALUATION (MILLS, R) AN ACT relating to property evaluation.

Amend KRS 132.010, relating to state and local property taxation, to amend the definitions of "agricultural land" and "horticultural land" to include a parcel in agricultural or horticultural land that has been converted to a residential use as part of a planned development containing 10 or more parcels until a certificate of occupancy is issued for the parcel; state that agricultural value is calculated based on the agricultural value prior to the conversion to residential use; amend KRS 132.454 to outline the procedure and timeline for transition of agricultural use to residential use for property tax purposes; amend KRS 132.450 to conform.

Current Status: 2/23/2026 - (S) WITHDRAWN

Recent Status: 2/11/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB180.html>

SB185 BRANCH BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS (MCDANIEL, C) AN ACT relating to branch budget recommendations.

Amend KRS 48.030, relating to branch budget recommendations, to include supporting budget documents.

Current Status: 3/20/2026 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Recent Status: 3/20/2026 - (S) SECOND READING

3/20/2026 - (S) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB185.html>

SB186 BRANCH BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS (MCDANIEL, C) AN ACT relating to branch budget recommendations.

Amend KRS 48.100, relating to branch budget recommendations, to specify that the Governor shall submit a separate recommendation for the Transportation Cabinet.

Current Status: 3/20/2026 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Recent Status: 3/20/2026 - (S) SECOND READING

3/20/2026 - (S) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB186.html>

SB187 BRANCH BUDGET BILLS (MCDANIEL, C) AN ACT relating to branch budget bills.

Amend KRS 48.311, relating to branch budget bills, to make a technical correction.

Current Status: 3/20/2026 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Recent Status: 3/20/2026 - (S) SECOND READING

3/20/2026 - (S) Taken From Committee

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB187.html>

SB192

MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL REPORTING (MAYS BLEDSOE, A) AN ACT relating to municipal financial reporting.

Amend KRS 91A.020 to allow cities bringing in or expending less than \$15 million to conform to cash, modified accrual, or budgetary basis of accounting rather than generally accepted governmental accounting principles; amend KRS 91A.040 to allow cities bringing in or expending less than \$500,000 to perform an agreed-upon procedures engagement for the fifth fiscal year in which the city remains in that fiscal category, and require cities conducting an audit to contract with an auditor to examine the basic financial statements that include financial statements prepared under the basis of accounting used by the city; require each city to publish an advertisement containing a budget-to-actual comparison schedule for the general fund and remove the publication requirement for copies be available at no cost; require the city to make a copy of the audit report available to the Auditor of Public Accounts; amend KRS 424.220 to make conforming amendments and require a city to publish a financial statement within 30, rather than 90 days after submission to the Department for Local Government; exempt from the publication requirements officers of cities that have completed an audit under KRS 91A.040 and cities that have completed an agreed-upon procedures engagement; create a new section of KRS Chapter 91A to allow cities to complete an agreed-upon procedures engagement with the Auditor of Public Accounts or a certified public accountant rather than an audit if the city meets certain requirements; establish standards for the agreed-upon procedures engagement process; establish reporting, advertising and access requirements; direct that the Department for Local Government may permit a city to use this process under certain circumstances when the city has not completed and reported an audit for 2 or more fiscal years.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) Reported Favorably

3/24/2026 - House Local Government (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB192.html>

SB197

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (WHEELER, P) AN ACT relating to economic development and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of Subchapter 32 of KRS Chapter 154 to establish a tiered county system for eligible companies to receive incentives under the Kentucky Business Investment Program; amends KRS 154.32-010 to define "tier"; amends KRS 154.32-020 and 154.32-040 to conform; amend KRS 154.32-050 to specify tiering procedures; amend KRS 154.32-060 to require the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority to identify and certify or decertify the tiers for all counties on an annual basis into 4 tax credit tiers; provide that the incentives available under this subchapter be determined based on the county where the economic development project is located by an approved company; provide a county's tier will be based on a 5 year average of its unemployment rate and population ranking; amend KRS 154.32-090, 154.61-010, 154.61-020, and 141.383 to conform. SCS (1) Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to create a refundable economic development credit for the Kentucky Product Development Initiative and the Kentucky Business Investment Program subject to the approval of the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority; amend KRS 141.0205 to add the refundable economic development credit to the priority of tax credits taken by a taxpayer; create a new section of Subchapter 12 of KRS Chapter 154 to create the heritage community revolving fund to provide financial assistance to support New Markets Development Program Tax Credit applications to be administered by the Cabinet for Economic Development and subject to the approval of the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority; amend KRS 154.12-204 to add the definition of "heritage county" and amend the definition of "minimum base hourly wage" from 150% to 200% for a company in a heritage county and to 300% for a company in any other county; amend KRS 154.12-207 to change the Bluegrass State Skills Corporation's occupational upgrade training or skills upgrade training credit amount not to exceed \$5,000 per trainee for an approved company in a heritage county and \$4,000 per trainee for an approved company in any other county and to change the 1 year to 3 year limit on

completing training from the date of approval by the Bluegrass State Skills Corporation; amend KRS 154.21-015 to add the definition of "heritage county"; amend KRS 154.21-017 to increase maximum funding available to \$2,500,000 for an approved project in a heritage county under the Kentucky Product Development Initiative; amend KRS 154.21-035 to include propane in the assessment of adequate utilities; amend KRS 154.25-010 to change definition of "eligible company" to include a minimum of 250 full-time persons for a project located in a heritage county and add the definition of "heritage county" under the Kentucky Jobs Retention Act; amend KRS 154.25-030 to allow an extension of the 10 year time period if less than 75% of the incentives will be claimed under the term of the agreement and to provide a refundable tax credit based on a tiering system ranking all of Kentucky's counties into 4 tiers; amend KRS 154.25-040 to add new reporting requirements for the Department of Revenue to the Cabinet for Economic Development and for the cabinet to annually report to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission on the economic development wage credits received; amend KRS 154.25-050 to conform; amend KRS 154.32-010 to add heritage county", amend "start-up costs" to include certain software and "wage target" from 125% to 200% for a company in a heritage county and from 150% to 300% for a company in any other county under the Kentucky Business Incentives program; amend KRS 154.32-020 to increase the percentage of federal minimum wage paid to 90% of new full-time employees from 125% to 200% in heritage counties and from 150% to 300% in other counties and to provide a refundable economic development credit based on a tiering system ranking all of Kentucky's counties into 4 tiers; amend KRS 154.32-030 to allow recovery of eligible costs incurred 90 days prior to receiving preliminary approval; amend KRS 154.32-040 to allow a one-time extension for projects approved prior to January 1, 2023, if approved company has received less than 75% of the incentives under the agreement but no more than maximum amount of incentives under the agreement; amend KRS 154.32-050 to create a 4 tier ranking system for all Kentucky counties based on a 5 year average of a county's unemployment rate and population ranking under the Kentucky Product Development Initiative; amend KRS 154.32-070 to provide a refundable economic development credit based on a tiering system ranking all of Kentucky's counties into 4 tiers; amend KRS 154.32-100 to add new reporting requirements for the Department of Revenue to the Cabinet for Economic Development and for the cabinet to annually report to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission on the refundable economic development credits received; amend KRS 154.12-100 to include regional airports that serve the Commonwealth; amend KRS 131.190, 141.383, 148.851, 148.853, 154.20-230, 154.20-236, 154.32-090, 154.34-010, 154.61-010, 154.61-020, and 164.6021 to conform; encourage the Cabinet for Economic Development to conduct an impact and feasibility study and, if completed to be submit it to the Interim Joint Committee on Economic Development and Workforce Investment by December 1, 2028; EMERGENCY. SFA (1) Retain original provisions; amend the definition of "eligible company" in KRS 154.32-010, Kentucky Business Investment Program, to include research and development companies or out of state companies involved in economic development projects near Tier IV counties, with another state that has reciprocal provisions with Kentucky, with a minimum 250 full-time jobs, and meets other criteria as the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority may require. SFA (2) Retain original provisions; amend provisions to make technical corrections.

Current Status: 3/11/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Recent Status: 3/10/2026 - received in House
3/6/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 36-0 with Committee Substitute (1), Floor Amendments (2) and (1) and Committee Amendment (1-title)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB197.html>

SB213

RETAIL ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS (WHEELER, P) AN ACT relating to retail electric suppliers.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 278 to declare that policy of the Commonwealth is for retail electric suppliers under the Public Service Commission (PSC) to procure electric generation sufficient to meet customer demand using an open, competitive process and at a rate that is the lowest possible;

require retail electric suppliers to conduct integrated resource planning every 3 years and set forth the parameters of the integrated resource plan process; exempt elective cooperatives from the integrated resource plan process if the cooperative maintains an all-requirements contract; direct the PSC to promulgate administrative regulations within 120 days of the effective date of the Act; restrict the purchase of capacity from regional transmission organizations or independent system operators for prolonged periods as determined by the commission; require retail electric suppliers to file integrated resource plans on a triennial basis and include an assessment and acquisition plan for adequate and reliable electricity to meet customer demand at the lowest possible cost of forecasted estimates; make the privilege to serve customers in a certified territory a property right of the Commonwealth; require the PSC to allow the commission to determine an amount to be returned to customers of an electric retail supplier that is based on a calculation of the privilege to serve in a certified territory in a proceeding involving an acquisition, transfer, or sale of an electric retail supplier; allow one time, limited choice of retail electric supplier for incremental load at a single site in excess of 50 megawatts beginning June 30, 2027; require the PSC to ensure customers of affected retail electric suppliers are indifferent to the limited choice designation; amend KRS 278.010 to amend the definition of "adequate service" to include generating capacity; define "integrated resource plan"; amend KRS 278.016 to state that retail electric supplier has the privilege to provide electric service; amend KRS 278.018 to state that retail electric suppliers have the privilege rather than right to furnish retail electric service in its certified territory; and if the PSC find that a retail electric supplier is not providing adequate service the PSC may order the supplier to correct the problem; allow the commission to authorize another retail electric supplier to serve facilities located in the certified territory of another retail electric supplier; amend KRS 278.020 to determine whether public ownership of a retail electric supplier can achieve lower rates and deem cooperatives organized under KRS Chapter 279 to have public ownership; allow the PSC to consider the integrated resource planning process or the use of the contract when making a determination on a certificate of public convenience and necessity; amend 278.300 to allow the for evaluation of the integrated resource plan or use of a contract when granting certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Current Status: 3/5/2026 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules

Recent Status: 3/4/2026 - (S) FIRST READING

3/4/2026 - (S) Reported Favorably

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB213.html>

SB214 THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (HOWELL, J) AN ACT relating to the Department of Agriculture and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 246.055 to authorize the Department of Agriculture to accept nonfederal funds and grants from any source, public or private, that benefit the Department's programs; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/25/2026 - House Agriculture (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 2/26/2026 - received in House

2/26/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 38-0

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB214.html>

SB217 DENTISTRY (THOMAS, R) AN ACT relating to dentistry, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 164.936 to establish maximum loan repayment awards under the Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program for dentists and dentists in counties that do not have an actively practicing dentist; provide rural dental practice grant awards and criteria; establish distribution requirements for funds appropriated to the Center of Excellence in Rural Health for loan repayment awards for dentists and rural dental practice grants; amend KRS 164.937 to require information on the Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program to be reported to the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Legislative Research

Commission; amend KRS 313.035 to require the Kentucky Board of Dentistry to create a Rural Dental Fellows Network; require the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates by 25% for dental services in federally designated health professional shortage areas; appropriate \$4,400,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to the Center of Excellence in Rural Health budget unit; appropriate \$600,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to the Kentucky Board of Dentistry; appropriate \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to the Department for Medicaid Services; provide that the Act may be cited as the Rural Dental Incentive and Access Program Act; specify that the expanded award eligibility, required reporting on the Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program, and the Rural Dental Fellows Network shall expire on July 1, 2036; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 2/20/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB217.html>

SB224 LAND USE (MILLS, R) AN ACT relating to land use.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to define terms; establish that an applicant has a vested right to the development standards in place at the time of application for a building permit, development plan, or subdivision plat upon the submission of the application to a relevant authority; establish vesting periods; allow for extensions to the vesting period; establish that the relevant authority may terminate the vested rights under specified circumstances; establish enforcement authority; allow for the amendment to a development plan on a vested right; amend KRS 100.347 to limit entities which have standing to challenge a final action of a planning and zoning authority. SCS (1) Retain original provisions except state that a relevant authority shall consider an application for approval based on the development standards in effect at the time the application was submitted.

Current Status: 3/17/2026 - received in House

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 27-10 with Committee Substitute (1)

3/13/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ SCS 1

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB224.html>

SB225 REGULATION OF RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION (MILLS, R) AN ACT relating to regulation of residential construction.

Amend KRS 198B.030 to require the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction to consider the effects of any proposed new or amended regulation on residential construction by conducting a cost-benefit analysis and an analysis to determine the impacts on the amount of residential construction; require the analyses to be submitted to the Housing, Buildings and Construction Advisory Committee and the Legislative Research Commission; establish a moratorium on the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction altering or amending any state code in a way that would result in an increase in residential construction costs until January 1, 2029. SCS (1) Retain original provisions, except delete section establishing a moratorium on the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction altering or amending any state code in a way that would result in an increase in residential construction costs until January 1, 2029; make technical correction.

Current Status: 3/17/2026 - received in House

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 38-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

3/13/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ SCS 1

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB225.html>

SB237 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEES (WILLIAMS, G) AN ACT relating to occupational license fees.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 91A to define terms; require 100% of the wages of an employee associated with the corporate office to be apportioned to the local government where the corporate office is located; exclude wages for work performed at a satellite office; require 100% of the wages of an employee assigned to a state government office to be apportioned to the local government where the state government office is located; allow a refund claim for occupational license fees paid for work physically performed outside of the local government's jurisdiction; establish requirements for refunds; apply the apportionment and refund requirements to incentive agreements entered into on or after January 1, 2001; amend KRS 67.780 to conform; provide that the Act may be cited as the Economic Development Incentive Retention Act.

Current Status: 2/24/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB237.html>

SB250 SECURING AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, AND CLEAN ENERGY (WEST, S) AN ACT relating to securing affordable, reliable, and clean energy.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 278 to define terms; require the Public Service Commission to adopt rules and policies to prioritize securing affordable, reliable, and clean energy by prioritizing domestic fuel sources, prohibiting the use of critical materials sources or manufactured by a foreign adversary nation, giving preference to infrastructure and components built in the Commonwealth and the United States, and ensuring sufficient clean energy sources that are dispatchable and minimize disruptions; EFFECTIVE November 1, 2026.

Current Status: 2/25/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB250.html>

SB255 RURAL REVITALIZATION (MEREDITH, S) AN ACT relating to rural revitalization.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 65 to provide incremental revenue tax incentives to the Rural Kentucky Revitalization Opportunity Partnership; define terms; state findings; establish the Rural Kentucky Revitalization Opportunity Partnership Board; establish incentive program; create an income tax credit for certain residents; amend KRS 141.0205 to order the credit; amend KRS 131.190 to allow reporting by the Department of Revenue.

Current Status: 2/26/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB255.html>

SB257 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY (FUNKE FROMMEYER, S) AN ACT relating to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility.

Amend KRS 205.178 to permit the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to receive and review monthly wage and salary information, fleeing felon information, and address change information for beneficiaries of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); amend KRS 205.200 to prohibit the Cabinet for Health and Family Services from granting categorical eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for any noncash or in-kind services or other benefits, apply gross income standards higher than federal standards, and exempt households from gross income standards based on categorical eligibility; permit alternate vehicle allowance standards when determining SNAP benefits and eligibility; require the cabinet to recertify SNAP beneficiaries on a specific monthly schedule based

on the beneficiaries' status; require SNAP beneficiaries be either a United States citizen, United States national, or an alien under certain qualifying statuses; require SNAP beneficiaries prove their qualifying status to the; require the cabinet to consider the income and financial resources of noneligible household members when determining eligibility and benefit allotment of SNAP benefits.

Current Status: 3/17/2026 - Senate Families & Children (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Families & Children (S)
2/26/2026 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB257.html>

SB261 PEDESTRIAN SWINGING BRIDGES (STIVERS, R) AN ACT relating to pedestrian swinging bridges.

Amend KRS 67.083 to allow fiscal courts to provide for the care and maintenance of pedestrian swinging bridges that are available for recreation and public enjoyment; amend KRS 411.190 to give liability protections to owners of land leased to a local government that maintains pedestrian swinging bridges that are available for recreation and public enjoyment on the land. SCS (1) Retain original provisions; create a new section of KRS Chapter 82 to authorize cities to expend public funds for the maintenance and care of pedestrian swinging bridges that are available for recreation and public enjoyment.

Current Status: 3/13/2026 - received in House

Recent Status: 3/12/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 37-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

3/12/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ SCS 1

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB261.html>

SB265 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FUNKE FROMMEYER, S) AN ACT relating to nourishment and choice in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Amend KRS 205.1783 to define terms; require the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to request a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to exclude accessory foods such as candy, soft drinks, and specialty coffee drinks from being purchased using Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, also known as SNAP; require the request to be resubmitted as instructed by the General Assembly; require the cabinet to request a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to allow the purchase of hot foods utilizing SNAP benefits; require the request be resubmitted as instructed by the General Assembly; specify waiver development and reporting requirements.

Current Status: 2/26/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB265.html>

SB266 TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS (BERG, K) AN ACT relating to traffic control signal monitoring systems.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 189 to define "agency," "owner," "recorded images," and "traffic control signal monitoring system"; establish a civil penalty of \$50 if a motor vehicle in a consolidated local government is recorded failing to obey the instructions of a traffic control device; set forth forms and procedures; outline defenses for citations for failing to obey a traffic control device; mandate that a person who refuses to pay the civil penalty and does not appear to contest the citation shall have the vehicle's registration suspended; mandate that civil penalties shall not result in points against the violator's driving record; amend KRS 189.231 and 189.990 to conform.

Current Status: 2/26/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB266.html>

SB268 NONDIVISIBLE LOADS (NUNN, M) AN ACT relating to nondivisible loads.

Amend KRS 189.010 to include electric vehicle batteries in the definition of "nondivisible load" as it pertains to any state-maintained highway.

Current Status: 2/26/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB268.html>

SB291 RECYCLERS (STORM, B) AN ACT relating to recyclers and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 433.900 to define terms relating to secondary metals recyclers; repeal and reenact KRS 433.902 to require secondary metals recyclers to be licensed; create new sections of KRS Chapter 433 to provide for the licensing of secondary metals recyclers by the Motor Vehicle Commission (commission); require the commission to submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission; authorize the commission to promulgate administrative regulations; amend KRS 433.906 to conform; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 433.890 as a new section of KRS Chapter 433 to require specified recyclers to enter a report into the LeadsOnline database for all metals transactions and keep a register that contains specified information; amend KRS 433.892 to add failure to enter a report into the LeadsOnline database; amend KRS 514.110 to establish that the intentional failure to enter a report into the LeadsOnline database or maintain the information in a register as required shall be prima facie evidence that a person knew property was stolen; amend KRS 433.894 to add the purchase or sale of copper telecommunication wire in any form or any metal property clearly identified as belonging to a telecommunications company, unless the purchase or sale is excluded from the record keeping requirements for metals transactions; repeal and reenact KRS 190.010 to define terms and alphabetize definitions relating to recyclers; make technical corrections; amend KRS 190.030 to require automobile, vehicle, or machinery recycler, or material recycler establishments to be licensed; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 177.910, 177.912, 177.915, 177.925, 177.935, 177.940, and 177.950 as new sections of KRS Chapter 190 to provide for the licensing of recyclers by the commission rather than the Department of Highways; amend KRS 190.990 to set forth penalties for violations; amend various other sections to conform; repeal KRS 177.905 and 177.920; allow businesses with a certificate of registration from the Department of Professional Licensing or a permit from the Department of Highways to continue to engage in business in this Commonwealth for a period not to exceed 90 days following the effective date of the Act; require a secondary metals recycler to surrender a certificate of registration upon receipt or denial of a license from the commission; require an automobile, vehicle, or machinery recycler, or material recycler to surrender a permit from the Department of Highways upon receipt or denial of a license from the commission; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) Reported Favorably, w/ HCS1
3/24/2026 - House Transportation (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB291.html>

SB319 DATA CENTERS (TICHENOR, L) AN ACT relating to data centers.

Create a new section of Subchapter 10 of KRS Chapter 224 to define "data center"; provide that the requirements of the section only apply to data centers constructed on agricultural land; require a data center owner to file a decommissioning plan with the Energy and Environment Cabinet prior to operating the data center; provide for the minimum requirements of the decommissioning plan, including requiring a surety bond or similar security to guarantee the decommissioning of the data

center; amend KRS 154.20-229 to require that a qualified data center project that has been preliminarily approved for a certificate of exemption under KRS 139.499 include in its memorandum of agreement with the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority requirements to engage with local government officials to regularly review and adopt practices to improve energy and water use efficiency.

Current Status: 3/2/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB319.html>

SB322 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FUNKE FROMMEYER, S) AN ACT relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training state plan.

Amend KRS 205.2003 to require the cabinet to develop and implement a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP, Employment and Training state plan amendment to promote specified improved employment outcomes and workforce participation related to healthy workforce habits through public-private partnerships.

Current Status: 3/2/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB322.html>

SB325 THE KENTUCKY HERITAGE COUNCIL (MADON, S) AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Heritage Council and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 171 to establish the Kentucky Historic Preservation and Main Street Program fund; specify uses of fund moneys; sunset fund on July 1, 2026; amend KRS 142.400 to transfer revenues from the state transient room taxes equally to the Kentucky Historic Preservation and Main Street Program fund and the tourism, meeting, and convention marketing fund; amend KRS 142.406 and 154.12-280 to conform; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/2/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB325.html>

SB335 REGULATION OF OCCUPANCIES (MILLS, R) AN ACT relating to regulation of occupancies by local governments.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 prohibiting a local government from adopting or enforcing certain restrictions on the occupancy of dwelling units; state that the prohibition does not affect a local government's ability to enforce safety codes including the state building code or any uniform code or administrative regulation related to fire safety or the construction or safety of buildings.

Current Status: 3/2/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB335.html>

SB344 MERGER OF WATER DISTRICTS (WILLIAMS, G) AN ACT relating to the merger of water districts.

Amend KRS 74.361 to allow a fiscal court to request that the Public Service Commission order the merger of water districts or portions of water districts within its county; require the Public Service Commission to prepare a written feasibility report and study upon receiving the merger request from the fiscal court.

Current Status: 3/2/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB344.html>

SB345 MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAMS (ADAMS, J) AN ACT relating to Medicaid waiver program coverage for community interveners.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to define "community intervener"; require the Michelle P. waiver program to cover community intervener services if approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; require the Department for Medicaid Services to promulgate administrative regulations; require the cabinet or the Department for Medicaid Services to seek federal approval if it is determined that such approval is necessary; provide authorization from the General Assembly to make changes in the Medicaid program as required under KRS 205.5372(1).

Current Status: 3/2/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SB345.html>

SCR96 REESTABLISHING THE DISASTER PREVENTION AND RESILIENCY TASK FORCE (WEBB, R) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION reestablishing the Disaster Prevention and Resiliency Task Force to study preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery, risk assessment, infrastructure resilience, and planning for natural disasters that impact the Commonwealth.

Direct the Legislative Research Commission to reestablish the Disaster Prevention and Resiliency Task Force to study disaster mitigation, infrastructure resilience, and planning for natural disasters that impact the Commonwealth; require the task force to submit recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2026.

Current Status: 2/11/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SCR96.html>

SCR115 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE MODERNIZATION TASK FORCE (FUNKE FROMMEYER, S) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Economic Development Incentive Modernization Task Force.

Direct the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Economic Development Incentive Modernization Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding Kentucky's current economic develop initiatives, incentives, and related policies and their effectiveness in relation to competitor states, marketing campaigns and targeted sector updates that competitor states have implemented in recent years and their effectiveness, and actions and policies Kentucky should consider in order to improve Kentucky's economic develop initiatives and incentives; establish membership; direct the task force to meet during the 2026 Interim and submit findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2026.

Current Status: 2/24/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SCR115.html>

SJR62 DIVISION OF WATER (MADON, S) A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Division of Water to provide recommendations and clear guidance on how local governments can more easily access jurisdictional streams and waterways for cleanup after a flood.

Direct the Energy and Environment Cabinet's Division of Water to prepare and submit a report to the

Legislative Research Commission by December 15, 2026, on recommendations for state and local governments to more easily access public waterways after flooding for debris removal and clean-up.

Current Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

Recent Status: 3/24/2026 - (H) Reported Favorably

3/24/2026 - House Local Government (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SJR62.html>

SJR130

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE INSURANCE (WILLIAMS, G) A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Department of Employee Insurance in the Personnel Cabinet to study and report to the Legislative Research Commission on employer and employee cost-sharing trends, health insurance expenditures and trends, health plan governance models, and administrative processes and costs associated with the Kentucky Employees' Health Plan and other state employee plans across the country.

Direct the Department of Employee Insurance to study and report to the Legislative Research Commission on employer and employee cost sharing trends, health insurance expenditures and trends, health plan governance models, and administrative processes and costs associated with the Kentucky Employees' Health Plan and other state employee plans across the country; require the department to provide the report and a survey of other state employee health plans to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2027.

Current Status: 2/27/2026 - Introduced

Recent Status:

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SJR130.html>

SJR134

UTILITY FUEL ADJUSTMENT CAUSES (WHEELER, P) A JOINT RESOLUTION regarding utility fuel adjustment clauses under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission and declaring an emergency.

Order the Public Service Commission to open a new or include in an existing administrative case by May 15, 2026, to review the fuel adjustment charge to reduce volatility in the surcharge; receive comments from the public and affected parties on the fuel adjustment charge; and issue an order and amend the administrative regulation on the fuel adjustment charge by August 15, 2026; provide a report to the Legislative Research Commission by December 15, 2026; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/17/2026 - received in House

Recent Status: 3/13/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, adopted 36-0

3/13/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/SJR134.html>