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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 353 OF THE
2020 REGULAR SESSION

1. Biennial Highway Construction Plan

I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 88 of the Kentucky State Constitution, do hereby veto the following part:

Page 1, line 27, after "that", delete the rest of the line.

Page 2, line 1, in its entirety.

Page 2, line 2, delete "Section 1".

Page 2, line 3, after "and", delete "Section 2 shall detail".

I am vetoing this part because the Transportation Cabinet produces a document that combines the sections for ease of finding projects over the six-year plan. This language bifurcates the projects, making it more difficult to fully envision how the projects come together in the plan. With these changes the Cabinet's document fully meets the intent of the provision.

2. Highway Construction Contingency Account

I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 88 of the Kentucky State Constitution, do hereby veto the following part:

Page 4, line 14, after "Account.", delete the rest of the line.

Page 4, lines 15 through 17, in their entirety.

Page 4, line 18, delete "the Kentucky Pride Fund created in KRS 224.43-505".

I am vetoing this part because this provision suspends just one of the eight statutory uses of the highway construction contingency account, the one statutory use exercised by the Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet. This is the first time in the 30 years this statute has existed that the General Assembly has attempted to impose this limitation. This provision is too restrictive. It does not give the Secretary the flexibility needed to address transportation needs. This provision also directs double the amount from the Road Fund than required by statute. During difficult fiscal times, this funding needs to be applied to the Commonwealth's infrastructure needs.

3. Delayed Project Status Report


I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 88 of the Kentucky State Constitution, do hereby veto the following part:

Page 6, lines 21 through 27, in their entirety.

Page 7, lines 1 through 12, in their entirety.

I am vetoing this part because the Transportation Cabinet already publishes this information in a monthly road plan status report. These provisions are overly burdensome and unnecessarily redundant.

This the 13th day of April, 2020.



Andy Beshear
Governor