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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 546 OF THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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 parts:

Page 5, line 27, in its entirety.

Page 6, lines 1 through 14, in their entirety.

Page 6, line 27, after "Project", delete the rest of the line.

Page 7, lines 1 through 5, in their entirety.

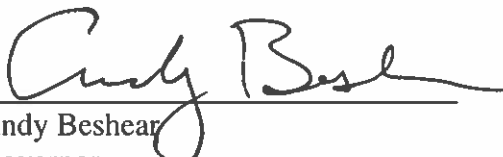
Page 7, line 12, after "Project", delete the rest of the line.

Page 7, lines 13 through 15, in their entirety.

Page 7, line 16, delete "project~~and the completion of the Mountain Parkway Widening Project~~".

House Bill 546 requires the I-69 Ohio River Crossing project to be partly funded by tolls on Kentuckians. In 2019 then-Governor Matt Bevin supported tolls for the Brent Spence Bridge connecting Covington with Cincinnati, which I opposed. Voters in northern Kentucky soundly rejected tolls in the election that year. The Brent Spence Bridge project has no tolls and neither should the I-69 Ohio River Crossing. This bill and the tolls it seeks to impose will slow down progress on this critical project for Kentucky.

This, the 25th day of March 2025.



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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
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REGARDING HOUSE BILL 399 OF THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

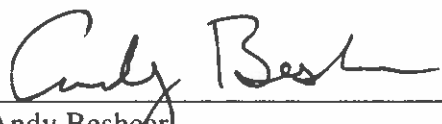
I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

House Bill 399 of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

House Bill 399 is unnecessary because the conduct it makes criminal is already covered by the crimes of disorderly conduct and harassment. House Bill 399 raises the risk of being used to silence lawful First Amendment conduct and hide what the state government is doing from the people who it is supposed to be working for.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 399.

This, the 25th day of March, 2025.



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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
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REGARDING HOUSE BILL 136 OF THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION**


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

House Bill 136 of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

House Bill 136 would make the Department of Corrections breach a current contract by requiring it to procure a new inmate communications services contract by January 1, 2026. The Department already has a contract with a vendor for inmate communications services and would violate the terms of that contract by doing what House Bill 136 requires. As a result, House Bill 136 violates the Contracts Clause of the Kentucky Constitution and would impair the obligations of the Department under its existing contract, exposing the Commonwealth to a costly litigation. The Commonwealth will procure a new contract when the current one expires on July 14, 2026.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 136.

This, the 25th day of March, 2025.


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REGARDING HOUSE BILL 424 OF THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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

House Bill 424 of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

Team Kentucky's goal should be to attract, recruit and retain the best and brightest minds at Kentucky's universities and colleges. One way to do that is to trust our university administrations and faculty to negotiate and offer competitive employment contracts. House Bill 424 does the opposite. In a time of increased federal encroachment into the public education, this bill will limit employment protections of our postsecondary institution teachers. This bill will limit Kentucky's ability to hire the best people and threatens academic freedom.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 424.

This, the 25th day of March, 2025.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy Beshear".

Andy Beshear
Governor