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The Honorable Christian McDaniel, Co-Chairman
The Honorable Jason Petrie, Co-Chairman
Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue
Legislative Research Commission
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Dear Senator McDaniel, Representative Petrie, and Members of the Committee:

In accordance with House Bill 500, Part III, section 34(2), the following report is submitted on the fiscal year 2025-26 fourth quarter expenses by the Executive branch for codes E361 (in-state travel) and E362 (out-of-state travel) compared to the same time period from fiscal year 2024-25.

Spending plans were solicited from Executive branch agencies for these categories of spending upon the enactment of House Bill 500 outlining steps they planned to take to reduce travel spending. Due to the increase in gas prices associated with the Iran war, the mileage per diem for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2025-26 was 12 percent higher than the prior year, an increase that was not within the control of the agencies. As we recounted in great detail during the 2026 Regular Session, there are agencies who must incur travel expenses as a part of carrying out their required duties. Agencies or functions that had increased in-state travel expenses signify that these expenses are an integral part of their operations, for example: Community Based Services, nursing home inspections, Juvenile Justice, Public Advocacy, State Police, Auditor of Public Accounts. On a final note, one of the largest jumps in travel expenses was the Auditor of Public Accounts itself, with a 44% increase.

Despite these headwinds for reducing travel spending, in-state travel expenses by Executive branch agencies declined by 8.5 percent. Out-of-state travel expenses declined by 14.8 percent.

Attached is a listing of each appropriation unit and their fourth quarter travel spending compared to the prior year's fourth quarter.

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Attachments

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Fourth Quarter Spending		FY 25	FY 26	Difference
Cabinet	Appropriation Unit	E361	E361	E361
General Government	Commonwealth Attorneys	120,180	82,457	(37,723)
General Government	County Attorneys	37,324	9,113	(28,211)
General Government	Agriculture	111,241	117,174	5,933
General Government	Attorney General	59,250	67,053	7,803
General Government	Auditor of Public Accounts	85,521	122,917	37,397
General Government	Registry of Election Finance	295	0	(295)
General Government	Veterans' Affairs	29,648	10,273	(19,374)
General Government	Kentucky Infrastructure Authority	933	1,922	989
General Government	Kentucky River Authority	574	268	(306)
General Government	Homeland Security	699	6,975	6,276
General Government	Military Affairs	117,168	16,862	(100,306)
General Government	Kentucky Public Pensions Authority	3,034	2,532	(502)
General Government	Secretary of State	2,864	2,304	(560)
General Government	Treasury	3,609	6,353	2,743
General Government	Medical Imaging & Radiation Therapy	1,576	2,043	467
General Government	Ky Communications Network Authority	3,855	284	(3,571)
General Government	Board of Accountancy	530	711	180
General Government	Barbering	7,448	7,725	277
General Government	Chiropractic Examiners	190	0	(190)
General Government	Applied Behavior Analysis Licensing	0	0	0
General Government	Licensed Professional Counselors	3,727	1,899	(1,829)
General Government	Certification of Alcohol & Drug Counselors	127	1,192	1,065
General Government	Licensure for Massage Therapy	753	0	(753)
General Government	Emergency Medical Services	219	1,227	1,007
General Government	Dentistry	2,976	2,895	(81)
General Government	Licensure Certif-Dietitians & Nutritionists	73	0	(73)
General Government	Board of Elections	34	3,520	3,486
General Government	Embalmers & Funeral Directors	7,403	4,453	(2,950)
General Government	Architects	264	815	551
General Government	Board of Landscape Architects	0	106	106
General Government	Examiners of Psychology	281	496	215
General Government	Social Work	8,025	10,020	1,995
General Government	Kentucky Board of Cosmetology	3,192	2,357	(835)
General Government	Specialists in Hearing Instruments	1,050	2,018	968
General Government	Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators	135	287	151
General Government	Medical Licensure	3,531	4,571	1,040
General Government	Nursing	4,153	4,006	(147)
General Government	Optometric Examiners	2,944	1,060	(1,884)
General Government	Licensure for Occupational Therapy	25	1,409	1,384
General Government	Respiratory Care	157	333	176
General Government	Licensure of Marriage & Family Therapists	247	323	76
General Government	Personnel Board	850	438	(413)
General Government	Pharmacy	13,695	7,492	(6,203)
General Government	Physical Therapy	5,477	465	(5,012)
General Government	Licensure for Prof Eng & Land Surveyors	6,734	7,511	776
General Government	Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology	324	358	34
General Government	Veterinary Examiners	2,806	2,509	(298)

Fourth Quarter Spending		FY 25	FY 26	Difference
Cabinet	Appropriation Unit	E361	E361	E361
General Government	School Facilities Construction Commission	103	0	(103)
General Government	Executive Branch Ethics Commission	0	282	282
General Government	Commission on Human Rights	765	1,391	626
General Government	Registration for Professional Geologists	29	0	(29)
General Government	Teachers' Retirement System	3,894	4,343	449
General Government	Office of State Budget Director	39	150	111
General Government	Office of the Governor	2,311	3,367	1,055
General Government	Department for Local Government	8,292	5,344	(2,947)
Transportation	Aviation	3,586	2,891	(694)
Transportation	Revenue Sharing	1,053	374	(679)
Transportation	Highways	169,501	204,008	34,507
Transportation	Vehicle Regulation	6,061	9,153	3,093
Transportation	General Administration & Support	56,220	45,031	(11,188)
Economic Development	Economic Development	6,727	7,701	975
Finance & Administration	Commonwealth Office of Technology	1,181	2,006	825
Finance & Administration	Revenue	66,304	59,012	(7,292)
Finance & Administration	General Administration	1,100	1,589	490
Finance & Administration	Controller	5,768	6,898	1,130
Finance & Administration	Facilities & Support Services	22,812	31,236	8,424
Postsecondary Education	Council on Postsecondary Education	24,953	63,290	38,336
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	State Fair Board	3,378	47,721	44,343
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Heritage Council	15,305	1,589	(13,716)
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Arts Council	1,515	631	(884)
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Historical Society	5,899	3,510	(2,389)
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Fish & Wildlife Resources	72,802	75,313	2,511
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Horse Park Commission	320	0	(320)
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Parks	72,281	62,492	(9,789)
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Secretary	21,204	4,527	(16,678)
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Artisans Center	0	93	93
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Tourism	6,772	10,058	3,286
Education & Labor	Workplace Standards	60,985	72,495	11,511
Education & Labor	Workers' Claims	44,320	32,882	(11,438)
Education & Labor	OSH Review Commission	529	201	(328)
Education & Labor	Workers' Compensation Funding Commission	3,241	0	(3,241)
Education & Labor	Disability Determination	3,606	5,370	1,764
Education & Labor	Deaf & Hard of Hearing	1,816	1,501	(315)
Education & Labor	Environmental Education Council	0	15	15
Education & Labor	General Administration & Program Support	4,650	10,760	6,111
Education & Labor	Kentucky Educational Television	15,793	18,035	2,242
Education & Labor	Libraries & Archives - General Operations	3,214	1,324	(1,891)
Education & Labor	Operations & Support Services	62,440	37,962	(24,478)
Education & Labor	Learning & Results Services	1,303,875	250,331	(1,053,544)
Education & Labor	Workforce Development	104,426	53,952	(50,474)
Health & Family Services	General Administration & Program Support	187,381	312,885	125,504
Health & Family Services	Aging & Independent Living	33,320	20,877	(12,443)
Health & Family Services	Income Support	8,289	0	(8,289)
Health & Family Services	Public Health	222,778	250,499	27,720

Fourth Quarter Spending		FY 25	FY 26	Difference
Cabinet	Appropriation Unit	E361	E361	E361
Health & Family Services	Behavioral Health, Dev & Intellectual Disabilities	47,611	41,013	(6,598)
Health & Family Services	Family Resource Ctrs & Volunteer Services	7,958	15,508	7,551
Health & Family Services	Community Based Services	1,384,080	1,776,991	392,910
Justice & Public Safety	Medicaid Administration	14,218	271	(13,947)
Justice & Public Safety	Justice Administration	11,074	10,940	(134)
Justice & Public Safety	Public Advocacy	236,751	317,656	80,904
Justice & Public Safety	State Police	143,735	224,084	80,349
Justice & Public Safety	Juvenile Justice	324,847	427,440	102,594
Justice & Public Safety	Criminal Justice Training	73,556	86,935	13,379
Justice & Public Safety	Corrections Management	18,691	2,285	(16,406)
Justice & Public Safety	Community Services & Local Facilities	105,676	101,942	(3,735)
Justice & Public Safety	Adult Correctional Institutions	80,130	41,037	(39,093)
Personnel	General Operations	2,981	2,559	(422)
Personnel	Public Employees Deferred Comp Authority	705	675	(30)
Personnel	Workers' Compensation Benefits & Reserve	50	75	25
Energy & Environment	Public Service Commission	14,519	28,943	14,424
Energy & Environment	Secretary	1,722	(66)	(1,788)
Energy & Environment	Natural Resources	35,314	49,264	13,950
Energy & Environment	Environmental Protection	75,079	46,860	(28,218)
Energy & Environment	Administrative Services	1,542	96	(1,446)
Energy & Environment	Ky Nature Preserves	17,149	12,179	(4,970)
Energy & Environment	Energy Policy	86	273	187
Public Protection	Claims & Appeals	3,335	2,470	(865)
Public Protection	Secretary	412	610	198
Public Protection	Insurance	363	945	582
Public Protection	Professional Licensing	2,236	1,066	(1,170)
Public Protection	Boxing & Wrestling Authority	2,837	2,108	(729)
Public Protection	Alcoholic Beverage Control	4,268	5,699	1,431
Public Protection	Charitable Gaming	653	0	(653)
Public Protection	Financial Institutions	98,685	53,420	(45,265)
Public Protection	Housing, Buildings & Construction	34,544	31,350	(3,194)
Total		6,040,786	5,526,444	(514,342)
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Fourth Quarter Spending		FY 25	FY 26	Difference
Cabinet	Appropriation Unit	E362	E362	E362
General Government	Commonwealth Attorneys	48,331	27,220	(21,111)
General Government	County Attorneys	4,898	2,329	(2,569)
General Government	Agriculture	98,640	61,697	(36,943)
General Government	Attorney General	83,686	140,299	56,613
General Government	Auditor of Public Accounts	4,678	15,461	10,783
General Government	Registry of Election Finance	0	1,122	1,122
General Government	Veterans' Affairs	1,824	6,189	4,365
General Government	Kentucky Infrastructure Authority	14,923	22,334	7,411
General Government	Homeland Security	8,872	2,491	(6,380)
General Government	Military Affairs	22,186	16,062	(6,124)
General Government	Kentucky Public Pensions Authority	18,649	18,987	338
General Government	Secretary of State	4,060	3,759	(300)
General Government	Treasury	34,264	15,144	(19,121)
General Government	Medical Imaging & Radiation Therapy	4,485	5,059	574
General Government	Ky Communications Network Authority	169	0	(169)
General Government	Board of Accountancy	1,789	2,674	885
General Government	Applied Behavior Analysis Licensing	0	2,081	2,081
General Government	Licensed Professional Counselors	3,176	1,386	(1,790)
General Government	Board of Elections	774	0	(774)
General Government	Examiners of Psychology	0	3,089	3,089
General Government	Medical Licensure	2,001	125	(1,876)
General Government	Nursing	11,629	11,622	(7)
General Government	Licensure for Occupational Therapy	2,533	0	(2,533)
General Government	Pharmacy	23,962	7,145	(16,817)
General Government	Licensure for Prof Eng & Land Surveyors	1,695	13,320	11,625
General Government	Commission on Human Rights	582	0	(582)
General Government	Teachers' Retirement System	16,671	9,699	(6,972)
General Government	Office of State Budget Director	2,475	0	(2,475)
General Government	Office of the Governor	7,505	4,970	(2,534)
General Government	Department for Local Government	4,967	7,060	2,093
Transportation	Aviation	0	762	762
Transportation	Highways	43,005	49,702	6,697
Transportation	Vehicle Regulation	15,137	18,312	3,175
Transportation	General Administration & Support	18,562	12,178	(6,384)
Economic Development	Economic Development	24,484	44,908	20,424
Finance & Administration	Commonwealth Office of Technology	6,320	12,448	6,128
Finance & Administration	Revenue	22,094	14,626	(7,468)
Finance & Administration	General Administration	5,086	5,280	194
Finance & Administration	Controller	13,211	5,286	(7,924)
Finance & Administration	Facilities & Support Services	5,917	0	(5,917)
Postsecondary Education	Council on Postsecondary Education	50,651	29,231	(21,421)
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	State Fair Board	21,152	25,526	4,374
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Heritage Council	2,714	567	(2,147)
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Arts Council	2,848	(324)	(3,172)
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Historical Society	14,275	8,126	(6,148)

Fourth Quarter Spending		FY 25	FY 26	Difference
Cabinet	Appropriation Unit	E362	E362	E362
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Fish & Wildlife Resources	43,394	43,638	244
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Horse Park Commission	(1,895)	568	2,463
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Parks	339	3,263	2,924
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Secretary	41,556	25,320	(16,235)
Tourism, Arts & Heritage	Tourism	735	0	(735)
Education & Labor	Workplace Standards	63,193	29,530	(33,663)
Education & Labor	Workers' Claims	8,004	16,917	8,913
Education & Labor	Workers' Compensation Funding Commission	1,153	4,917	3,764
Education & Labor	Disability Determination	0	614	614
Education & Labor	Deaf & Hard of Hearing	580	981	402
Education & Labor	Environmental Education Council	0	176	176
Education & Labor	General Administration & Program Support	10,736	7,780	(2,956)
Education & Labor	Kentucky Educational Television	8,191	217	(7,975)
Education & Labor	Libraries & Archives - General Operations	5,197	3,937	(1,260)
Education & Labor	Operations & Support Services	11,977	(3,798)	(15,775)
Education & Labor	Learning & Results Services	131,152	125,068	(6,083)
Education & Labor	Workforce Development	21,177	11,058	(10,119)
Health & Family Services	General Administration & Program Support	22,871	16,482	(6,389)
Health & Family Services	Aging & Independent Living	16,444	1,614	(14,830)
Health & Family Services	Income Support	509	0	(509)
Health & Family Services	Public Health	188,380	171,571	(16,809)
Health & Family Services	Behavioral Health, Dev & Intellectual Disabilities	14,598	7,869	(6,729)
Health & Family Services	Family Resource Ctrs & Volunteer Services	26,099	9,837	(16,262)
Health & Family Services	Community Based Services	70,345	54,544	(15,801)
Health & Family Services	Medicaid Administration	16,482	13,558	(2,923)
Justice & Public Safety	Justice Administration	18,803	10,316	(8,487)
Justice & Public Safety	Public Advocacy	54,834	25,247	(29,587)
Justice & Public Safety	State Police	268,962	245,147	(23,815)
Justice & Public Safety	Juvenile Justice	13,002	6,886	(6,116)
Justice & Public Safety	Criminal Justice Training	16,060	28,283	12,223
Justice & Public Safety	Corrections Management	0	1,372	1,372
Justice & Public Safety	Community Services & Local Facilities	0	(466)	(466)
Justice & Public Safety	Adult Correctional Institutions	5,798	1,171	(4,627)
Personnel	General Operations	1,173	6,245	5,073
Personnel	Public Employees Deferred Comp Authority	337	2,215	1,877
Energy & Environment	Public Service Commission	34,991	43,099	8,108
Energy & Environment	Natural Resources	42,395	35,485	(6,910)
Energy & Environment	Environmental Protection	39,477	26,926	(12,551)
Energy & Environment	Administrative Services	0	1,055	1,055
Energy & Environment	Ky Nature Preserves	1,317	1,212	(106)
Energy & Environment	Energy Policy	7,977	2,760	(5,217)
Public Protection	Claims & Appeals	4,166	0	(4,166)
Public Protection	Insurance	2,907	1,843	(1,064)
Public Protection	Professional Licensing	20,455	16,927	(3,528)
Public Protection	Financial Institutions	51,031	42,042	(8,989)

Fourth Quarter Spending		FY 25	FY 26	Difference
Cabinet	Appropriation Unit	E362	E362	E362
Public Protection	Housing, Buildings & Construction	4,011	2,667	(1,344)
Total		1,963,788	1,674,044	(289,744)
				-14.8%