



## House Bill 158

- Permits local governments to pass ordinances and adjust an existing memorandum of agreement to permit a state university which operates a professional flight program to be a constituent party to a nonpartisan air board.
- EKU Aviation, based out of Central Kentucky Regional Airport, is the Commonwealth's only Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved university flight program.
- Central Kentucky Regional Airport currently has a six-member board with two members each appointed by the city of Richmond, city of Berea, and Madison County.
- This legislation will permit those local governments to consider expanding the existing six-member board to eight members, allowing EKU two board appointments.
- University appointments will be nominated by the university president for confirmation by the board of regents.
- As is currently required, all appointments will require joint approval by each entity with appointment power to the airport board.

## Position on House Bill 158

All local stakeholders potentially impacted have expressed formal support and include:

- Madison County Fiscal Court
- Berea City Commission
- Richmond City Commission
- Central Kentucky Regional Airport Board

## Background on EKU Aviation

- Kentucky's only four-year aviation professional pilot degree program
- 285 aviation majors with a goal of exceeding 400 by fall '22
- 100% enrollment growth in three years
- 23 aircraft with plans to grow to 30
- Thanks to the support of the Kentucky General Assembly in the FY '20-21 budget, EKU Aviation plans to construct a state of the art flight training center at Central Kentucky Regional Airport.

## Background on Central Kentucky Regional Airport

- Jointly controlled by Richmond, Berea, and Madison County
- EKU Aviation accounted for 59% of all fuel sales in FY '20
- Third busiest general aviation airport in Kentucky
- EKU is the airport's fixed-base operator
- Base of operations for EKU Aviation



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