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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 563 OF THE 2024 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 2, line 23, after “presented”, delete “to the General Assembly”.
- Page 7, lines 5 through 14, in their entirety.
- Page 7, line 27, after “allocated”, delete “by the General Assembly”.
- Page 8, line 4, after “board”, delete “and determined by”.
- Page 8, line 5, delete “the General Assembly”.

House Bill 563 is important legislation and \$150 million is appropriated for it within House Bill 1. I am vetoing this part within this appropriations Act relating to public water and wastewater systems because it would create a one-year delay in the use of the appropriations included within House Bill 1. The Kentucky Infrastructure Authority board is capable of conducting this program for troubled or economically restrained water and wastewater systems without waiting a full year until the 2025 session of the General Assembly chooses which systems receive funding. It also conflicts with a provision within the same section of the bill that directs the awarding of funds for one of its two programs within a certain time period after the General Assembly appropriates the funding, which has now been appropriated. This legislation and its associated funding address an identified gap in assistance and there is no reason to wait a year to begin implementing it.

This, the 9th day of April, 2024.

Andy Beshear
Governor

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