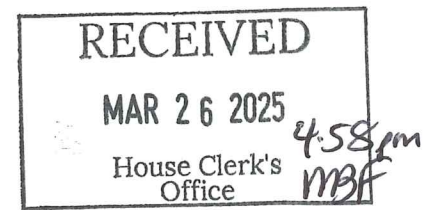




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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 552 OF THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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 552 of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

House Bill violates the Kentucky Constitution by creating a board to carry out an executive function of advancing bilateral trade and investment between Kentucky and Ireland. This board includes members of the General Assembly, appointed by the House Speaker and the Senate President, who would serve even when the legislature is not in session and does not exist. These legislative appointments violate the separation of powers in the Constitution. LRC v. Brown, 664 S.W.2d 907 (Ky. 1984). However, I am willing to create such a board through an executive order and am more than willing to meet with the bill's sponsor to ensure his goals are met.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 552.

This, the 26th day of March, 2025.

Andy Beshear
Governor