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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 501 OF THE 2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**On-Site Work**

*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 part:*

Page 3, lines 4 through 8, in their entirety.

*I am vetoing this part because it is redundant of the telecommuting policy instituted through the Personnel Cabinet on all Cabinets.*

**Highway Construction Contingency Account**

*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 10, after "Account.", delete the rest of the line.  
Page 5, lines 11 through 12, in their entirety.

*I am vetoing this part because it suspends the longstanding statute governing the use of the funds by eliminating statutory uses that include economic or industrial development and matching higher than expected federal funds. Not allowing these uses could cause Kentucky to lose grants or economic development projects.*

**Recycled Asphalt Products**

*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 part:*

Page 9, lines 24 through 27, in their entirety.  
Page 10, lines 1 through 3, in their entirety.

*I am vetoing this part because its intent statement sets forth a metric on the use of asphalt mixture that may not be achievable.*

## **Highway District Lettings**

*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 part:*

Page 10, line 27, in its entirety.

Page 11, lines 1 through 12, in their entirety.

*I am vetoing this part because its intent statement sets forth an operational goal that does not account for the myriad of circumstances by which construction projects are determined, and relies solely on one factor.*

## **Excess and Surplus Property Inventory**

*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 part:*

Page 11, lines 13 through 21, in their entirety.

*I am vetoing this part because it imposes a new compilation and inventory requirement on an element of certain property that has been acquired by the Transportation Cabinet for right-of-way and other purposes. State statutes address the identification and disposition of property that has been deemed surplus by a state agency. There is no statutory process for deeming a piece of property as excess. This is also another report requested by the legislative branch in addition to the hundreds of reports already required and provided.*

## **Driver Licensing Level of Service Report**

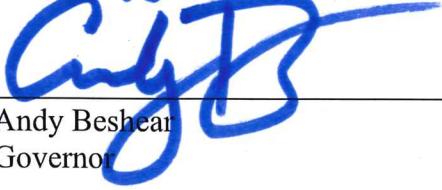
*I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 88 of the Kentucky State Constitution, do hereby veto the following part:*

Page 14, lines 24 through 27, in their entirety.

Page 5, lines 1 through 6, in their entirety.

*I am vetoing this part because it requires a detailed reporting of every visit to Kentucky's driver licensing offices around the state requiring each office to put a stopwatch on every person entering for any reason. This provision does not seek a study which normally would include a sampling of data, like most service time studies use. As a result, it will divert significant office staff away from customer service and therefore increase wait times.*

This, the <sup>13<sup>th</sup></sup> day of April, 2026.

  
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Andy Beshear  
Governor