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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 619 OF THE 2026 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 619 of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing House Bill 619 because it removes any requirement for minority participation on the boards of regional universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. It would also reorganize the leadership at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to reduce the board's authority over the budget and rules governing personnel. House Bill 619 also eliminates the boards of directors for each community and technical college, doing away with local investment and community input. It would also add onerous requirements for system board appointees, making it extremely difficult to identify eligible candidates.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 619.

This, the 13th day of April, 2026.

Andy Beshear
Governor