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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 50 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 Joint Resolution 50 of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

The Auditor of Public Accounts lacks the programmatic and policy expertise to study all laws and policies that impact licensed and certified childcare centers in the Commonwealth. House Joint Resolution 50 demonstrates this by requiring the Auditor to use taxpayer dollars to hire additional auditing services outside her office to complete the work. The General Assembly appropriated \$500,000 for this purpose in its Executive Branch budget bill, even though both the legislature and Auditor have publicly called for more cost controls as well as using fewer temporary employees and outside consultants in state government.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Joint Resolution 50.

This, the 13th day of April, 2026.

Andy Beshear
Governor