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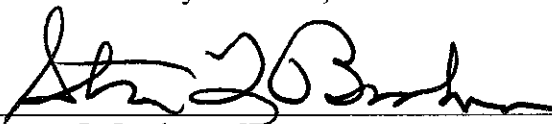
VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 107 OF THE
2011 REGULAR SESSION

I, Steven L. 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:

House Bill 107 of the 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing this bill because it would impose substantial burdens on the manner and ability of state agencies to conduct business. As a result of this administration's transparency initiative, any member of the legislature or the general public can already access any state contract immediately through the Commonwealth's Open Door website. The enactment of Senate Bill 7 will ensure that future administrations continue to make this information accessible to the public. All contracts and any non-exempt material related to those contracts are also available to anyone upon request through the Kentucky Open Records Act. Accordingly, the provisions of House Bill 107, which would require changes to the state's accounting and procurement systems, would result in an unnecessary expenditure of unbudgeted resources to provide another avenue for accessing information that is already publicly available.

This the 16th day of March, 2011


Steven L. Beshear, Governor