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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 150 OF THE
2016 REGULAR SESSION

I, Matthew G. Bevin, 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 150 of the 2016 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 a state agency to conduct business.

Despite the commendable premise for the legislation, which is to encourage an employer to increase the number of employees it would hire during its first year of operation after acquiring a business, the procedural mechanism set forth in the bill unduly complicates the appellate process and does not adequately address the financial impact of both the retroactive and future adjustments that would be made to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Moreover, the bill includes a retroactivity provision which is not necessary to encourage future employers to increase their workforce and has an unascertainable financial impact on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

The Commonwealth embraces the opportunity to provide incentives that encourage the growth of the workforce, and in that regard, intends to address the purpose of this legislation through regulation after consideration of the economic impact that would be had on the Trust Fund.

This the 27th day of April, 2016

Matthew G. Bevin
Governor