

**Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate  
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission  
2016 Regular Session**

**Part I: Measure Information**

**Bill Request #:** 494

**Bill #:** HB 208 HCS

**Bill Subject/Title:** AN ACT relating to the Prescribed Fire Program.

**Sponsor:** Representative McKee

Unit of Government:  City  County  Urban-County  
 Charter County  Consolidated Local  Unified Local  
Government

Office(s) Impacted: Local fire departments; local emergency management personnel

Requirement:  Mandatory  Optional

Effect on

Powers & Duties:  Modifies Existing  Adds New  Eliminates Existing

**Part II: Purpose and Mechanics**

The house committee substitute would exempt any person certified by the Prescribed Fire Council's Burn Boss Program from the requirements of KRS Chapter 149, but must perform the following:

- Comply with provisions of KRS 149.375,
- Comply with any local burn bans or red flag warning days,
- Give notice to the Division of Forestry at least 24 hours prior to the burn, and notify adjacent landowners and local emergency dispatch the day of the burn.

**Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost**

**Subject to certain conditions, HB 208 is expected to have minimal impact on local governments.**

The committee substitute eliminates many of the requirements outlined by the Prescribed Fire Program in the initial bill, but still requires the individual committing the burn to give notice to the Division of Forestry at least 24 hours prior to the burn, and to emergency dispatch and adjacent landowners the day of the burn. Many of the safeguards in the initial bill are also in place with the proposed committee sub. Provided all

controlled fires are extinguished and monitored in the appropriate manner, and the provisions of the proposed substitute are met, this legislation should have minimal impact on local governments.

**Data Source(s):** Kentucky Firefighters Association/Kentucky Fire Commission; Kentucky Emergency Management Association

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