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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 413 OF THE
2021 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 parts of House Bill 413:


Section 2: Page 5, line 26, delete “and 2022”.

Section 3: Page 10, line 13, delete “and 2022”.

Section 5: Page 16, line 13, delete “and 2022”.

I am vetoing these parts. I support a one year freeze on the wage base and unemployment tax schedule and a one year suspension of the interest surcharge to help alleviate the burden the COVID-19 pandemic has imposed on the Commonwealth’s employers. However, I am vetoing a second year in accordance with the General Assembly’s expressed belief that the Commonwealth’s financial situation is fluid. Given that next year is a budget session, it makes more sense to freeze the wage base and tax schedule and suspend the interest surcharge for only one year, and then revisit those in the 2022 Regular Session.

This the 26th day of March, 2021.



Andy Beshear
Governor