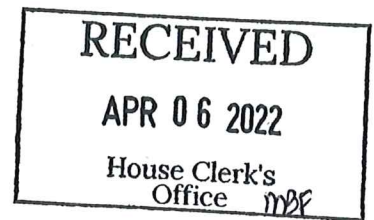




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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING HOUSE BILL 271 OF THE**  
**2022 REGULAR SESSION**

*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 Bill 271 of the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

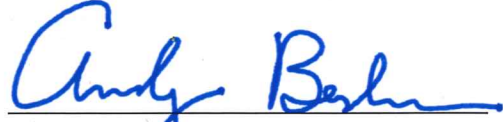
*I am vetoing House Bill 271 because it is yet another example of the General Assembly taking power away from the Governor and the Executive Branch Cabinets, and giving it to another constitutional officer who is not the Chief Magistrate with the supreme executive power of the Commonwealth and who does not have a duty to take care that the laws are faithfully executed. House Bill 271 eliminates an interagency agritourism program between the Department of Agriculture and the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet by removing the Cabinet from the statute, leaving only the Department to manage the program. House Bill 271 also gives the duty to promulgate administrative regulations to implement provisions of the relevant statutes to only the Department of Agriculture, eliminating the Secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet from that dual role under the current statute.*

*House Bill 271 further removes as members of the Agritourism Advisory Council representatives of, among others, the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission. Under the bill, the Commissioner of Agriculture appoints seven members of the Council, but not from lists of names from tourism regions as the current law provides.*

*The promotion and growth of agritourism should be a bipartisan, interagency effort in Kentucky, not the single agency effort that House Bill 271 attempts to make it by taking away the role of the Governor's administration.*

*For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 271.*

This, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Beshear". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Andy Beshear  
Governor