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## VETO MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY REGARDING SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 176 OF THE 2024 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:

Senate Joint Resolution 176 of the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

The Commonwealth is required to implement a balanced budget. Senate Joint Resolution 176 requires the Cabinet for Economic Development to hire a consulting firm, yet does not provide any funding to the cabinet to do so. The General Assembly separately provided \$250,000 in House Bill 263 for support of a working group that shall be established by the Legislative Research Commission. Therefore, LRC has the funding and authorization to form the group, making Senate Joint Resolution 176 unnecessary.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Joint Resolution 176.

This, the day of April, 2024

Andy Beshear

