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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING SENATE BILL 28 OF THE 2025 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 Bill 28 of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

Senate Bill 28 violates the Kentucky Constitution and will lead to the disclosure of confidential information on economic development projects. First, the bill requires the Secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development to consult with and seek guidance from the Commissioner of Agriculture, a duty not imposed for any other constitutional officer. The Secretary answers to the Kentucky Economic Partnership Board on which the Secretary and others sit. Mandating the Secretary report to a state official that does not appoint or supervise him is unconstitutional, unwise, and will cause the Secretary to violate his fiduciary duties to the board he reports to. Senate Bill 28 will also lead to violations of current and future contractual agreements between the Cabinet for Economic Development and businesses by requiring specific information about projects that is confidential to be shared with the Commissioner of Agriculture without any protection.

Further, Senate Bill 28 violates the Kentucky Constitution by creating a board that gives the Governor zero appointments. The Governor, not the Commissioner, has the duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed under Section 81 of the Kentucky Constitution. By depriving the Governor of any appointments to the board, Senate Bill 28 prevents him from carrying out that duty. Not giving the Governor any appointments to the board within the executive department also infringes on the Governor's appointment authority under Sections 69 and 76 of the Constitution.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 28.

This, the 25th day of March, 2025.

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Andy Beshear
Governor