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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY REGARDING SENATE BILL 84 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 84 of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

Senate Bill 84 is unconstitutional by telling the judiciary what standard of review it must apply to legal cases. The bill therefore violates the separation of powers. It prohibits courts from deferring to a state agency's interpretation of any statute, administrative regulation, or order. It also requires courts to resolve ambiguous questions against a finding of increased agency authority. The judicial branch is the only branch with the power and duty to decide these questions.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 84.

This, the 24 day of March, 2025.

Andy Beshear

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