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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 74 OF THE 2026 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 74 of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

While addressing addiction is a priority of all branches of government, this resolution ignores the work that is currently being done – which has helped lead to three straight years of declines in overdose related deaths – and would require a costly, duplicative effort. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, the Office of Drug Control Policy, and other state agencies already collaborate by providing resources, sharing information, and coordinating efforts for all aspects of prevention, treatment, and recovery. A formal collaborative effort already exists with the State Implementation Team, which is required to report annually to the Legislative Research Commission, in addition to reports that multiple agencies already provide. I have ordered these agencies to include in future reports any contents of this bill not already provided to the General Assembly.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Joint Resolution 74.

This, the 23rd day of April, 2026.

Andy Beshear
Governor